



Temple Sinai Weekly News

Hello,

Service Schedule

Friday, September 11

7:30 PM

Erev Shabbat Service
(via Facebook Live)

Saturday, September 12

8:30 AM

Torah Study
(via Rabbi Meszler's Zoom Classroom)

9:45 AM

Shabbat Morning Service
(via Facebook Live)

11:30 PM

Selichot Service
(via Facebook Live)

Friday, September 18

8:00 PM

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
(via High Holy Days Facebook Page)

Saturday, September 19

9:00 AM

Tot and K-2 Youth Service
(via Members Facebook Page)

10:00 AM

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Service - Part 1
(via High Holy Days Facebook Page)

11:15 AM

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Service - Part 2
(via High Holy Days Facebook Page)

1:00 PM

Camp HiHo & Youth Activities
(via Zoom)

2:00 PM

Tashlich in Temple Parking Lot
4:00 PM

Community Tot Service



SELICHOT SERVICE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Selichot marks the beginning of this sacred season. Join us for a program of study, discussion and worship to prepare ourselves for the High Holy Days.

Study Program & Discussion 10:00 p.m. (Zoom)

<https://zoom.us/j/3697230846>

Meeting ID: 369 723 0846

Password: Bagels

Spiritual Service

11:30 p.m. (Facebook Live)

[facebook.com/temple sinaisharon](https://www.facebook.com/temple sinaisharon)



Deadline to submit your High Holy Days Greetings!

Celebrate and commemorate this High Holy Day season. New this year, **include a written, photo or video greeting** in our **New Year's Greeting Book**. Remember a departed loved one in our **Yizkor Memorial Book**.

Submission Deadline is THIS FRIDAY, September 11th.

Last Sunday to Hear the Shofar Sound in Elul! September 13 | 10:00-11:00 AM



The familiar call of the *shofar*, a tradition during the month of Elul, can bring us together as a community as we begin our spiritual and physical preparations for the High Holy Day season.

Stream Friday evening and Saturday morning services through Facebook Live.

[Visit our Facebook page.](#)

(via Facebook Live)

Sunday, September 20

10:00 AM

Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Service

(via Facebook Live)

Friday, September 25

7:30 PM

Erev Shabbat Service

(via Facebook Live)

Saturday, September 26

8:30 AM

Torah Study

(via Rabbi Meszler's Zoom Classroom)

9:45 AM

Shabbat Shuva Morning Service

(via Facebook Live)

Click here for a full service schedule for the High Holy Days 5781/2020.



to the Buchsbaum Family on
Jessica becoming a *Bat Mitzvah*



You can view last week's services by clicking on the links below:

[Tot Shabbat, 9/4/20](#)
[Erev Shabbat Service, 9/4/20](#)
[Shabbat Morning Service, 9/5/20](#)

zoom

Join Rabbi Meszler's Online Classroom

- **<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3697230846>**
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In-person worship remains unsafe at this time. We will continue with restrictions as outlined in [Guidelines for Temple Sinai's Activities during Pandemic \(6/17/20\)](#).

The [sanctuary](#) and Temple office are open by appointment only. Please contact the Temple office at (781) 784-6081 for more information.

Please check back for updates and new information:
www.temple-sinai.com

From Rabbi Meszler: Words of Torah



Parashat Ki Tavo: Every Day is Something New

In the Torah we read, "Moses and the levitical priests spoke to all Israel, saying: Silence! Hear, O Israel! Today you have become the people of *the Eternal* your God: Listen to the voice of *the Eternal* your God and observe God's commandments and laws, which I enjoin upon you *ha-yom* - this day" (Deut. 27:9-10).

Rashi says that *ha-yom* - "this day" - should be today, literally today, right now. He writes, "It should be in your eyes as something new." Rabbi Levi Yitchak of Berdichev expands this idea (as taught by my teacher Rabbi Jonathan Slater): "How is it that we can experience each day as if it were new? Through our belief that with each and every breath we receive renewed vital force from God. Thus, with each breath we are made a new creation."

