



Rosh Hashanah

September 16-17, 2023 ~~ 1-2 Tishrei 5784

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We look forward to you joining us this Shabbat and Rosh Hashanah!

Candle Lighting Night 1	6:50 pm
Candle Lighting Night 2	7:47 pm
Havdallah (Sun Night)	7:45 pm

RH Day 1 and 2

Shacharit:	8:15 am
YP Shacharit:	9:15 am
Childcare:	9:15 am
<i>Latest time for Shema is 9:47 am (Sh) / 9:48 am (Su)</i>	

Friday

Mincha/ Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv: 6:55 pm
Shema should be recited after 7:49 pm

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D'var Torah by Rabbi Halpern

Jill, the manager of the local branch of an international corporation, was facing an internal audit, which caused her some stress and, surprisingly, a great deal of optimism.

Jill's parent company believed in decentralized control, empowering each branch manager to run the business as they saw fit. With complete independence comes full responsibility, and while that typically held for Jill as well, once a year, things changed considerably. Along with auditors, HQ would send a team of world-class experts in HR, finance, and R&D. True, the HQ team would find the holes in Jill's operation, but they also brought along the resources needed to help conquer her challenges.

Jill embraced the yearly audits, but her colleague Jack saw things differently. Where Jill saw an opportunity for growth, Jack saw a threat to his autonomy. He dreaded the yearly visits and did his best to hamper the HQ team's efforts. Not surprisingly, Jill's branch flourished while Jack's floundered.

As individuals, not unlike Jack and Jill, the business managers, we have incredible freedom of choice. Man, from among all plants, planets, animals, and angels, is the only being with free will. "Between stimulus and response, there is a space. In that space is our power to choose our response. In our response lies our growth and freedom (Stephen R. Covey)."

Our freedom to choose is where the rubber of human greatness meets the road of life. Our choices may not determine our circumstances, but they define the person we become. If we live with courage, honesty, and empathy, we become great people, but if we act on our impulses of anger, jealousy, and desire, then we lose touch with our inner greatness.

All year, we operate with independent free will. But once a year, during the holy days of Rosh Hashanah, we receive a visit from the ultimate HQ, Hashem, our King. Are we ready for Him? Are our books in order? Have we written next year's business plan? Where are we going to hide all our issues?

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D'var Torah (cont.)

Let's stop for a moment and think like our friend Jill. Hashem wants us to succeed; His visit is for our benefit. All our challenges are indeed problems when we deal with them ourselves. But when we introduce Hashem into the picture, things change dramatically for the better.

The visit from HQ reminds the manager that her little corner shop is part of a business empire — "there's a bigger picture, and I'm an integral part of it. My success isn't only about me."

Maharal explains that along with the judgment of Rosh Hashanah comes incredible holiness. On this holy day, we have a heightened awareness that Hashem is our King. And the world is more sacred when we focus on our Source — Hashem.

Rosh Hashanah ushers in an intense period, but there are two very different ways to approach the intensity: We can deny that business isn't as usual or embrace the opportunity to clarify who we are and why we are here.

The scrutiny is frightening. But when we see Hashem's arrival for the incredible opportunity that it is, the scrutiny changes from harshness to love — a chance for us to honestly see where we're lacking and ask Hashem, our loving and Omnipotent Father, to provide us with all that we need to succeed.

On Rosh Hashanah, we have one task: Stand before Hashem. Let's embrace the encounter for the incredible gift that it is.

Important Laws for when Rosh Hashanah falls out on Shabbat

- Candle lighting for Shabbat must be done at the usual Friday evening time (6:50 pm).
- Cooking can not be done on Shabbat.
- There is no shofar blowing on Shabbat.
- *Avinu Malkeinu* is not recited on Shabbat.
- Seuda Shlishit should be eaten on Shabbat/1st day Rosh Hashanah. The preference is to eat it by 5:13 pm.
- No prep can be done on Shabbat for the Yom Tov, therefore one must wait for the zman to begin preparing for 2nd night of Yom Tov. For example, the candles can only be lit after the zman and food can only be heated after the zman.
- Before doing Yom Tov prep Saturday night, if one hasn't heard kiddush/havdala, one must say "*Baruch Hmavdil bein Kodesh l'kodesh*"
- Tashlich is said on the 2nd day, or anytime until Hoshana Rabba.

