

REGO PARK JEWISH CENTER BULLETIN

"And let them make for me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them."
EXODUS 25:8

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HIGH HOLY DAYS 5782 - SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SELICHOT SERVICE - SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021

8:15 P.M. - Attend the Meaningful Religious Service in the Sanctuary & on Zoom
Officiated by Rabbi Romiel Daniel

ROSH HASHANA EVE

Monday, September 6, 2021

7:15 P.M. - Minchah & Ma'ariv

7:01 P.M. - Candle Lighting

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Sabbath of Repentance

Saturday, September 11, 2021

9:00 A.M. - Shacharit

7:52 P.M. - Sabbath ends

ROSH HASHANA - FIRST DAY

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

8:15 A.M. - Shacharit Service

9:30 A.M. - Torah Reading

11:00 A.M. - Sermon

11:45 A.M. - Musaf

2:00 P.M. - Closing Benediction

Candle Lighting - after 7:59 P.M.

YOM KIPPUR - KOL NIDRE

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

7:00 P.M. - Kol Nidre

6:46 P.M. - Candle Lighting

YOM KIPPUR DAY

Thursday, September 16, 2021

9:00 A.M. - Shacharit

10:30 A.M. - Torah Reading

11:30 A.M. - Sermon/Yizkor

1:00 P.M. - Musaf

5:00 P.M. - Minchah

6:15 P.M. - Ne'ilah/Ma'ariv

7:43 P.M. - Shofar

ROSH HASHANA - SECOND DAY

Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Same Schedule of Services

as on the First Day

* ALL TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE

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Religious services conducted in the
Main Sanctuary & Chapel
are also available for viewing
on Zoom.

Please check your email
for Zoom links.

Contact our Center office at
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for more information.



REMINDER

1. If you have received an honor or aliyah, please be prompt in coming to services. You need to be in your seat at least 15 minutes before you're called for an assigned honor.
2. For strict security reasons, you are required to produce your seat ticket at the door. Nobody will be admitted without a ticket. Your cooperation is needed.
3. Air-conditioning may be on. Bring a covering for your comfort.

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FROM THE RABBI'S DESK

TISHREI

Tishrei is the seventh of the twelve months of the Jewish calendar. It is always 30 days. Tishrei coincides with the secular months September/October. Tishrei contains the fall equinox. We begin to seek an inner balance that reflects the equilibrium between day and night. As the seasons change from summer to fall, we too seek changes in our lives. We hope that our journey is also colorful and bright.

The mazal (constellation) for Tishrei is a pair of scales, symbolizing scales of justice. The zodiac sign is Libra. Tishrei overflows with holy days which usher in the Jewish New Year. The four main holidays of Tishrei correspond to the four phases of the moon.

Festivities

Rosh HaShanah (The New Year) is observed on Rosh Chodesh Tishrei. The Torah refers to Rosh HaShanah as Yom Teruah (The Day of Sounding the Shofar) or Yom HaZikaron (The Day of Remembering). It was not called Rosh HaShanah until talmudic times. Many Reform communities celebrate Rosh HaShanah for one day only. It is the only holiday that Israeli Jews celebrate for two days. Rosh HaShanah marks the anniversary of the creation of the world.

Rosh HaShanah

Shofar - Reflected in one of the names of the Holy Day (Yom Teruah), the shofar is blown 100 times on each day of Rosh HaShanah. One of many traditions suggests that the shofar blasts represent Sarah's cries when she learned that Abraham had set out to sacrifice Isaac. Sarah's cries recall women's cries for justice for themselves and for their families throughout history and all over the world. The shofar calls all Jews together and stirs each soul to repentance.

Tashlich - (You will cast away). In this context, tashlich refers to a custom dating from at least as early as the fourteenth century, based on the last verses of the Book of Micah: "And You will cast into the depths of the sea all their sins" (7:19). Consequently, Jewish communities have for many generations gathered by rivers, streams, or oceans on the first day of Rosh HaShanah, recited tashlich prayers, and thrown bread crumbs into the water to symbolize our desire to rid ourselves of our sins. Kurdish Jews actually threw themselves into the water for tashlich! Hasidim of Galicia sent straw floats out into the water, used candles to set them on fire, and rejoiced as they burned up or washed away.

Tzom Gedaliah - (Fast of Gedaliah), observed on Tishrei 3, is an annual fast to commemorate the assassination of Gedaliah Ben Achikam, the Governor of Israel during the last days of Judean semi-autonomy before Jews were driven into final exile by the Babylonians.

Aseret Yamei Teshuvah - (Ten Days of Repentance) are observed between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. The special character of these days manifests itself in emphasis on teshuvah, (turning our backs on what is worst in ourselves and embracing what is best), tefillah (prayer), and tzedakah (acts of justice/charity).

Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) is observed on Tishrei 10, as the moon swells. Yom Kippur is meant to bring Jews closer to a sense of G-d in our lives and to inspire us to bring out what is best in ourselves through the process of teshuvah.

Yom Kippur Customs

Fasting, as well as the other abstentions observed on this day, is meant to guide our thoughts away from our physical needs and help focus our minds on spiritual growth and teshuvah. Tradition urges that this fast should also

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remind us of those who lack basic sustenance. Many communities donate the amount of money they would have spent to feed themselves on Yom Kippur to organizations that feed the hungry. (Please note that pregnant women, the infirm, or anyone who might be harmed by doing so are prohibited from fasting.)

Refraining from wearing leather, one of the other five traditional abstentions for Yom Kippur, is meant to guide us away from materialism as leather is considered to be a sign of luxury.

Sukkot (Booths) begins on the full moon of Tishrei 15 and continues through Tishrei 21. Sukkot comes just five days after Yom Kippur. Only after we have accomplished the challenging spiritual work of Yom Kippur, can we be truly joyous on Sukkot. Indeed, there is a special mitzvah of simcha (happiness), on Sukkot. Sukkot commemorates how protective clouds surrounded the Jewish people during the forty years of wandering in the desert. It also commemorates how the Jews lived in temporary dwellings (sukkot) during that same time.

Sukkot Customs

Welcoming Guests - Today we decorate our sukkot and it is customary to invite our ancestors symbolically to join us for a meal! "According to the mystical text the Zohar, "when you sit in the *sukkah* ... the Shechina (G-d's feminine indwelling presence) spreads its wings over you and.... Abraham, five other righteous ones, and King David, make their dwelling with you...Thus you should rejoice with a shining countenance each and every day of the festival together with these guests who lodge with you..." (Zohar Emor, 103b).

From this verse, Jewish mystics in the sixteenth century popularized the custom of symbolically inviting seven biblical characters as ushpizin (guests) into their sukkot over the seven nights of the holiday. Traditions inviting biblical women, or ushpizot (plural feminine of ushpizin), into the sukkah also exist. According to sixteenth-century mystic Manachem Azariah, known as the Ramah of Fano, the seven female figures to welcome are the seven prophetesses: Sarah, Miriam, Devorah, Hannah, Avigail, Huldah, and Esther. Other traditions include Rebecca, Rachel and Leah."

Hoshana Rabbah - observed on Tishrei 21, is the seventh and last day of Sukkot. Hoshana Rabbah is known as the day of the final sealing of judgment, which began on Rosh HaShanah.

Shmini Atzeret - observed on Tishrei 22 as the moon wanes, begins the period in the year in which we add to our regular liturgy a special prayer praising G-d as the Source of the blessing of rain.

Simchat Torah - is observed on Tishrei 23 in some Jewish communities in the Diaspora and on Tishrei 22 in Israel and some Reform and Reconstructionist communities. Simchat Torah celebrates the completion and the beginning of the annual cycle of Torah readings. On the night preceding Simchat Torah, and again in the morning, Jews all over the world dance joyously with the Torah.

Tishrei in Jewish history and tradition

- 1 Tishrei (c. 3760 BCE) – Adam & Eve were created, according to one opinion in the Talmud.
- 3 Tishrei (c. 582 BCE) – Assassination of Gedaliah; now a fast day. (According to many opinions, the assassination actually occurred on Rosh Hashanah, but the commemoration of the event is postponed to the day after the festival).
- 8 Tishrei (c. 826 BCE) – 14-day dedication of Solomon's Temple begins.
- 10 Tishrei (c. 1313 BCE) – Moses returns from a final trip to Mount Sinai, bearing a second set of tablets and a message of forgiveness for the Golden Calf.
- 25 Tishrei (1809 CE) – Death of Rabbi Levi Yitzchok of Berditchev

Let this year of 5782 be one of joy and happiness, well being and peace for all.

Rabbi Romiel Daniel



FOCUS ON SISTERHOOD



“I will give them a single heart to revere Me for all time. And I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them and that I will treat them graciously; and I will put into their hearts reverence for Me so that they will not turn away from Me. *Jeremiah 32:39-40*”

As Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah are upon us, we stop to reflect upon the miserable year (s) that have passed - with the pandemic, life cycles - good/pleasant and sad/tragic that have plagued us - and we were too busy and felt too miserable to listen to the words of our Maker as quoted by Jeremiah. But as we have taken steps to return to Rego Park Jewish Center and to return to G-d and to our friends and as we have listened to the meaningful words of Rabbi Romiel Daniel, we re-read the able words - everything and everyone is B'Yachad - together.

