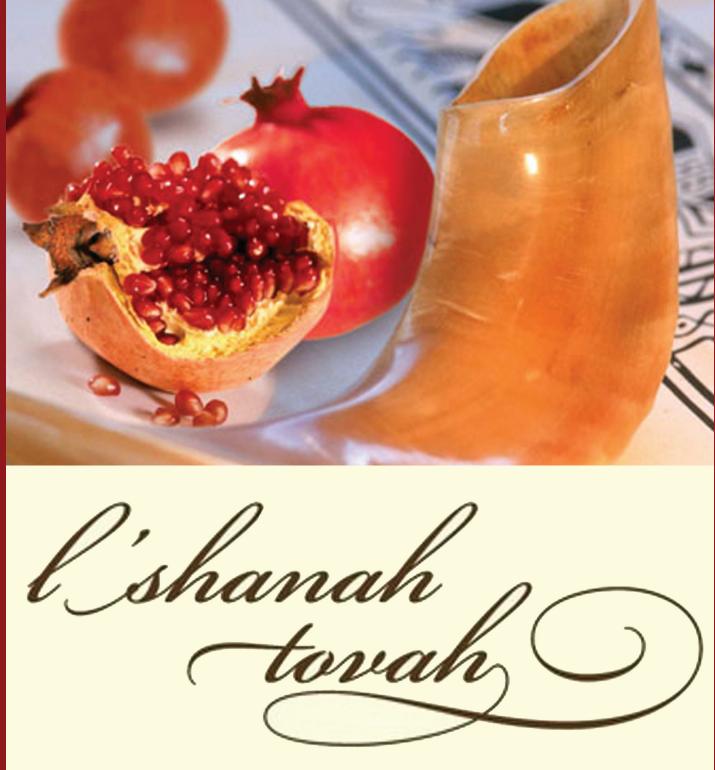


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CAI's Clergy, Board of Trustees and Staff wish each and every member a Happy New Year!



Keep this publication for reference throughout the High Holy Days. To help us better serve you, please adhere to deadlines for all reservations and orders.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Congregation Anshei Israel shall serve as a source of spiritual, educational, and social enrichment in order to encourage and ensure Judaic values in accordance with the Principles of Conservative Judaism.



High Holy Days Honors

Participation in High Holy Days Services is an important honor. At CAI, honors are distributed in a democratic fashion that makes it possible for every member family to have an honor approximately every four years.

Approximately 110 honors are available during the High Holy Days season which covers *Rosh Hashanah, Shabbat Shuvah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot* and *Shemini Atzeret.* The Honors Committee has begun calling members whose last names begin with the letter \mathbf{W} . We look forward to your participation. Please say "yes" when you are called. Instructions are available to those who have questions regarding their honor.

Shofar Blowers

If intereseted in learning how to blow the shofar for the High Holy Days (no experience necessary; novice or advanced welcome), please contact Jerry Barkan at 370-4421 or *gbarkan98@yahoo.com*

Volunteer Ushers Needed for High Holy Days

CAI's Ushering Committee is actively recruiting men and women to help usher for one hour during the High Holy Days. Training will be provided for this important *mitzvah*. If interested, please call Michelle Ollanik at 745-5550, ext. 225.

Guardians of the Ark

All college and high school students over the age of 13 are invited to perform the special honor of serving as a Guardian of the Ark during the *Ne'ilah* Service at the close of *Yom Kippur*. If you would like to volunteer, please call Rabbi Ruven Barkan at 745-5550, ext. 227.

Special Needs, Assisted-Hearing Devices and Large Print Mahzors

If you or any member of your family uses a walker, wheelchair, etc., and requires special seating, please let us know so that we may accommodate your needs. Limited quantities of assisted-hearing devices are available for use in the Sanctuary and Rabbi Breger Hall. A few copies of large print editions of the Mahzor are available. For further information, please call Debra Lytle at 745-5550, ext. 242.



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Vahrzeit Plaques

Yahrzeit plaques placed in the Congregation Anshei Israel Memorial Hall during the year 5776 will be dedicated on Shemini Atzeret, Monday, October 24.