YI Denver Announcements

- **Welcome and Shana Tova to all our members, friends and family who are spending Rosh Hashanah with YID.**
- **Welcome** to Rabbi Shalom and Gabi Hammer. Rabbi Hammer will be speaking at YID between Mincha and Maariv throughout Rosh Hashanah and will return for Yom Kippur.
- **Thank you** to our numerous volunteers who helped us get ready for Rosh Hashanah. We so appreciate your help! We have plenty of volunteer opportunities. Sign up at www.yidenver.org/volunteering
- **Join us for Selichot** every morning at 6:00 am during the Aseret Yamei Teshuva.
- **View the Scroll K's Rosh Hashanah food guide** at scrollk.org/newsite/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/rh-foods-and-py-list-2023.pdf
- **Need help building your Sukkah?** Call Yoni Eckmann at 484-343-4294
- **Watch Rabbi Halpern's one-minute Dvar Torah video** at www.yidenver.org/video-dvar

YI Denver is a proud co-sponsor of the following community-wide events.

Fliers for each event can be found in the lobby.

- **Merkaz 15th Annual Evening of Inspiration**, "How to FORGIVE if you can't FORGET" featuring the world renowned lecturer, Rabbi YY Jacobson. Thursday, September 21 at BMH-BJ Social Hall. Doors open 7:15 pm, program begins 7:30 pm. Please RSVP by September 19 at merkaztorah.org or call 720-881-2741.
- **Mizel Museum annual Babi Yar Remembrance Ceremony** at Babi Yar Memorial Park (10451 E. Yale Ave, Denver 80231). Wed, Sept 27 at 3 pm. Featuring a special address by Phil Weiser, Colorado Attorney General on The Rise and Challenge of Contemporary Antisemitism, and a moving tribute concert by Sandra Wong, world-renowned concert violinist. Reserve complimentary tickets at tinyurl.com/BabiYarMemorial23.
- **Community Singles Mingle in the Sukkah**, for singles 50+. Oct 3 at the BMH Sukkah, 6-8pm. Hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, music, fun! RSVP by 9/29 at www.bmh-bj.org/event/singles-mingle.html

Members' Milestones



David Yehuda Sharf, Hanna Fishman, Mark Brooks, Leslie Stewart, Avi Bulow



Morris Gardner *Moshe ben Chaim Itche* (2 Tishrei)

Refuah Shlemah

Please include the following names in your tefilla. May each be granted a Refuah Shlemah.

Aliza bat Batsheva
Amalia Sarit bat Avram
Bella bat Malka
Chaya Sarah Miriam bat Esther
Daniel David Yitzchak ben Shulamit
Hannah bat Naomi Miriam
HaRav Benyomin Daniel ben Chaya
Harav Shimon Eliezer ben Rivka
Masha bat Rivka
Menasha Lev ben Yosepha
Michael ben Bayla

Michael ben Sara
Mika Ester bat Adi
Miriam Adina bat Sara
Mordechai ben Chaya Hannah
Naama
Penina Devorah bat Shulamit Itka
Rachel Yehudit bat Sarah Esther
Ruchel Malkah bat Leah
Saige bat Hannah
Sarah Rivka bat Rachel Leah
Shalom Shimon ben Rachel
Shmuel Aharon ben Jenny

Shoshanah bat Miriam
Stephanie bat Toby
Tzvi Aryeh ben Necha Zissel
Yaakov Yisroel ben Sasa Leah
Yael bat Tamar
Yonatan Zeev ben Netaa
Yosef ben Sarah Imenu
Yosef Yitzchok ben Sima Chasya
Yosefa Peral Chana bat Rivkah Tziporah
Yossef ben Dinah
Ze'ev Shmuel ben Helena

Names are kept on the list until Shabbat Mevarchim. Help us keep the list accurate by updating the [Cholim Document](#) or by emailing office@yidenver.org



Rosh Hashanah thru Shabbat Shuva 5784 / 2023



Friday, Sept. 15 – Erev RH

Selichot and Shacharit	5:45 am
Candle Lighting	6:50 pm
Mincha	6:55 pm
Dvar Torah by R. Shalom Hammer	
Maariv	7:25 pm