In other words, according to this Hasidic master, God is in the present moment. Words of Torah are just ancient words unless we give them relevance for right now. A breath is just taking in oxygen unless we see it as an opportunity for renewal. Tomorrow

morning is just another sunrise, unless we see it as a chance to start over.

Yes, we might face the news wondering what new disaster awaits us today, but the flip side is that every day is a new beginning. Rashi and Rabbi Yitzchak and others believe that if you listen to the world around us, you can hear God's voice calling us through the beauty of nature, through life itself, and through the faces and voices of one another. Every breath is a new gift, given freely, no charge! Every week we can learn something new from the Torah or elsewhere. And *Rosh HaShanah* is coming, which is our Jewish way of practicing renewal together.

From Cantor Khitrik: The Melody of the High Holy Days



[Listen to Hatzi Kaddish](#)

What are some of the most traditional melodies of the High Holy Days? *Kol Nidrei* is the most obvious answer, often followed by *Avinu Malkeinu*, *Une Tane Tokef*, and *B'Rosh Hashanah*. However, [this setting of the Hatzi Kaddish for the High Holy Days](#) is, to me, one of the most important.

The text itself is fairly prosaic. The *Hatzi Kaddish* is used as a "clutch", or "liturgical comma", signaling a transition from one section of the service to the other. The music, however, with its minor "5-3-1" cadence, indicates the importance of the day. This melody is first heard during the Saturday night *Selichot* service, a harbinger of the music to come throughout *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*.

Shana Tova u'metuka!

The High Holy Days at Temple Sinai



[Visit our High Holy Days 5781/2020 website](#) for details about joining us for virtual services and other resources for celebrating the High Holidays with us:

- [Service Schedule](#)
- [Reserve your place in our Facebook sanctuary](#)
- [Guest/Non-Member Access Form](#)

Our [High Holy Days 5781 Resource Guide](#) has information to help make each

Have you requested access to our [Temple Sinai of Sharon: High Holy Days*](#) group?

Guest and friends of Temple Sinai - [complete our guest/non-member access form here.](#)

If you do not have a Facebook account, email [Rabbi Amy Goodman](#) to receive the login information. Questions? Contact the Temple Sinai office (781) 784-6081.

home a sanctuary, including where to get **your own prayer books, shofar, lulav and etrog set and sukkah**, and more!

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into your browser.



Temple Sinai's High Holy Day tradition is to stock our local **Sharon-Stoughton**

Food Pantry. This year the need is as great as it's ever been. Our collection continues through Sukkot.

Thank you for joining us in this *mitzvah*.

Temple Sinai's Facebook Page: Daily Meditations During Elul



What's Happening "at" the Temple



Sinai Reads Sunday, October 4th at 9:30 AM

From a former Israeli intelligence officer, comes the most realistic, thrilling and authentic thriller of the year. Please join us as we discuss **A Long Night in Paris** by

Dov Alfon - Israel's bestselling book of 2017.

Meeting ID: 425 967 4998

Passcode: 0j5uSZ

Contact Diane Rosen with questions.



Simchat Torah & School Consecration Service Friday, October 9 | 7:30 PM

Join us on **Facebook Live** and help us welcome those students beginning their religious school education.



Combat Voter Suppression with Temple Sinai

Temple Sinai, led by TASTY and the Social Justice Committee, is writing **postcards to combat voter suppression**. Data shows that postcard campaigns like ours increase voter turnout. **Email Justin for more info**

From our Religious School



We look forward to the beginning of the 2020-21 school year **THIS Sunday, September 13th**.

Virtual Learning for our 3rd-10th graders will also begin the week of September 13th. Schedules will be sent directly to school families.



Youth High Holiday Programs

Pre-K to 2nd Grade: Program will be streamed on the Temple Sinai of Sharon Members Page.

Camp HiHo (3rd-6th Grade): A live, interactive program via Zoom. **Registration is required** by 9/11 to receive supplies.

Sign Up Today!

Contact the **School Office** with questions.



