May the joyful sound of the shofar herald a wonderful year filled with joy, peace, laughter and love.

L’shanah Tovah,
Congregation Gates of Prayer Clergy, Staff, Officers and Board of Trustees
Selichot | September 1

Selichot | Saturday, September 1
The Music and Musings of Selichot
• 8:00 pm Dessert Reception
• 9:00 pm Music and Stories

What is Selichot?

On the closest Saturday evening, at least three days before Rosh Hashanah, a contemplative worship experience sets the stage for the coming High Holy Days.

Help prepare yourself for the hard work of penitence through a havdallah ceremony, magnificent music, moments of meditation, physically changing the Torah cover to white, and prayerful reflection.

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“For Further Exploration:

Laws of Repentance (11th Century), by Moses Maimonides - a classic guide by the greatest of Jewish philosophers.

To Begin Again: A Journey toward Comfort, Strength and Faith in Difficult Times, an inspirational memoir by Naomi Levy.

“One thing do I ask of You, it is this that I seek – To dwell in Your house all the days of my life, To behold Your sweetness and to gaze upon Your palace.”
-Psalm 27:4 (traditionally recited daily in the month of Elul)
**Rosh Hashanah | September 9-10**

**Rosh Hashanah Eve | Sunday, September 9**
- Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, 8:00 pm

**Rosh Hashanah Day | Monday, September 10**
- Rosh Hashanah Yeladim (PreK-3rd Grade), 9:00 am
- Congregational Morning Worship, 10:15 am
- Rosh Hashanah N'urim, 11:15 am (4th-7th Grades)

**Tashlich Service | Monday, September 10**
- JewCCY (6th - 12th Graders), 3:30 pm | City Park
- Congregational, 4:00 pm | Bonnabel Boat Launch (rain or shine)
- “TRIBE” (20's/30's), 5:00 pm | City Park

Tashlich (meaning “casting away”) is the ritual during which we symbolically cast away our year’s sins by tossing bread into the water. This brief ceremony for all ages is a physical way to connect with the spiritual message of the season. Dress comfortably. Wheelchair access is available.

**Cemetery Memorial Services**
Sunday, September 16

During the Days of Awe, it is a tradition to visit the graves of loved ones. Our Cemetery Memorial Services provide the opportunity to not only fulfill this mitzvah, but also join in prayer with the community.

- 4:00 pm - Joseph Street Cemetery
- 5:00 pm - Canal Street Cemetery

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**For Further Exploration:**

“Ten Reasons for the Ram’s Horn” (9th Century), Saadia Gaon. This text explains the many meanings of the holiday’s central symbol.

“High Holiday Services Are Boring, Here’s How We Can Fix Them,” Abigail Pogrebin, Tablet (August 2013). This article can help make your time in Temple more meaningful and compelling.

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“**The morning wind forever blows, the poem of creation is uninterrupted; but few are the ears that hear it.”**

-Henry David Thoreau (1817-1872)

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Join us Rosh Hashanah Evening for apples and honey following services as you depart from the synagogue.
Yom Kippur | September 18-19

Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur | Tuesday, September 18
- Service, 8:00 pm

Yom Kippur Day | Wednesday, September 19
- Yom Kippur Yeladim (Pre-K-3rd Grade), 9:00 am
- Congregational Morning Worship, 10:15 am
- Yom Kippur N’urim (4th-7th Grades), 11:15 am
- Tikkun Midot Hanefesh - Virtues for the Soul, 1:00 pm or Text Study, 1:00 pm
- Meditation Hour, 2:00 pm
- Healing Service and Afternoon Torah and Haftarah Reading, 3:00 pm
- Yizkor (memorial service) and Neilah (concluding service), 4:30 pm

1:00 pm Options
Tikkun Midot Hanefesh - Virtues for the Soul
Through prayer, study, reflection and song, let us explore together seven essential values:
- Chesed - Steadfast Love
- G’vurah - Strength, Discipline and Restraint
- K’dushah - Holy Living
- S’lichah - Forgiveness
- Ahavat Zion - Love of Zion
- Hodaah - Gratitude
- Sh’lom Bayit - Peace at home

Text Study with Student Rabbi Lexi Erdheim
Who shall live? Who shall die? What do we really believe about providence and divine intervention?

2:00 pm Options
Music and Reflection
Enjoy classical music performed by a string duo in the sanctuary. A booklet of thematic material will be available for personal reflection.