To ensure their timely arrival for this year's dedication, orders for yahrzeit plaques

must be placed **NO LATER THAN AUG. 26**. *We will* make every effort to place your order; however, this is the manufacturer's deadline.

Please contact Michelle Ollanik at 745-5550, ext. 225 or *clergysecretary@caiaz.org*

Young Adult/College Outreach Program

During the High Holy Days, the absence of many of our young adults is readily apparent to the Synagogue and to you, the families whose children are away from home. All too often our college-age young adults feel cut off from the Synagogue which played such an important part in their younger years. We want to keep that Synagogue connection with your children. Please help us update our list of young adults who are in college or others who would enjoy hearing from us. We ask those who would like their children to receive both regular and e-mail

communications to complete and return the form below to: Congregation Anshei Israel, Young Adult/College Outreach Program, 5550 E. 5th St., Tucson, AZ 85711

Name(s)		
Address		
City		
ST	Zip	
E-mail		



High Holy Days Ticket and Seating Information

General Admission Tickets

ALL members in good standing will receive General Admission seating in Rabbi Breger Hall at no additional cost. Shomrei Torah members receive Reserved Seating in the Sanctuary at no additional cost.

If you have <u>not already completed and returned an</u> order form for High Holy Days tickets/seating, the form inserted to this publication **MUST** be completed and returned to the synagogue office **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1** so that we can mail tickets in a timely manner. Tickets *will not* be available at the door. Options for disability-related accommodations, as well as Youth Services are available on page 2 of the form.

Everyone ages 16+ — without exception* (see next column) — will be required to present a ticket with his/her full name imprinted on it and a matching photo ID to be admitted to the synagogue. Tickets and photo ID cards will be required for entry at all times during the High Holy Days. Should you have questions, please call Debra at 745-5550, ext. 242.

To receive tickets, your account with CAI must be current and a minimum of 25% of your 2016-17 membership commitment and MOMA paid. Being current means that all past charges must be paid or on a charge card payment plan. If you have questions or concerns about your account status, please call Susan Kirschner at 745-5550, ext. 223.

Members Request For Reciprocal Letter

If you will be out of town during the High Holy Days and a member in good standing, and would like to attend services at a synagogue in another city, complete the form below and return it to: CAI, ATTN: Debra Lytle, 5550 E. 5th St., Tucson, AZ 85711.

	Reciprocal Letter for me/us to y Days services in another city.
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SELECT <u>ONE</u> OPTI	ION BELOW
1) Fax #	ATTN:
2) I will pick up t	the letter at the CAI administrative office.
3) Please mail the	e letter to me at the address below.
Name(s)	
Traffic(3)	
Address	

*Complimentary Tickets

Free general admission tickets (non-reserved seating) are available for all High Holy Days services to: all unaffiliated Jews 20- to 39-years-old (must call in advance); all college students; and all military personnel. A school or military ID along with another picture ID, such as a valid driver's license, is required at the door.

AGAIN this year: On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, CAI will open its doors to the Tucson Jewish community as an opportunity to showcase the warmth and tradition that has been its hallmark for 86 years. We want others to experience what CAI members enjoy year-round and especially during the High Holy Days. Our membership will open its collective arms and welcome others into the oldest, Conservative synagogue in Tucson.

We want to make it easy for everyone to come pray, but for security reasons we ask that — in advance — you send us your name, address and email before the holidays. You will also need to provide ID at the door. For more information, call Debra at 745-5550, ext. 242.



Services will be held in the Sanctuary and in Rabbi Breger Hall. Reserved seats may be purchased. If you purchased seats last year (Shomrei Torah), you will receive the same seats this year. If you wish to change their location, call Debra at 745-5550, ext. 242.

In the Sanctuary (pews) • \$190 each (No charge for Shomrei Torah.)

