



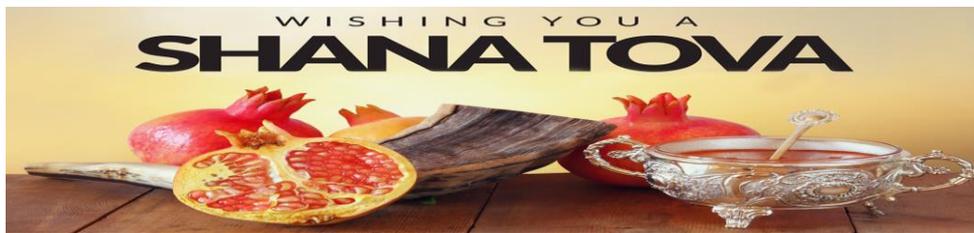
# Young Israel Congregation Shmooze News

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## Rosh Hashanah, September 19, 2020

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**SHABBAT SHALOM AND SHANA TOVAH!  
PLEASE STAY SAFE AND TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES.**



To say that these are unusual times would certainly be an understatement. So many of us thought that this pandemic would be behind us already, but alas, this is not to be. Our beloved country Israel is about to embark on a total lockdown just as the holy days of Rosh Hashanah begin. We here in America are also about to experience a Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Succos that will go down in the annals of history as one of the most unusual ever. How does one deal with such unusual and challenging times? I believe the answer is in the Torah reading on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. A great deal of the first day's Torah reading centers around Yishmael. Isn't it strange that we begin the new year with the Torah reading of our Arab cousin? However, our sages tell us that there is a very significant lesson to be gleaned from Yishmael, not only for Rosh Hashanah, but for life itself. Yishmael was very ill and in a precarious state. The great commentator, Rashi, tells us that the angels protested and said to G-d, "You can't save this man. He and his descendants will perpetrate terrible atrocities against the Jewish people." The Almighty responded, as the verse states in Vayeira (21:17), "G-d has heard the cry of the lad in his present state." Our sages explain that Hashem was answering the angels by saying, "Don't tell me what's going to be later. I want to know what Yishmael is right now. Is he righteous or wicked?" And the angels said, "Now, he is righteous." Responds G-d, "Well then, the verdict is that he lives." This is why we read this particular Torah portion on the first day of the year; the first day of our judgment. Because G-d is not looking at

### Shabbos/Rosh Hashanah

Candle Lighting 7:03 PM  
Mincha 7:10 PM  
Maariv 7:35 PM

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Those davening at home during the week, can connect by zoom with the davening in shul

### Weekday Shacharis

Mon-Fri slichos 7:00 AM Followed by Shacharis

### Mincha

Tue-Thu 7:10PM  
in The Young Israel.

**See Tzom Gedaliah Schedule, and  
Yom Kippur Schedule- last page**

**Next Fri candle lighting 6:55 PM**



The weekly Shmooze News is dedicated by:

Jack & Susan Gluck in memory of Milton & Edith Gluck z"l ;

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what we did in the past, nor what our behavior will be after Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. G-d says to us, “I am judging you *באשר הלא אשם*, according to the spiritual levels that we are on right now, today, Rosh Hashanah. So if, for these “two days,” I can improve a little in my obligations toward G-d and towards man, then I will be victorious in judgment. But there is another important lesson we can learn here. A person must deal with the present. Don’t look at what our yom tovim were like in the past or how they will look in the future. Accept, and even embrace, the present. Realize and understand that these events have been choreographed by G-d Almighty. Yes, they are challenging times, to say the least. But our job is to be humble, and accept G-d’s decree, and actually try to have a positive attitude even in the present circumstances, acknowledging that this is His will. In fact, how we accept it could actually be our ticket to being gifted with an amazing new year of tremendous blessings. Let us hope and pray that by humbly embracing G-d’s will, He will then do our will by removing this COVID plague from our midst and granting us a year of good health, nachas from our families, and simchas for the Jewish people the world over.

**Wishing you Kesivah Vachasimah Tova!**  
**With much blessing and love,**  
**Rabbi Moshe Gruenstein**

On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, for those who will not be coming to shul, there will be a separate shofar blowing at tashlich, on the beach at 96th Street, which will be at 6:30pm. Anyone who will not be in shul or at tashlich to hear the shofar and would like someone to come to their home to blow shofar, please contact the Rabbi or Yakira at [Yakira@yicbh.org](mailto:Yakira@yicbh.org) and we will make every effort to fulfill all requests.