Meditation on Practicing Forgiveness
Participate in a guided meditation exercise with Susan Levin in the Adult Lounge.

For Further Exploration:

“The Curious Case of Kol Nidre,” by Herman Kieval, Commentary (October 1968). The history of Yom Kippur’s most famous prayer.


Healing Service - 3:00 pm
Are you or someone dear to you dealing with illness? Have you or one who is special to you recently experienced healing? Our personal and global world is in need of healing. This service addresses those challenges and is followed by the traditional afternoon Torah and Haftarah Readings.

Yizkor/Neilah - 4:30 pm
Our day concludes. First we focus on memory, as we recall those who have died in the past year, along with all of those whose memories are precious to us. The Memorial Booklet will be distributed. (To have names included, if you have not already done so, complete the form on p. 13)
Please remain after the completion of Yizkor for Neilah, our closing service. Following the sounding of the shofar and Havdallah, enjoy a light break fast of wine/juice and challah in the lobby.

“Let us be sealed this day – sealed for goodness and sealed for life, sealed in the Book of Life and Good, eager to taste life’s sweetness, to enjoy the fruits of our labors, to bring light to the darkness, and joy where sorrow dwells” (Mishkan Hanefesh pg. 665)
General Information and Volunteers

GENERAL INFORMATION
Tickets are not needed for High Holy Day worship services at Congregation Gates of Prayer. Guests are welcome to attend. We ask that a donation of $50, or other appropriate amount, be made for those who are not members of Gates of Prayer or another URJ Congregation. Unaffiliated members of our Jewish Community are encouraged to call the Temple office to provide contact information.

All prospective members now being considered for membership, those who are new to the community, Introduction to Judaism participants, visiting members of other URJ Congregations, full time college students attending college in the New Orleans area whose families live out of town, or active duty military personnel are most welcome to be our guests.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES
A listening system is installed in the sanctuary. Headphones are available from the ushers.

PARKING
Our good neighbors at St. Clement of Rome have again allowed us to use their parking lot for all Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services. Please do not park in fire lanes, driveways or on the lawn.

HANDICAP ACCESS
We offer a wheelchair ramp at the main entrance.

MAZON (A Jewish Response to Hunger)
Mazon is the national organization that addresses issues of hunger around the world in the name of the Jewish people through its grants program. Locally, both Second Harvest and the Jewish Family Service program for elder food assistance have been recent beneficiaries. On the day when we voluntarily fast, let us remember those who face hunger daily. Envelopes will be on your seats in the sanctuary to perform the mitzvah of feeding the hungry.

HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE: FILL A BAG, FEED A FAMILY!
As we voluntarily fast, we remember all who go hungry. Please bring grocery bags of non-perishable food items when you come for Yom Kippur worship. Our teens will collect them, as food will be shared with the New Orleans Women’s Shelter and Second Harvest.

HELP US POLISH TORAH ORNAMENTS
We are looking for a few congregants to help polish our silver Torah ornaments in preparation for the High Holy Days.

Please contact Dina Zeevi, dinaz1017@yahoo.com, if you would like to help.
Youth Programs | September 10 & 19

Creative experiences for our Gates of Prayer youth on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
Designed for children ages 3 & 4 through 7th grade

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Yeladim
(Pre-School Age - 3rd grade)
You love Shabbat Yeladim! Now we have Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Yeladim for our younger children and their parents.
9:00 am - All meet in the sanctuary with Rabbi Gerber and Miss Tory May for song, prayer and the sounding of the shofar.
9:15 am - Younger children remain with Miss Tory in the sanctuary for song and activity and older children will go in the Bart Community Room with Rabbi Gerber for a worship experience.
9:45 am - On Rosh Hashanah, we conclude in the Bart Community Room for a sweet New Year snack.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur N’urim
(Youth: Grades 4 - 7)
11:15 am - Temple Educator Phil Gaethe will lead you from the main sanctuary for an hour of fun learning and prayer.

Rosh Hashanah Tashlich
Congregational, 4:00 pm | Bonnabel Boat Launch
Your children will love it!!
6th-12th Graders - 3:30 pm | City Park

School Excuse Letters (for students or teachers) are available from the Temple office.

Babysitting
Babysitting is available, by registration, for children who are already walking.

Cost: $10.00 per child/per service

The Babysitting Registration Form is available on page 9 OR online at www.gatesofprayer.org.

