

Tishrei 5784

September 2023

BULLETIN

The
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Shul

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HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE 5784

To register for our 5784 High Holiday programming, including services and meals, please visit stantonstshul.com/form/hh-2023.html.

Rosh Hashana:

Friday, September 15th, 6:45pm Evening Services

Saturday, September 16th, 9am Shacharit Services

Sunday, September 17th, 9am Shacharit Services. A Festive Kiddush Lunch Will be Held at Approximately 1pm Following Services.

Fast of Gedalia:

Monday, September 18th

Fast begins at 5:17am and ends at 7:33pm

Yom Kippur:

Sunday, September 24th, 6:30pm Kol Nidre Services

Monday, September 25th, 9am Services, 4:45 Mincha, 6:00pm Neilah, 7:25pm Break-Fast

High Holiday Family Services:

On both days of Rosh Hashana (September 16th and September 17th) and on Yom Kippur (September 25th), Rabbanit Shalhevet Cahana, Our Scholar Intern and an Educator at Manhattan Day School, will be leading **High Holiday Family Services** for children and their families and/or caregivers. Services will be held from 10:30am-12:00pm and will consist of a fun and explanatory program including singing, prayer, and other interactive activities. Snacks will be provided for children, and as part of programming, the group will have access to the Siempre Verde Garden across the street from the Shul. Families must register ahead of time at stantonstshul.com/form/hh-2023.html for the service/s they plan to attend. Children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sukkot:

Saturday, September 30th, 9am Shacharit Services

Sunday, October 1st, 9am Shacharit Services

Shemini Atzeret:

Saturday, October 7th, 9am Shacharit Services

Simchat Torah:

Saturday, October 7th, 6:45pm Maariv Services

Sunday, October 8th, 9am Shacharit Services/Women's Tefillah Group Torah Reading & Shacharit Services

A Festive Kiddush Lunch Will be Held at Approximately 1pm Following Services.

*PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TIMING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ANY UPDATES VIA EMAIL.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO OUR HIGH HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN
Visit stantonstshul.org for more information and updates.

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SHUL LEADERSHIP

OFFICERS:

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Lina Morales, *Vice President*
Barry Feldman, *Recording Secretary*

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Mona Klaber
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George Kleiner, Honorary Trustee

Dvir Cahana, Rabbinic Intern and
Rabbanit Shalhevet Cahana, Scholar Intern

SHUL ADMINISTRATOR: Brina Chu

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Reflections on the New Year from Dvir & Rabbanit Cahana



As Elul draws to a close, we stand at the threshold of an extraordinary journey of change and transformation guided by the sacred occasion of Rosh Hashanah. As the calendar resets, this holiday invites the remarkable opportunity to pause and take stock of the moments that have shaped us this past calendar year. This turning invites us to cast our gaze ahead with optimism, embrace the blank canvas of time, and make new dreams of where to go while also delving into the depths of our souls to understand where we have been. In gazing both backward and forward, we create new hopes and understand our past anew, thus creating a duality in this moment. Together, let us embark on this spiritual pilgrimage into our souls – both individually and communally – as we open our hearts to the possibilities that lie ahead and the wisdom that lies within.

But why now? We mark the passage of time by adding one numeral to the number of years past. But is there any tangible difference between the day right before 5783 and the moment the clock strikes 5784? Do we notice changes in ourselves or our lives between one day to the next? Sure this moment is momentous, but it might seem like an arbitrary date to which we are ascribing such meaning.

True, the shift of just one number slightly forward or backward is imperceptible, a construct of manufactured significance. It begs us to consider our own relationship with the passage of time and its profound impact on our lives. But regardless – let us ask this question: the Torah declares the Jewish calendar year on the first day of the 7th month. Why then? I would have thought it should be the first date in the first month (Nissan) and not in the 7th month (Tishrei)! Why then, did the rabbis choose the seventh month and not the first month as the Jewish new year?

Of course this practice doesn't apparate from nowhere. The first Mishnah in Masechet Rosh Hashana teaches that there are actually not one but 4 New Years and this one in particular is used as a counting marker for the Shmita and Yovel years. The Gemara further expounds that the world was created on the first of Tishrei and therefore Rosh Hashana is the New Year for the whole world, not just for the Jewish people (as is the case for the first of Nissan).