Shabbat, Sept. 16 – RH day 1

Shacharit - Main Minyan	8:15 am
Shacharit - YP Minyan	9:15 am
Childcare begins	9:15 am
Mincha	6:45 pm
Dvar Torah by R. Shalom Hammer	
Maariv	7:30 pm
Candle Lighting	7:47 pm

Sunday, Sept. 17 – RH day 2

Shacharit - Main Minyan	8:15 am
Shacharit - YP Minyan	9:15 am
Childcare begins	9:15 am
<i>Tashlich can be said any day from 2nd day RH thru Hoshanah Rabbah</i>	
Mincha	6:45 pm
Dvar Torah by R. Shalom Hammer	
Maariv	7:45 pm
Havdallah	7:45 pm

Monday, Sept. 18 – Tzom Gedaliah

Fast Starts	5:31 am
Selichot	6:00 am
Shacharit	6:20 am
Mincha / Maariv	6:35 pm
Fast Ends	7:41 pm

Tues -Wed, Sept. 19-20 - AYT

Selichot	6:00 am
Shacharit	6:35 am
Mincha / Maariv	6:45 pm

Thur, Sept. 21 - AYT

Selichot	6:00 am
Shacharit	6:30 am
Mincha / Maariv	6:45 pm

Fri, Sept 22 - AYT

Selichot	6:00 am
Shacharit	6:35 am
Candle Lighting	6:39 pm
Mincha / Maariv	6:40 pm

Shabbat, Sept 23 – Shabbat Shuva

Shacharit	9:00 am
Mincha	6:25 pm
Maariv	7:35 pm
Havdallah	7:35 pm

Shana Tova!

Come Learn With Us

- **OU livestream for Tzom Gedaliah** *Finding Hashem through Prayer*. Monday, 9/18 at 11:30 am MDT <https://outorah.org/tefillah>
- **Merkaz 15th Annual Evening of Inspiration**, “How to FORGIVE if you can’t FORGET” featuring the world renowned lecturer, Rabbi YY Jacobson. Thursday, September 21 at BMH-BJ Social Hall. Doors open 7:15 pm, program begins 7:30 pm. Please RSVP by September 19 at merkaztorah.org or call 720-881-2741.
- [Click here](#) to view this week's edition of **Mizrachi's Parshat Hashavua package** mizrachi.org/hamizrachiweekly

Community Happenings

- “Route 60 The Biblical Highway” In Theaters for 2 days only. Sept 18-19. Follow world-changing diplomats David Friedman and Mike Pompeo as they venture down this sacred road, a historic, sacred link to the roots of Judaism and Christianity and the stories of the Old and New Testaments. <https://route60.movie>
- Mizel Museum annual Babi Yar Remembrance Ceremony at Babi Yar Memorial Park (10451 E. Yale Ave, Denver 80231). Wed, Sept 27 at 3 pm. Featuring a special address by Phil Weiser, Colorado Attorney General on The Rise and Challenge of Contemporary Antisemitism, and a moving tribute concert by Sandra Wong, world-renowned concert violinist. Reserve complimentary tickets at tinyurl.com/BabiYarMemorial23.
- Pikes Peak Library District will host the *Americans and the Holocaust*, a traveling exhibition from the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum that examines the motives, pressures, and fears that shaped Americans’ responses to Nazism, war, and genocide in Europe during the 1930s and 1940s. Exhibit dates: Sept 5 - Oct 11. ppld.org/HolocaustExhibit
- Community Singles Mingle in the Sukkah, for singles 50+. Oct 3 at the BMH Sukkah, 6-8pm. Hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, music, fun! RSVP by 9/29 at www.bmh-bj.org/event/singles-mingle.html
- East Side Eruv. Visit www.denvereruv.org to sign up for weekly status messages, Eruv maps, and to make donations.
- The Mikvah of East Denver (MOED) is open for Women's immersion, Men's immersion and Keilim immersion. Visit www.mikvahofeastdenver.org for membership, registration and to schedule an appointment.

This Week in Jewish History

1 Tishrei

Sarah, Rachel, Chana each prayed for offspring and were answered favorably on Rosh HaShana.