Questions? Please contact the Temple office at 504.885.2600.
Sukkot | September 23/24 - 30

“Zeman Simchateinu - It is the time of our rejoicing”
We will celebrate each day as never before!!!

Sunday, September 23
- Sukkot Picnic, 5:30 pm, BYOD - Bring your own dinner, along with blankets or chairs for a picnic around the Sukkah and under the trees. Help decorate the Sukkah! Wave the etrog and lulav!

Monday, September 24
- Sukkot Morning Worship/Breakfast 9:00 am. Gather in the morning cool of our Sukkah.
  Enjoy a Brotherhood sponsored continental breakfast
- Brotherhood Monday Night Football 7:00 pm, Snacks and outdoor watching

Thursday, September 27
- Salsa in the Sukkah, sponsored by Sisterhood, 7:00 pm

Friday, September 28
- Shabbat Evening Worship in the Sukkah

Saturday, September 29
- Shabbat Morning Worship in the Sukkah, 10:30 am

Simchat Torah | Sept. 30/Oct. 1

Erev Simchat Torah | Sunday, September 30
- Simchat Torah Pizza, 6:00 pm
- Simchat Torah Celebration, 6:30 pm, STRIKE UP THE BAND!!!

New Breed Brass Band will be with us again this year to liven up our Simchat Torah Celebration! We will musically welcome the day and celebrate the Consecration of the Class of 5779, as we march with the band out into the street and back before completing Deuteronomy and beginning Bereishit.

Simchat Torah | Monday, October 1
- Morning Worship with Yizkor, 10:30 am
  Dedication of all new names on our Yahrzeit Boards

For Further Exploration:

“A Talmudic Debate: What is a Sukkah” in The Jewish Holidays, by Michael Strassfeld. The many meanings of the sukkah, as discussed by the rabbis of the Talmud.


The Torah: A Women’s Commentary, URJ Press and the Women of Reform Judaism. A fresh perspective on the story of our people, meaningful for both men and women.

Reading the Book: Making the Bible a Timeless Text, by Burton Visotzky. An engaging introduction to understanding the relevance of Torah in today’s world.

Project Zug (projectzug.org). Select a course and sign up to be paired with an online Jewish study partner. Enrich your mind, enrich your life.
High Holy Day Babysitting

In an effort to provide an adequate number of sitters for this High Holy Day season, we are asking you to pre-register your child(ren). WE MUST RECEIVE YOUR REGISTRATION NO LATER THAN Friday, August 31st. Please pre-register your child(ren) as we do not like to handle money on the High Holy Days.

Fees will be as follows: $10.00 per child per service. ($25 in and out all Yom Kippur Day) Non-registered drop-offs will be $12.00 per child per service and will only be accepted if space is available. Classes will be divided by age and the doors will be marked accordingly. A list of pre-registered children will be displayed outside of each classroom and children must be signed in and out. Children must be walking in order to be left with the sitters. Please send diapers & wipes if age appropriate.

PARENTS NAME:_________________________________ PHONE____________

NAMES AND AGES OF CHILDREN:
NAME____________________________________ AGE________
NAME____________________________________ AGE________
NAME____________________________________ AGE________

Apple juice and animal crackers will be served at evening and morning sessions to children over 2 years, unless you do not want your child to receive a snack. Please indicate.
I DO NOT WANT MY CHILD(REN) TO RECEIVE SNACK ____________.

PLEASE INDICATE FOR WHICH SERVICES BABYSITTING WILL BE NEEDED:

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*YOU MAY PROVIDE LUNCH (NO PORK OR SHELLFISH PLEASE).

| YOM KIPUR YIZKOR AND NEILAH | ________________________ | $_______ |

TOTAL ENCLOSED $_______
Help us usher in 5779 by adding your name to the Congregation Gates of Prayer Sisterhood High Holiday Greeting Card. This card is sent to all members of the congregation and is your chance to wish your Gates of Prayer family L'Shana Tova, a Happy New Year. Add your name to this card featuring the unique artwork of our very own Carol Sadowsky for only $18.

In addition, we are offering you the opportunity to purchase this card, blank inside, with a blank envelope, for the price of $2 per card to send to your family and friends.

The High Holy Days are closer than you think! Don’t delay! Write your check for $18, (plus $2 for each blank card ordered), made payable to CGoP Sisterhood. Please enclose this form and mail to:

Congregation Gates of Prayer Sisterhood/HHD Card
4000 West Esplanade Avenue
Metairie, LA  70002

FIRM FINAL DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2018.