But perhaps, there is a deeper point being made by decidedly subverting the orientation of time as is anchored in the Torah. We are invited to feel destabilized and empowered to consider ourselves partners in creating a tapestry of new beginnings. All 7 of our Torah-instructed holidays are found between Nissan and Tishrei – during the various stages of the harvest seasons – and so we begin the Jewish calendar year when the agricultural journey ends.

The sweet taste of honey and the crispness of apples that grace our tables on this awe-some day hold within them a beautiful symbolism for our hearts. As we dip the apple into the honey, we are reminded of the unflagging work of bees, and tirelessly pollinating flowers, trees, and fruits, which eventually culminate in the beautiful apples we enjoy. It is a reminder that a new year is not merely a marker of time or the end

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product of our endeavors; rather, it represents both the early steps of a new beginning and the fruits of our labor as we progress through the journey of life. The sweetness of this moment encourages us to savor the progress we have made and the blessings we have received, celebrating the culmination of our efforts.

However, let us not forget that the true essence of this occasion lies not only in reflection but in how we fill the in-between—the path we traverse, the choices we make, and the growth we embrace. As we witness the turning of the calendar, let us rise above the clichés of “new year, new me” and recognize that every moment, regardless of its place on the timeline, offers an opportunity for introspection and growth. Whether we find ourselves in the midst of the pollination stage or the apple-budding moments of our lives, let us relish the sweetness of where we are right now, for it is in this very moment that we can plant the seeds of hope and affect positive change. Like the bees that diligently pollinate, let us continue our journey with purpose and dedication, knowing that each step we take has the potential to create a ripple effect, influencing not only our own lives but also impacting those around us.

As we stand at the crossroads of time and tradition, let us open our hearts and minds to the possibility of this moment, regardless of its arbitrary nature, and embrace the gift of renewal it brings. Let us taste the sweetness of apples and honey, so that they may serve as a gentle reminder that the true significance of this new year lies not in the moment itself but in the continuous and mindful pursuit of growth, compassion, and self-improvement throughout the unfolding chapters of our lives.

Shanah Tovah U'metukah!

Dvir and Rabbanit Cahana

Stanton Street Shul Rabbinic Interns, 5784

Join Dvir, Rabbanit Cahana & Your Stanton Family in Shul This Year
See below for a list of 2023 dates when Dvir & Shalhevet will join us in Shul, and be sure to introduce yourself when you attend our programming!

Rosh Hashana (September 15-17)

Yom Kippur (September 24-25)

Sukkot (September 29-October 1)

Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah (October 6-8)

Shabbat Parshat Noach (October 20-21)

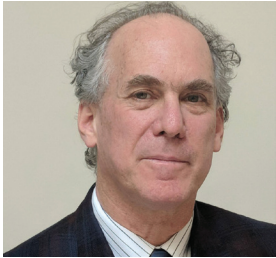
Shabbat Parshat Chayei Sarah (November 10-11)

Shabbat Chanukah (December 8-9)

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A LETTER FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS



Dear Friends,

As Co-Presidents of the Stanton Street Shul, we have a lot to be thankful for and plenty to celebrate as we look back at the 'School Year' of September 2022 to June 2023.



And as we stand at the threshold of Rosh Hashanah, we are filled with gratitude for the journey we have shared together. This past year has been one of transition, marked by the election of new officers to lead our congregation and a reliance on the dedication and commitment of our congregants to conduct services in the absence of permanent spiritual leadership.

During the year 5783, there were understandable concerns about the future of our cherished congregation, as transitions can bring a sense of vulnerability. However, we are delighted to announce that The Stanton Street Shul has not only endured but has emerged stronger and more resilient. Let us leave behind the challenges of the past few years and embrace the valuable lessons we have learned, as we step confidently into a brighter future together and continue the legacy of our congregation and our commitment to sustaining Jewish religious and communal life on the Lower East Side with our unique appeal and inclusive approach.

In 5783, we were thrilled to welcome Rabbanit Cahana, our Scholar Intern, and her husband, Dvir Cahana, our Rabbinic Intern. Their presence has infused our congregation with tefillah, divrei torah, shiurim, text-based learning and song, as well as a creative, youthful, and enthusiastic spirit. Our relationship with them is a source of joy, and we look forward to further strengthening this collaboration. As we plan for the year ahead, we wish to express our deep appreciation for every one of you who actively participates in the life of our congregation. Your involvement is the lifeblood that sustains us, and we recognize that your unwavering support contributes to the continued success of The Stanton Street Shul. It is encouraging to witness how our community extends far beyond the Lower East Side, with many stakeholders who remain connected and deeply invested in our success, despite physical distance.