Abraham's supreme test of faith - his binding of Isaac in preparation to sacrifice him as per G-d's command - occurred in the year 2084 from creation (1677 BCE), and is recalled each Rosh Hashanah with the sounding of the shofar (ram's horn - a ram was sacrificed in Isaac's stead when an angel revealed that the command to sacrifice Isaac was but a divine test); the Torah's account of the event is publicly read in the synagogue on the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah. On the day of Isaac's binding, his mother, Sarah, passed away at age 127, and was subsequently buried in the Machpelah Cave in Hebron.

4 Tishrei

First Jewish congregation established in Stockholm, Sweden, 1775.

5 Tishrei

The great Talmudic sage, Rabbi Akiva, was taken captive by the Romans in the year 3894 from creation (134 CE). His subsequent torture and execution is recalled in the stirring Eleh Ezkarah poem of the Yom Kippur service.

6 Tishrei

Jewish community of Berlin was organized, 1671.

YI Denver Presents

Rabbi Shalom Hammer



Scholar-in-Residence Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

Rabbi Hammer: Rabbi Shalom Hammer returns to our shul once again after his popular visit with us in 2018. Rabbi Hammer serves as a senior lecturer for the Jewish Identity Branch of the IDF and is a dynamic speaker and Torah educator. He is the founder and director of Makom Meshutaf, which advocates tolerance and unity between religious and secular Jews in Israel through educational programs. Rabbi Hammer is a contributing writer for The Jerusalem Post, author of 10 books/seforim, and speaker for the Menachem Begin Heritage Center and communities world-wide. After his profound loss with the death of his daughter Gila from suicide, Rabbi Hammer decided to channel his grief by helping those with mental health challenges. He became a certified instructor for MHFA (Mental Health First Aid) as well as an advocate of mental health awareness and an educator regarding suicide prevention. He founded Gila's Way, a non-profit organization, to raise awareness and provide education/prevention resources for this important issue.



YOUNG ISRAEL DENVER

**Rabbi Shalom Hammer will be speaking this
Wednesday, Sept 20 at 7:30 pm**

Gila's Way: The Value of Life

**Join us for an inspirational evening
with Rabbi Shalom Hammer!**

**In 2019, Rabbi Shalom Hammer
tragically lost his daughter, Gila z"l
at the age of 18 to suicide. He then
founded Gila's Way and devoted his
life to sanctify hers.**

**Please join us as Rabbi Hammer
shares Gila's story and how he and
his family commemorate her
memory.**

**Gila's Way is a nonprofit dedicated
to mental health awareness,
breaking stigmas and saving lives
throughout Israel, the IDF and the
Jewish world.**

gilasway.com

GILA'S WAY
SAVING LIVES

**Wednesday,
September 20
7:30pm**

**Zussman Family
111 South Dexter St
Denver**

**Please RSVP
zussman@aol.com**





Rabbi Yitzchak Etshalom

Scholar-in-Residence Shmini Atzeret & Simchat Torah

Yitzchak Etshalom was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. He attended Yeshivat Kerem B'Yavne, Rabbi Isaac Elhanan Theological Seminary and Yeshivat Har Etzion before receiving Semicha from the Chief Rabbi of Yerushalayim, Rabbi Itzhak Kolitz. Rav Etshalom has been a dynamic and exciting educator in the Los Angeles community since his return in 1985. His ability to reach out to today's youth and share with them his passion for Jewish learning and Jewish life has enriched many young lives. He launched the Beit Midrash program at YULA Girls High School as well as opening the Beit Midrash at Shalhevet, where he currently serves as Rosh Beit Midrash. Rav Etshalom directs the Tanach Masters Program at YULA Boys' High School as well as being a sought-after Scholar in Residence throughout the country. He lectures annually at the prestigious "Ymei Iyyun" Tanakh Seminar at Herzog College. In addition, he teaches Daf Yomi and a popular Navi series at the Young Israel of Century City and his podcasts on Daf Yomi (www.dafyomiyicc.org) have attracted an international following, as have his Tanakh podcasts (www.etshalom.com/podcast) which are also available at www.yutorah.org and at www.ou.org. His critically acclaimed series "Between the Lines of the Bible" is a methodological guide to the study of Tanakh. He currently writes a weekly lecture for Yeshivat Har Etzion's Virtual Beit Midrash on the book of Amos which will be published as part of the Koren Maggid Studies in Tanakh. Rabbi Etshalom lives in Los Angeles with his wife Stefanie and their children.