For more information, please contact Rebecca Brennan at rbrennan26@gmail.com.

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Please choose one of the following example formats for displaying your name on the High Holiday card:

- Bernard & Mildred Shapiro & Family
- Bernard & Mildred Shapiro
- Bernard (or) Mildred Shapiro & Family
- Mildred Shapiro
- Bernard Shapiro

(Cannot list individual children’s names.)

Number of blank cards at $2 each   $__________

Total Enclosed:                       $_____________

$18 for your greeting

Total Enclosed:                       $_____________

Name:  ________________________________________________________________

Phone:  ___________________________  Email:  ________________________________
CONGREGATION GATES OF PRAYER
BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
(to be handed out at the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur)

We would like to have the following included in the 2018/5779 Book of Remembrance:
(Please check one.)

_________ Please print the same as last year.

_________ Print last year’s list and also include these additional names.

_________ This is a new list. (Was not in last year’s book.)

A. In Loving Memory Of: (Please print in the order you wish listed.)

1. ___________________________  6. ___________________________
2. ___________________________  7. ___________________________
3. ___________________________  8. ___________________________
4. ___________________________  9. ___________________________
5. ___________________________ 10. ___________________________

B. “Remembered By”:

Print names below as you wish listed. Please do not include personal messages.

____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

(As a guide, it is suggested that a minimum of $50.00 be donated to the Book of Remembrance for a listing of up to five (5) names to be remembered. An appropriate additional contribution would be appreciated for extra names.)

Please accept our contribution of $___________ as an offering to the Temple at Yom Kippur in memory of our loved ones who have departed.

Submitted By: ________________________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________________
Telephone No. ________________________________________________________________

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY: Monday, August 13, 2018

www.gatesofprayer.org
CONGREGATION GATES OF PRAYER
HIGH HOLY DAY GUEST SEATING REQUEST

Please complete the following form in order to receive High Holy Day Guest Seating. We ask that you consider a donation of $50 for each guest except those for students, members of the armed services on active duty or members of other URJ Congregations sending a reciprocal ticket form signed by their own congregation.

REQUEST MADE BY: ______________________________________ PHONE #: __________________

NAME OF GUEST(S): _________________________________________________________________

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ADDRESS OF GUEST(S)_______________________________________________________________

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TELEPHONE: (______)_______________________________________________________________

PLEASE INDICATE NUMBER OF GUESTS IN THE APPROPRIATE SPACE:

______ STUDENT or ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY (No Charge)

______ MEMBER OF ANOTHER URJ CONGREGATION (No Charge)

______ OUT OF TOWN RELATIVE OF MEMBER

______ RESIDING IN AREA LESS THAN SIX MONTHS

(____) I AM INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP

TOTAL DONATION = ______________

Please enclose your donation check for the total amount. Thank you.

DEADLINE FOR GUEST SEATING REQUESTS IS Friday, August 31, 2018.
5779/2018 High Holy Day Schedule

Saturday, September 1 | Selichot
The Music and Musings of Selichot
• 8:00 pm Dessert Reception
• 9:00 pm Music and Stories

Sunday, September 9 | Erev Rosh Hashanah
• 9:00 am, Rosh Hashanah Yeladim
• 10:15 am, Congregational Worship
• 11:15 am, Rosh Hashanah N’urim
• 3:30 pm Tashlich for 6th-12th graders at City Park
• 4:00 pm Tashlich at Bonnabel Boat Launch
• 5:00 pm Wine/Cheese Tashlich for TRIBE at City Park

Sunday, September 16 | Cemetery Memorial Services
• 4:00 pm, Joseph Street Cemetery
• 5:00 pm, Canal Street Cemetery

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• 8:00 pm, Service

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  Meditation of Practicing Forgiveness
• 3:00 pm, Healing Service and Afternoon Torah
  and Haftarah Reading
• 4:30 pm, Yizkor & Neilah Service

Sunday, September 23 | Erev Sukkot
• 5:30 pm, Picnic and Service

Monday, September 24 | 1st Day of Sukkot
• 9:00 am, Worship/Breakfast

Sunday, September 30 | Erev Simchat Torah
• 6:00 pm, Pizza
• 6:30 pm, Worship and Consecration

Monday, October 1 | Simchat Torah
• 10:30 am, Morning Service (including Yizkor)