In Rabbi Breger Hall (cushioned red chairs) adjoining Sanctuary • \$36 each

Admittance and Security

In the interest of the safety of all service attendees, TPD and personnel from a security company specifically hired for this purpose will check tickets and identification. These procedures allow us to provide a comfortable environment conducive to the High Holy Days spirit. To help alleviate delays at the door, we suggest that you arrive early for services with your ticket and photo ID in hand. <u>Please note:</u> ALL personal bags are subject to search; leave backpacks at home. We cannot be responsible for personal items left in your car.

Conduct and Dress to Enhance the High Holy Days Services

Please help us create a High Holy Days worship experience that inspires a deeper relationship with God for everyone in the synagogue.

- To preserve the holiness of the High Holy Days, please do not enter the Sanctuary: during the Rabbi's sermon; while the Ark is open; or during special prayers such as when the Hineni is being chanted.
- To enhance the beauty of the Kedusha and the Sh'moneh Esrai, we request NO movement during that time.
- To avoid distracting other worshippers, please do not walk around during services unless absolutely necessary.
- To show respect for the Torah, please rise whenever the Ark is opened.
- While we appreciate the closeness our congregational family feels towards one another, please do not congregate in the lobby or synagogue entry, and please keep greetings nonverbal and conversations at a minimum during services.
- Please help your children learn service behavior and keep them with you if they are not in Youth Services or babysitting.
- Please make sure that any children's activities brought into services are "Shabbat/Festival appropriate" (for example: No coloring, electronic games, etc.)
- To show respect for prayerbooks, please do not place them on the floor.

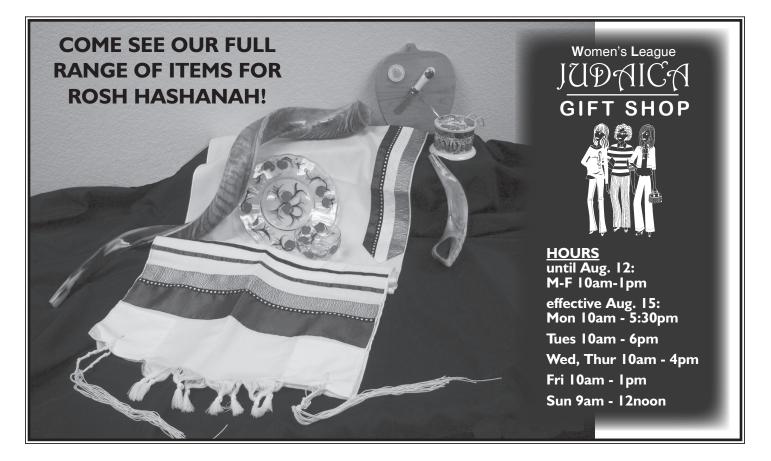
• Please park baby strollers against the back wall of Rabbi Breger Hall. The fire marshall does not allow them in the aisles.

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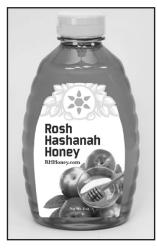
- We ask men to wear a head covering while attending services as a sign of respect for a holy place. Women called to the Bimah are also asked to wear a head covering.
- Out of consideration for those in our congregational family with allergies, please refrain from wearing strong scents.
- If a medical or other emergency arises, please advise an usher as quickly and quietly as possible, so we can help you.
- Please put all mobile devices on silent mode in respect for the worship service and the holiness of the High Holy Days.
- If you have reserved seats and find your seat occupied, please quietly bring this to the attention of an usher, and we will help you.
- Mini-skirts, shorts, tank tops, halters, spaghetti strap or braless tops/dresses, as well as flip-flops, are not proper synagogue attire.

NOTE:

KINDLY HELP US THANK OUR USHERS FOR THE IMPORTANT VOLUNTEER RESPONSIBILITY THEY HAVE UNDERTAKEN.



Wish your family and friends a Happy New Year with



CAI's United Synagogue Youth are selling 8-ounce gift jars of delicious golden certified pure kosher honey for \$12 each (that's \$3 below the retail price from the vendor!).

We want to be sure that you, your family and friends receive this delicious honey in time to sweeten the New Year!

Please complete and return the inserted form BY AUG. 22. We must adhere to this deadline in order

to assure delivery by Rosh Hashanah.