This year, we look forward to building upon our past successes and have included a full list of programming highlights from 5783 on the following page.

We hope to see more of you in person at the shul, coming together to daven, learn, and thrive as a united community. For those who are near and able, your presence is invaluable, and for our friends scattered far and wide, your continued support and participation are cherished.

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A LETTER FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENTS CONTINUED

May the new year, 5784, usher in an abundance of shalom, continued success, and good health for each of us, our families, and our friends. Together, let us face the future with hope and determination, knowing that our unity and shared purpose will lead us to even greater heights.

Wishing you all a meaningful and joyous New Year,

Ethan Ellenberg & Marc Schwartzberg
Co-Presidents of The Stanton Street Shul

Become a Member of The Stanton Street Shul

All are welcome. All will feel welcome.
Join to ensure the future of our historic congregation.
Join to support diverse programming.
Join to help us grow and thrive.

Contribute to the High Holiday Fund

All donations--large or small--make a difference for our shul's longevity. Your generosity allows us to open our doors to the larger community and offer free tickets for all high holiday services.

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A LOOK BACK AT 5783

COMMUNITY-BUILDING

We hosted multiple well-attended communal Shabbat dinners that brought community members together for a night of good food, singing, and Jewish learning.

Many community members participated in our Mix N Match meals, a program where congregants volunteer to host or attend small Shabbat meals of randomly assigned attendees. This initiative has brought our community together and helped forge new connections and bonds.

We engaged old and new community members who reached out to us, and welcomed new visitors into our space.

Congregants undergoing difficult health-related and life cycle issues were supported with hospital visits and other forms of Chesed.



SHUL LEADERSHIP

We welcomed Rabbinic Interns Dvir and Shalhevet Cahana to the community, both of whom have been instrumental in facilitating davening and Shul programming.



DAVENING

The Shabbos Minyanim continued steadily all year and multiple congregants delivered Divrei Torahs to the congregation.



PROGRAMMING & EVENTS

We held our annual Champagne & Kugel fundraiser, which celebrated the hard work invested in the Shul this past year.

Our Chanukah Concert brought in almost 50 attendees, including many new faces who were introduced to our community, and enjoyed a festive concert performed by Kol Hakol, a Boston-based musical group.

We hosted a meaningful and successful event in partnership with 3G, an organization led by third generation Holocaust survivor descendants.

We hosted 3 art exhibits, including one where high schoolers across the US presented their artwork at the Amen SELA Fellowship Celebration, which was organized by Dvir Cahana, our Rabbinic Intern.

We hosted a well-attended one act play festival.

Spearheaded by our interns, Dvir and Rabbanit Cahana, we hosted a performance featuring community members and leadership from Rappers and Rabbis, an organization that builds community through events that unite educators, artists, and spiritual leaders by using elements of hip hop to explore Jewish tradition.

We hosted successful Bar & Bat Mitzvah celebrations for families who were not previously not engaged with the Shul.

Long-time member and educator David Deutsch taught a multi-part educational series focusing on Israeli military history from the beginnings of the Zionist movement through the First Lebanon War.



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WOMEN'S TEFILLAH GROUP

Women's Tefillah Group has been active at Stanton Street Shul for many years, and consists of women who are devoted to facilitating a space that is empowering, accessible, and religiously fulfilling for Jewish women in the Lower East Side community. During 5783, we started off the Jewish new year by gathering for our annual Women's Tefillah Torah Reading services during Simchat Torah. Throughout the year, we conducted Shacharit services throughout multiple shabbatot, and commemorated Rosh Chodesh on several occasions, celebrating the new month and connecting to one another through tefillah, divrei torah and community building, sometimes in-person and occasionally over Zoom. Most recently, we coordinated and facilitated a Bat Mitzvah service, including Shacharit and a Torah/Haftarah Reading, for a family that specifically chose to host all of their daughter's Bat Mitzvah celebrations with our Tefillah Group.

We always welcome and encourage all levels of participation, and are happy to teach and mentor those who would like to become more versed in Torah/Haftarah reading or Tefillah leading skills. This coming year, we hope that you will join us, whether by just showing up or helping to lead a service, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming programming! If you would like to learn more or get involved, please reach out to women@stantonstshul.com. Sponsorship opportunities are also available and deeply appreciated, as our group is self-funded.