## Rosh Hashanah Schedule

<b>Friday, September 18</b>	<b>Candle Lighting</b>	<b>7:03PM</b>
	<b>Mincha</b>	<b>7:10PM No shiur between Mincha/Maariv</b>
	<b>Maariv</b>	<b>7:35PM</b>
<b>Saturday, September 19</b>	<b>Shacharis 7:45AM</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	<b>Shacharis 9:00AM</b>	<b>Social Hall</b>
	<b>Shacharis 10:00AM</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	<b>Mincha</b>	<b>7:00PM No shiur, reciting Tehillim</b>
	<b>Maariv</b>	<b>7:45PM</b>
	<b>Candle lighting</b>	<b>Not before 8:05PM</b>
<b>Sunday, September 20</b>	<b>Shacharis 7:45AM</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	<b>Shacharis 9:00AM</b>	<b>Social Hall</b>
	<b>Shacharis 10:00AM</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b>
	<b>Mincha</b>	<b>5:45PM followed by Tashlich</b>
	<b>Tashlich &amp; Shofar</b>	<b>6:30PM at the beach by 96<sup>th</sup> St.</b>
	<b>Maariv</b>	<b>7:45PM</b>
	<b>Havdalah</b>	<b>8:03PM no fire no spices</b>

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#### Schedule

- Talmud Shiur: Mon-Fri 6:25 AM
- The daf yomi shiur is now being given live via Zoom. Use the same Zoom info as for the minyanim.  
9:00 AM Sundays - 8:20 AM Monday to Friday.
- The following shiurim this week, via Zoom:  
Wednesday night, September 23 - 7:30PM  
Rabbi's Teshuva drasha.
- To join the classes on Zoom: Meeting ID: 734 192 4764 - Password: 688252

#### Congregational Family and Shul News

- Mazal Tov to Edith & Herman Berger on the engagement of their granddaughter Mayla Bruckstein to Avi Zellinger.
- Mazal Tov to Freda Greenbaum on the bar Mitzvah of her grandson Mordechai Greenbaum.
- A warm welcome to our new member, Farah Israel.

#### Refuah Sheleimah

- We wish refuah sheleimah to Raoul Cappell, Ginette Dekelbaum, Allan Krieger, Nechama Lieber, Shelly Lisbon, and Allen Packer.

Last week an email went out by our Shul's president, Menno Ratzker, thanking the many people who have worked so hard and diligently in preparing our Young Israel for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur during these most unusual times. Unfortunately, he left out one person from that list. Therefore, we would like to take the opportunity to thank Menno Ratzker for his devotion and tireless efforts on behalf of our Shul. Yasher Koach!

#### KOL NIDRE AND YIZKOR APPEALS

This year's Kol Nidre and Yizkor appeals take on increasing importance, given the need to cover basic expenses during the ongoing COVID pandemic (e.g., payroll, utilities, insurance, maintenance, and security). As such, we ask for your generous support.

Neither of these appeals will be conducted in shul this year, to limit time spent in shul. We therefore ask that you please contact the office at your earliest convenience – by phone or email – or make your pledge and payment online via our website. Our office will compile a list of donors and amounts for the Kol Nidre and Yizkor appeals and include in whose memory each Yizkor donation is given. This list will be sent out by email, thereby acknowledging all donations.

We thank each and every one of you – now more than ever – for your support in these challenging times. In the merit of your generosity may Hashem increase the blessings to each of you and to your entire family for the coming year.

#### Lulav and Estrog Sets

If you would like to order a lulav and esrog set, please contact Rabbi Citron at 786 316-5934  
Or rabbicitron@hotmail.com

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#### Yahrzeits September 19 – September 25, 2020

- 1 TISHREI Steve Schwartz for his mother, Milly Schwartz, on Shabbos, Sep. 19
- 2 TISHREI Howard Sipzner for his mother, Shaindel bas Avrohom Zechariah Menachem, on Sunday, Sep. 20
- 4 TISHREI Iris Herssein for her father, Shmuel ben Yaakov Alhassid, on Tuesday, Sep. 22
- 7 TISHREI Sheldon Lisbon for his mother, Sarah Rachel Lisbon, on Friday, Sep. 25

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## Fast of Gedaliah and Yom Kippur Schedule

<b>Monday, September 21</b>		
Fast Begins	5:57AM	
Slichos/Shacharis	7:00AM	
Mincha	6:55PM	
Fast Over	7:52PM	
<b>Yom Kippur</b>		
<b>Sunday, September 27</b>		
Kol Nidrei	6:50PM	
<b>Monday, September 28</b>		
Shacharis	9:00AM	Social Hall
Shacharis	9:30AM	Sanctuary
Mincha	5:30PM	
Neila	6:30PM	
Maariv	7:40PM	
Havdalah/Break the Fast	7:55PM	



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