Thus we are very excited to finally invite not only Sisterhood ladies but everyone - ALL ARE WELCOME. About thirteen years ago, Craig Taubman began his precious “oeuvre” for us in preparation for the High Holy Days. Small vignettes are written by various people - famous and not so famous, Jews and non Jews but all give us a look into their reflections of the past year and their hopes and expectations for 5782. Thus on September 1, 2021 at 2:00 P.M., each of our thespians will introduce a short biographical story - “Parents/Children and Children/Parents on Rosh Hashanah” - we shall then discuss each bio individually. Of course we shall be extremely delighted if you will write your own autobiography and share it with us.

One more important reminder - don't forget our important theme for Torah Fund - it continues from last year because it is so important that we need to get more mileage out of it. B'Yachad - all together - that's the only way we shall survive and be revived.

Lastly, we give you the following for your thoughts and perusal. The Austrian neurologist, psychologist and Holocaust survivor Victor Frankl said, “When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves.” This has always been the theme of the Jewish people long before Frankl so beautifully explained it. And the events of 2020 have proven it to be true once again.

“Kesive ve-chasima tova” - May all of you be blessed with good health, happiness and peace of mind and peace in the world.

Ruth Loewenstein

SISTERHOOD MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

2:00 P.M.

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

SUNDAY LEARN-IN

Our Sunday get-together resumed on August 1st and was well attended.

Rabbi Daniel introduced us to the famous sages, Hillel and Shammai, and began a series of talks on their diverse beliefs on what constituted Judaism, with Hillel's more liberal approach to the law contending with Shammai's idealism.

We look forward to having you join us on Sundays. (Learn-In get-togethers resume on October 3rd.) Bring your own breakfast - coffee will be served.

Elaine Spodick

TASHLICH

**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**

MEET IN FRONT OF
REGO PARK JEWISH CENTER
IN YOUR CAR
AT 10:30 A.M.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Reina Goodman

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Walter Adelstein
Jerrey Adler
Lael Daniel
Gail Edelstein
Reuben Ezra
Joyce Fefferman
Aileen Goldstein
Marilyn Horowitz
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John Landes
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Sonia Siegel
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Mollie Alkana
Rabbi Romiel Daniel
Carl Ellman
Florence Legler
Carol Stoller
Jacqueline Weiss
Joel Zakoff

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sheila & Ken Sasmor



REFUAH SHELEIMAH

Joyce Fefferman
Pnina Lanxner
Lee Lobel-Zwang

September 2021

ELUL 5781 / TISHREI 5782

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
C.L. = CANDLE LIGHTING E.S. = EVENING SERVICE M.S. = MORNING SERVICE N.E.S. = NO EVENING SERVICE N.M.S. = NO MORNING SERVICE S.E. = SHABBAT ENDS SIST. = SISTERHOOD MEETING			1 24 ELUL SIST. 2:00 P.M.	2 25 ELUL	3 26 ELUL E.S. 7:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON ZOOM C.L. 7:06 P.M.	4 27 ELUL M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & ZOOM S.E. 8:04 P.M. "NITZAVIM"
5 28 ELUL	6 29 ELUL N.M.S. E.S. 7:15 P.M. C.L. 7:01 P.M. LABOR DAY EREV ROSH HASHANAH	7 1 TISHREI M.S. 8:15 A.M. N.E.S. C.L. 7:59 P.M. 1ST DAY ROSH HASHANAH	8 2 TISHREI M.S. 8:15 A.M. N.E.S. YOM TOV ENDS - 7:57 P.M. 2ND DAY ROSH HASHANAH	9 3 TISHREI FAST OF GEDALIA	10 4 TISHREI E.S. 7:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON ZOOM C.L. 6:55 P.M.	11 5 TISHREI M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & ZOOM S.E. 7:52 P.M. "VAYELECH" SHABBAT SHUVAH
12 6 TISHREI TASHLICH - 10:30 A.M.	13 7 TISHREI	14 8 TISHREI	15 9 TISHREI N.M.S. KOL NIDRE - 7:00 P.M. C.L. 6:46 P.M. KOL NIDRE	16 10 TISHREI M.S. 9:00 A.M. YIZKOR YOM KIPPUR ENDS - 7:43 P.M. YOM KIPPUR	17 11 TISHREI E.S. 7:00 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON ZOOM C.L. 6:43 P.M.	18 12 TISHREI M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & ZOOM S.E. 7:40 P.M. "HA'AZINU"
19 13 TISHREI	20 14 TISHREI N.M.S. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 6:38 P.M. EREV SUKKOT	21 15 TISHREI M.S. 9:00 A.M. E.S. 7:30 P.M. C.L. 7:35 P.M. 1ST DAY SUKKOT	22 16 TISHREI M.S. 9:00 A.M. N.E.S. YOM TOV ENDS - 7:33 P.M. 2ND DAY SUKKOT	23 17 TISHREI	24 18 TISHREI E.S. 6:45 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON ZOOM C.L. 6:31 P.M.	25 19 TISHREI M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & ZOOM S.E. 7:28 P.M. "CHOL HAMOED"
26 20 TISHREI	27 21 TISHREI M.S. 8:00 A.M. E.S. 6:30 P.M. C.L. 6:26 P.M. HOSHANAH RABAH EREV SHEMINI ATZERET	28 22 TISHREI M.S. 9:00 A.M. YIZKOR E.S. 7:00 P.M. C.L. 7:23 P.M. SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE - 7:30 PM SHEMINI ATZERET EREV SIMCHAT TORAH	29 23 TISHREI M.S. 9:00 A.M. N.E.S. SIMCHAT TORAH ENDS - 7:21 P.M. SIMCHAT TORAH	30 24 TISHREI		