**Featured on ReformJudaism.org, Rabbi Meszler writes:
"Unetaneh Tokef in the Time of Pandemic"**

"Treat yourself gently this season. Saying prayers about mortality during a pandemic when we have lost so much and many of us are in mourning is extremely difficult. Give yourself permission to do what is right for you." [Read Rabbi Meszler's full article here.](#)



Introducing a Meaningful New Way to Reflect This High Holiday Season

Our new, three-pronged virtual experience (a gift to our community from the Righteous Persons Foundation) is designed to help you connect to your spirituality – a way to delve deep into your experiences and your hopes for the future. [Visit the URJ Reflection Projection here.](#)



Social Justice Academy

Meaningful, fun and actionable Jewish social justice learning in a virtual setting, for students in grades 9-12.

The very justice issues we have long addressed at L'Taken have only been made clearer by the pandemic, from access to health care to economic inequality and beyond. [Join us! Learn more here.](#)



Announcing NFTYx: Your Space to Create

NFTYx, an open space for Jewish engagement, creativity, innovation, and community, is designed to support Reform Jewish teens in planning Jewish experiences within and beyond their social networks.

[Learn more about NFTYx and current offerings here](#)

[Learn more about High Holiday Opportunities for Reform Jewish Teens here](#)



RJ on the Go: New Programs Added for K-3 Families-Starting September 1st, spend 30-40 minutes together as a family exploring values, building character, and making the world a better place.

Make Joy Your Jam on Thursday, September 10th at 4 PM.

[Click here for more info and to sign up.](#)



Shabbat Morning Family Experience

Songs, stories and more for families joining from around the world. Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. [Sign up here](#)



Every Voice, Every Vote: The Reform Movement's 2020 Civic Engagement Campaign

A nonpartisan effort to strengthen our democracy by encouraging everyone to participate in the U.S. election and ensuring that Reform Jewish values



A brief word from Rabbi Meszler: In the 1950s and 60s,

Jews worked with the African American community for racial justice. That work, however, is not finished. We should see Black Lives Matter as an extension of that work. I encourage everyone to join the [Sharon Racial Equity Alliance on](#)

are represented in the public square.

Other resources: Join the Reform Movement's [Civic Engagement Campaign](#) and [download toolkits](#)

[Facebook](#).

[Read the statement from the Reform Jewish Leadership, "Black Lives Matter is a Jewish Value."](#)

In the Community...



[An Hour of Jewish Comedy](#) Thurs Sept 10 7 PM

Don't miss this virtual, free event!

Join us for an hour of entertaining and thought provoking comedy, featuring a selection of comedic skits from Rich Orloff's play OY!

[Register here](#)



[A Night of Heroes Virtual Celebration](#) Sept 13 | 7 PM

Please join us in honoring the brave young men and women of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).

To register, visit:

www.fidf.org/negala2020



[Youth LEAD Workshop](#) Info Session - Sep 13 Series Begins - Oct 18

Gain valuable leadership skills by deepening an understanding of historical and present systems of oppression through a social justice framework.

[Register by 9/30.](#)



[The Jews are Coming to Brandeis](#) Monday, September 14 12:00 - 1:00 PM

"The Jews are Coming" is an Israeli Academy Award-winning satire that covers the history of the Jewish people from biblical times to the present.

Free and open to all. [Register here.](#)

Resources for Challenging Times

[Parenting in a Pandemic:](#) insights & practical advice to help parents support their teens

[Coping with COVID-19:](#) Temple Sinai's summer Q&A webinar series

[The Moving Traditions Teen Groups: Helping Jewish Teens Grow](#)

[Th Shofar Project:](#) a new online program from IJS and its partner organizations

[Resources from Institute for Jewish Spirituality:](#) designed to relieve stress as we increase awareness and navigate this time of uncertainty and isolation

[From CJP and their community partners:](#) New Community Creative Fellowship, *Rosh Hashanah* Initiatives and helping you through this time with Emergency Fund Childcare Subsidies, Employment Resources and a Warmline to help access assistance.

We want everyone to stay safe and healthy. PLEASE:

- Wear a mask
- Practice social distancing
- Wash hands often

- Monitor ourselves for symptoms – fever, cough, shortness of breath.
- Disinfect frequently touched objects
- Monitor recommendations from [Sharon Health Department, MA](#) [Department of Public Health](#), and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).



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