Wishing you a good new year,
Aliza Deutsch, Tracy Fogel, Rachel Mincer
Women's Tefillah Group Coordinators

Women's Tefillah Group Services Schedule

Torah Reading (with aliyot for all) on Simchat Torah morning - October 8
Shabbat Parshat Chayei Sarah - November 11
Shabbat Parshat Beshalach - January 27
Megillat Esther on Purim night - March 23
Shabbat Parshat Emor - May 18

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StantonKIDS

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StantonKIDS has been offering exciting Shabbat programming for the young children in our community for approximately 8 years. Our activities, led by our professional teaching staff, Aliza Deutsch and Leslie Levinson, are enjoyed by children typically between the ages of 2 and 9, but are geared towards accommodating the age of any child who wishes to participate.

We have built a beautiful, diverse community together with children, and their parents and grandparents, and look forward to another meaningful and fun year together in 5784.

This past year, we hosted a High Holiday program and bi-monthly Shabbat programming, as well as special holiday events such as our Sukkah decorating party. This coming year, we intend to continue providing high-quality Shabbat and holiday-themed programs. All StantonKIDS gatherings include free play, Shabbat tefillot (prayers), and Parsha and holiday-themed interactive and educational activities that bring traditional Jewish stories and traditions to life. A healthy snack as well as a plentiful Kiddush is provided at each program. Ultimately, StantonKIDS aims to provide our children with a strong foundation for living a Jewish life, while incorporating plenty of room for socialization and fun.

Please note that while our professional children's programming is provided at no cost, we ask that community members and participants help support StantonKIDS by making a donation, if feasible for you. Another way to contribute is by sponsoring a program in honor of your family or child's simcha. Go to www.stantonstshul.com/payment.php for info about sponsorship opportunities.

The StantonKIDS Committee warmly thanks all our participants and contributors for supporting us. We are grateful for your presence and participation in our programs. Join us in this New Year, 5784, as we expand our inclusive programming and welcome new children to learn about holidays and Shabbat through interactive, experiential activities involving music, play, Torah, and food.

Leslie Levinson and Aliza Deutsch, StantonKIDS Co-Coordiators

StantonKIDS Programming

Shabbat October 14: 10:30am-12pm
Shabbat October 28: 10:30am-12pm
Shabbat November 4: 10:30am-12pm
Shabbat November 18: 10:30am-12pm
Shabbat December 2: 10:30am-12pm
Shabbat December 16: 10:30am-12pm
Shabbat January 6: 10:30am-12pm
Shabbat January 20: 10:30am-12pm
Shabbat February 3: 10:30am-12pm
Shabbat February 10: 10:30am-12pm
Shabbat March 2: 10:30am-12pm
Shabbat March 16: 10:30am-12pm
Shabbat April 6: 10:30am-12pm
Shabbat April 20: 10:30am-12pm
Shabbat May 4: 10:30am-12pm
Shabbat May 11: 10:30am-12pm
Shabbat June 1: 10:30am-12pm
Shabbat June 15: 10:30am-12pm

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Photos from the Champagne & Kugel Shul Benefit, 2023



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Photos from Rappers and Rabbis Performance, 2023



Photos from The Amen SELA Fellowship Art Exhibition & Celebration, 2023



MISSION STATEMENT

All Are Welcome, All Will Feel Welcome!

CORE VALUES at STANTON

We celebrate diversity while focusing on what we share in common, welcoming all who seek a place of Jewish prayer and community.

We are dedicated to Jewish learning and strive to create an inclusive environment, providing opportunities for spiritual growth and ritual participation for all.

We encourage members to play an active role in shul leadership and programming, alongside our rabbi and board.

We are stewards of our century-old shul building, which is a vessel for vibrant and loving transmission of our heritage and history.

We are committed to strengthening our own congregation while also building connections with other local communities and to Israel.

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MEMBERSHIP COLUMN

Dear Friend,

If you are reading this bulletin, you're either a member, friend or stakeholder in The Stanton Street Shul. As you know, we are a warm traditional Synagogue where everyone is welcome and everyone is made to feel welcome.

The Board understands that you have many other worthy charities to contribute to. Here are some unique reasons why we believe The Stanton Street Shul merits your continued support:

The Lower East Side was once home to hundreds of thriving synagogues. Today, there are only a handful of active congregations. We have fewer than eighty members. Your membership is a sign of support for continuing our long legacy of downtown Manhattan Jewish life and ensuring we thrive for years to come.

