

ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

SELICHOT

A collection of penitential prayers of forgiveness that we recite to prepare ourselves for the Jewish New Year. This service is specifically tailored to help us direct our hearts and minds toward Teshuvah (repentance).

JUNIOR CONGREGATION

While you are worshipping in the Cohen/Friedkin Sanctuary, our younger congregants are invited to enjoy a High Holy Days experience of their own led by our SLJ (Religious School) team. They will learn about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur through an engaging prayer experience, creative art project, interesting discussion and connection with friends.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Offers families with preschool-aged children a fun, condensed worship experience of stories and prayers to inspire and teach the meaning of the High Holy Days.

FAMILY PRAYER EXPERIENCE

Led by SLJ teens and staff, this alternative worship experience will feature highlights from the traditional Rosh Hashanah service followed by reverse Tashlikh as done through a beach clean.

Reverse Tashlich is an innovative approach to Jewish environmental stewardship. In the ritual of Tashlich on Rosh HaShanah, we go to a body of water and symbolically cast our "sins" into the water to begin the New Year with a clean heart. With Reverse Tashlich, we're turning symbolism into action by removing human "sin" from the water.

Reverse Tashlich provides an opportunity to come together and engage in a hands-on effort to clean up our beaches, rivers, and shorelines, removing the plastic, trash, and other debris that threaten marine ecosystems and our planet's health.

TASHLICH

Tashlich originated during the Middle Ages as a custom of going to a body of water and symbolically casting our sins (by tossing pieces of bread) into the water.

SHABBAT SHUVAH

This is the Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur that is referred to as "The Sabbath of Return."

TIME FOR MEMORIAL

Distance does not allow many of us to perform the mitzvah of visiting the burial places of our beloved relatives and friends. Time for Memorial is an opportunity for you and your family to light candles, offer prayers, and remember your loved ones that have passed on.

KOL NIDRE

The Erev Yom Kippur service begins with the Kol Nidre prayer, a powerful declaration that awakens our souls as we prepare for the most solemn day of the Jewish year.

FAST TALK

We are taught to treat the entire day of Yom Kippur as one long day of study and prayer. This hour-long afternoon study session is a learning opportunity for us to continue reflecting on the meaning of Yom Kippur and repentance.

YIZKOR

We join as a community to support one another in honoring the memories of our loved ones. Yizkor is a memorial prayer service that takes place on Yom Kippur. The service includes prayers for the deceased and is a time for the community to remember those who have passed away through prayer, silence, and the recitation of names.

NEILAH

Neilah literally means "closing" and refers to the symbolic closing of the gates of heaven and, hence, God's willingness to hear the prayers of the Jewish people. As the sun sets, we invite you to conclude the Day of Atonement with the final sounding of the shofar.