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3 27 TISHREI LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	4 28 TISHREI	5 29 TISHREI	6 30 TISHREI	7 1 CHESHVAN	8 2 CHESHVAN E.S. 6:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON ZOOM C.L. 6:08 P.M.	9 3 CHESHVAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & ZOOM S.E. 7:05 P.M. "NOACH"
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10 4 CHESHVAN LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	11 5 CHESHVAN	12 6 CHESHVAN	13 7 CHESHVAN	14 8 CHESHVAN	15 9 CHESHVAN E.S. 6:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON ZOOM C.L. 5:57 P.M.	16 10 CHESHVAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & ZOOM S.E. 6:54 P.M. "LECH-LECHA"
17 11 CHESHVAN LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	18 12 CHESHVAN	19 13 CHESHVAN	20 14 CHESHVAN	21 15 CHESHVAN	22 16 CHESHVAN E.S. 6:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON ZOOM C.L. 5:47 P.M.	23 17 CHESHVAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & ZOOM S.E. 6:45 P.M. "VAYEIRA"
24 18 CHESHVAN LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.	25 19 CHESHVAN	26 20 CHESHVAN	27 21 CHESHVAN	28 22 CHESHVAN	29 23 CHESHVAN E.S. 6:30 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL & ON ZOOM C.L. 5:37 P.M.	30 24 CHESHVAN M.S. 9:00 A.M. SANC. & ZOOM S.E. 6:36 P.M. "CHAYEI SARAH"
31 25 CHESHVAN LEARN-IN 9:30 A.M.						

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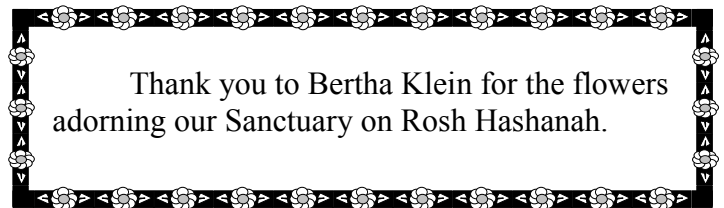
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Joel Zakoff, for various honors.

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Donations received after August 18th, as well as High Holiday donations, will be listed in the November/December bulletin.

COMMEMORATIVE FUND

Bertha Klein, with mazal tov wishes to Robin & Mark Hochberg and to Shari Hochberg on her marriage to Steven Metzger.
Ray & Ed Starer, with mazal tov wishes on the occasion of the marriage of Shari Hochberg to Steve Metzger.
Ruth Wolfson, in honor of the marriage of David Schwartz and Radhika Nagesh.



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Yahrzeit Fund

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Ira Hochman, in memory of mother Blanche Hochman.
Ira Hochman, in memory of father Samuel Hochman.
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Rachel Kacenenbogen, in memory of mother in law Luba Kacenenbogen.
Rachel Kacenenbogen, in memory of father in law Joel Kacenenbogen.
Ruth Kaplan, in memory of husband Simon Kaplan.
Ruth Kaplan, in memory of sister Paula Jarmowski.
Bertha Klein, in memory of mother Rose.
Bertha Klein, in memory of aunt Aliza Dvosea.
Pnina Lanxner, in memory of sister Chana.
Florence Legler, in memory of father Sam.
Ruth Loewenstein, in memory of mother Anny Loewenstein.

Yahrzeit Fund

Ruth Loewenstein, in memory of grandmother Marianne Loewenstein.
Ruth Loewenstein, in memory of grandfather Abraham Loewenstein.
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Jeanette Mildner, in memory of father Feivel.
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Ruthe Unger, in memory of husband Joseph Unger.
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Refuah Sheleimah

Rabbi Romiel & Noreen Daniel, for Lael Daniel's recovery.
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Susan Goldschmidt, for the recovery of Joe Farber.
Susan Goldschmidt, for the recovery of Pnina Lanxner.
Ruth Kaplan, for the recovery of Pnina Lanxner.
Ray & Ed Starer, for the recovery of Joyce Fefferman.

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