Our house of worship was erected in 1913 and recently renovated. Thankfully, our building remains in good condition. Your membership will be used to maintain our facility and ensure it remains in excellent shape.

Your membership renewal will state that your support of our over one hundred and thirty-year-old congregation is more important than any individual's priorities. Your membership renewal says that you stand with The Stanton Street Shul.

It is important, therefore, to renew your membership if you haven't yet done so or to become a member and more formally join our community. To grow and continue to thrive WE NEED YOU TO JOIN, bring friends and attend our services, classes and programs. Please go to <https://www.stantonstshul.com/join-us>.

Together, we can continue to grow our vibrant, inclusive yet diverse, caring and spiritual community

Kativa Chatima Tova,

The Stanton Street Shul Board

Please Join Us!

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Candle Lighting - New York Hebrew Year 5784 (2023 - 2024)

		Candle Lighting	Havdalah			Candle Lighting	Havdalah
Sep 15	Erev Rosh Hashana	6:47		Apr 5	Shmini	7:08	8:08
Sep 16	Rosh Hashana	7:46		Apr 12	Tazria	7:15	8:16
Sep 17	Rosh Hashana		7:43	Apr 19	Metzora	7:22	8:25
Sep 22	Ha'Azinu	6:36	7:32	Apr 22	Erev Pesach	7:26	
Sep 24	Yom Kippur	6:32	7:29	Apr 23	Pesach Day 1	8:27	8:29
Sep 29	Sukkot	6:24		Apr 26	Shabbat Chol		
Sep 30	Sukkot	7:22	7:19		Hamoed Pesach	7:30	8:33
Oct 6	Hoshana Rabbah	6:12		Apr 28	Pesach (Night 7)	7:32	
Oct 7	Shmini Atzeret	7:11		Apr 29	Pesach (Night 8)	8:33	
Oct 8	Simchat Torah		7:08	Apr 30	Pesach (Day 8)		8:36
Oct 13	Bereshit	6:01	6:58	May 3	Achrei Mot	7:37	8:41
Oct 20	Noach	5:51	6:48	May 10	Kedoshim	7:44	8:49
Oct 27	Lech Lecha	5:41	6:39	May 17	Emor	7:51	8:57
Nov 3	Vayera	5:32	6:31	May 24	Behar	7:57	9:05
Nov 10	Chayei Sara	4:25	5:25	May 31	Bechukotai	8:03	9:11
Nov 17	Toldot	4:19	5:19	June 7	Bamidbar	8:07	9:16
Nov 24	Vayetzei	4:14	5:16	June 11	Erev Shavuot	8:09	
Dec 1	Vayishlach	4:11	5:14	June 12	Shavuot	9:10	
Dec 8	Vayeshev/Chanukah	4:10	5:14	June 13	Shavuot		9:19
Dec 15	Miketz	4:11	5:15	June 14	Nasso	8:11	9:20
Dec 22	Vayigash	4:14	5:18	June 21	Beha'alotcha	8:13	9:21
Dec 29	Vayechi	4:19	5:23	June 28	Sh'lach	8:13	9:21
Jan 5	Shemot	4:25	5:29	July 5	Korach	8:12	9:19
Jan 12	Vaera	4:32	5:35	July 12	Chukat	8:09	9:15
Jan 19	Bo	4:40	5:43	July 19	Balak	8:05	9:10
Jan 26	Beshalach	4:48	5:50	July 26	Pinchas	7:59	9:03
Feb 2	Yitro	4:57	5:58	Aug 2	Matot-Masei	7:51	8:54
Feb 9	Mishpatim	5:05	6:06	Aug 9	Devarim	7:43	8:44
Feb 16	Teruma	5:14	6:14	Aug 16	Vaetchanan	7:33	8:34
Feb 23	Tetzaveh	5:22	6:22	Aug 23	Eikev	7:23	8:22
Mar 1	Ki Tisa	5:30	6:30	Aug 30	Re'eh	7:12	8:11
Mar 8	Vayakhel	5:38	6:38	Sept 6	Shoftim	7:01	7:58
Mar 15	Pekudei	6:46	7:45	Sept 13	Ki Teitzei	6:49	7:46
Mar 22	Vayikra	6:53	7:53	Sept 20	Ki Tavo	6:37	7:34
Mar 29	Tzav	7:00	8:01	Sept 27	Nitzavim-Vayeilech	6:25	7:22
				Oct 2	Erev Rosh Hashana	6:17	

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