

Selichot Observance

Saturday, September 1, 2018



8:00 p.m.
**Study Session & Discussion with Aaron Singerman
and Rabbi Coran**
***Teshuvah* (Repentance) is Personal:
Treatment in Lieu of Conviction and How it Saved my Life**

Aaron Singerman will share with us his personal story of very early addiction, his experiences with the legal system and treatment centers, and how getting a second chance at life instead of jail changed his life forever. Rabbi Coran will lead a discussion on *teshuvah* through Jewish texts.

Aaron Singerman (Columbus, OH) is a 34 year-old Jewish recovering Alcoholic/Addict with six years of complete abstinence of all mind-altering substances. After several years of battling drug addiction, Aaron got sober through a Drug Court diversion program. Since then, he has dedicated his life to his daughter, his family in Cincinnati, the recovery community in Columbus, and serving the greater Columbus area as a real estate agent.



9:00 p.m.
Refreshments
Including a "Delicious Peace" Coffee Tasting
Sponsored by the Inter-Congregational Coffee-Buying Club

9:30 p.m.
Candlelight Service
with Changing of the Torah Covers

During this period of Selichot, we turn our thoughts to the themes of the High Holy Days as we prepare ourselves for worship. In addition to ourselves, we must prepare our *Beit Tefillah*, our House of Prayer, for the High Holy Days Services. We do so by taking special care to ensure that all ritual and ceremonial items are properly cleaned and placed in order.

Our preparation culminates on this night of Selichot. We share High Holy Day music and words of prayer from the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur liturgies. In a sense, this is the dress rehearsal for the Days of Awe.

As a symbol that our sanctuary is ready for worship, we will place the white covers on the Torah scrolls. We do so with a public ceremony so that our entire Temple family may participate in this significant endeavor.