

# Congregation and Talmud Torah Ahavath Achim

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**ROSH HASHANA/ YOM KIPPUR**

**NEWSLETTER**



## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### FIRST DAYS (ROSH HASHANA)

#### Friday September 18

Mincha & Maariv 6:40 P.M.

#### Saturday & Sunday Sept. 19 & 20

Schachris 8:15 A.M.

Reading of the Torah 9:45 A.M.

Rabbi's Sermon 10:30 A.M.

Shofar (Day 2) 10:40 A.M.

Mussaf 11:00 A.M.

Mincha 6:35 P.M.

### YOM KIPPUR

#### Sunday September 27

Mincha 2:00 P.M.

Kol Nidre 6:35 P.M.

Rabbi's Sermon 6:55 P.M.

Maariv 7:25 P.M.

#### Monday September 28

Schachris 8:30 A.M.

Reading of the Torah 11:00 A.M.

Yiskor 11:45 A.M.

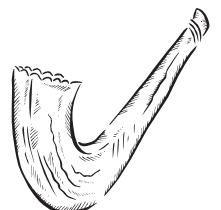
Mussaf 12 Noon

Mincha 5:05 P.M.

Neilah 6:15 P.M.

Maariv 7:20 P.M.

Shofar 7:32 P.M.



## **PRAYER**

One of the key concepts in the High Holiday period and indeed beyond is *tefilah*- prayer. Who can forget the searing call at the end of the *Netana Tokef* " And prayer and repentance and charity remove the evil decree".

Modern man in particular finds concentration and devotion in prayer quite difficult. Many Jewish thinkers have devoted much thought on how to improve the prayer experience. In this essay I want to convey the thoughts on the topic of the famed *Chazon Ish*, Rabbi Avraham Yeshayu Karelitz (1878-1953).

In one letter he expressed the following thought "We have no systematic approach to... open our hearts and to sensitize our consciousness except exertion to understand the Oral law. If we devote ourselves assiduously to the study of Torah it will prove to be a balm to all spiritual sickness".

In another letter he says in a pithy manner "Assiduous study enlightens prayer and lackadaisical study prevents proper prayer".

The *Chazon Ish* is telling us an important thought. For the Torah scholar it tells him that Torah is interconnected with other spiritual endeavors. But even if we are not the direct object of his comments we must realize that Torah is the key to all of our spiritual development. Let us learn better and pray better as well.

*Ketiva Vachatima Tova,*  
Rabbi Ari Kagan

## **REMINDER**

Among the prohibitions of the day is the wearing of leather shoes. This applies equally to men and women. The Maharil extends this to children as well. Perhaps the discomfort we might feel as we stand in non-leather shoes is meant as a reminder of the missteps of the past year. Today's proliferation of shoe styles based on man-made material makes it easier than ever to comply with this aspect of Yom Kippur observance.

## **SHABBOS TSHUVA DROSHA**

The annual sermon will take place during the morning services on Saturday September 26 2020.

## **SLICHOS**

The first recitation of slichos will take place Saturday night, September 12 at 11:00 p.m



## SUCCOS DAVENING SCHEDULE

### FIRST DAYS

#### Friday October 2

Mincha & Maariv 6:15 P.M.

#### Saturday & Sunday October 3-4

Schacharis 8:45 A.M.

Mincha & Maariv 6:15 P.M.

### CHOL HAMOED

#### Monday- Thursday October 5-8

Schacharis 6:15 A.M.

Mincha & Maariv 6:10 P.M.

### HOSHANA RABBA

#### Friday October 9

Schachris 6:00 A.M.

Mincha & Maariv 6:05 P.M.

### SHMINI ATZERES

#### Saturday October 10

Schachris 8:45 A.M.

Yizkor 10:30 A.M.

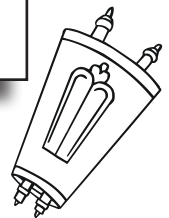
Mincha & Maariv 6:05 P.M.

### SIMCHAS TORAH

#### Sunday October 11

Schacharis & Hakofos 8:45 A.M.

Mincha & Maariv 6:00 P.M.



## **BAALEI TEFILLAH**

Baal Pesukai D'zimra : Dr. Ira Jasser

Baal Schacharis: Eliezer Brand

Baal Mussaf: Asher Fine

Baal Tokaah: Eliezer Brand

Baal Makri: Dr. Ira Jasser

We are gratified that they have all agreed to come and we hope that the heavenly court accepts their and our entreaties.

## **SIMCHAS BAIS HASHOEVA**

**The annual simchas Bais Hashoeva** commemoration, the elaborate and joyful water drawing ceremony in the Temple for the Succos service, will on SUNDAY October 4 at 5:25 P.M. A dvar Torah by Rabbi Kagan as well as other members will be rendered. Songs and refreshments will be tendered. Come and enjoy! Please note that mode of celebration is subject to covid 19 protocols.

## **From the Sisterhood**

The *Rambam* asks the question why there is no *Hallel* on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. He writes "But Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur do not have a Hallel recitation, because they are days of repentance and fear, and not days of overmuch joy". Moreover, Chazal, our Holy Rabbis, of Blessed Memory, have stated that the sounding of the Shofar is to be seen as a fulfillment of the Mitzvah of Hallel.

Have a Happy Rosh Hashana and a Healthy & Happy New Year

## **WITHIN THE SYNAGOGUE FAMILY**

*Wishing all our members and worshippers  
a year of peace, health, prosperity and all manner of blessing!.*