"Finding Our Way Into The New Year"

Please join us on Wednesdays, Sept. 7, 14 & 21 • 7:00-9:00pm

<u>September 7:</u> **Rabbi Robert Eisen** presents "The Testament of Abraham"

September 14: Rabbi Ruven Barkan presents "Teshuva and The 12 Steps"

<u>September 21:</u> Cantorial Soloist Nichole Chorny presents "Nusah: The Melody Which Gives Meaning"

\$18 for the 3-week series PLUS food or cash donation for the Community Food Bank (Kindly bring items to class.)

> Please RSVP by Sept. 2. Visit www.caiaz.org or call 745-5550.

~ Book of Remembrance ~ A Book of Readings & Memorial Prayers



For Jews, the act of remembrance is an important tradition. The High Holy Days are a time for reflection, a time when we remember with fondness the relatives and friends who had a significant role in shaping our lives. At CAI, we publish a Book of Remembrance to be used at all

Yizkor Services throughout the year.

The Book of Remembrance includes special readings, psalms and prayers, as well as listings of those being remembered, their relationship to, and the name(s) of those who are remembering them.

It is a beautiful way to recall your dearly departed at this most solemn time of the year.

There is no charge to submit names. We want to encourage everyone to memorialize their loved ones. The act of remembrance can take on an even deeper meaning when accompanied by a donation to the synagogue. If you wish to make a contribution, it will be a gift in the spirit of *tzedakah* and remembrance.

FIRM deadline: Sept. 7 Please use the inserted form.

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Please join us for the opening service to the High Holy Days



Selihot Program & Service Saturday,

September 24 beginning in Rabbi Breger Hall

8:00PM Wine, Cheese and Dessert Reception

8:45PM Havdallah Program

"Areshet S'fateinu ... May the Words of our Lips ... Translating Prayer into Song"

9:40PM Changing of the Torah Covers Honoring our Minyan

10:00PM Selihot Service

There is NO CHARGE to attend; however, reservations are requested by Sept. 19.

Please call Debra at 745-5550, ext. 242.

Kever Avot Memorial Service Sunday, September 25 • 10:30am Evergreen Cemetery, Anshei Israel Section

The Kever Avot Memorial Service, held annually by our congregation and almost every congregation throughout the country, is a time to come to the cemetery to pay our respects to our dearly departed. Even if your loved ones are not buried in CAI's Cemetery, you are encouraged to participate in the service and express your feelings of love and loss.

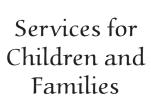
The service lasts no more than 30 minutes. A special booklet of prayers is used that provides spiritual connection with those who are no longer among the living.

A High Holy Days EXPERIENCE for 7th thru 12th Graders



with Jordan Hill First Day Rosh Hashanah, Monday, October 3 • 10:30am Second Day Rosh Hashanah, Tuesday, October 4 • 10:45am and Yom Kippur, Wednesday, October 12 • 10:30am

Through drama games and all sorts of wild and wonderful activities, this experiential "service" will allow participants to have a good time while taking the High Holy Days (and themselves) to a higher level.





First Day Rosh Hashanah • Monday, October 3 and Yom Kippur • Wednesday, October 12

• Young Children's Family Service For Preschool/Kindergarten children and their parents; held in Room 11, 10:45am - 12:00noon. With exciting activities, crafts and learning opportunities.

• Family Service

For 1st through 6th Graders and their parents; held in the **Cantor Falkow Lounge**, 10:30am -12:00noon.

An interactive service to explore themes of the holidays through prayer, stories and educational activities.

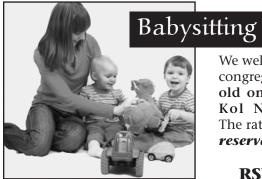
Second Day Rosh Hashanah • Tuesday, October 4

• All Family Program

For all children Preschool through 6th grades and their parents; held in the Cantor Falkow Lounge, 10:45am – 12 noon.

A unique High Holy Day experience in which families explore key concepts through creative activities, and then learn how to apply these lessons to everyday life.

Reservations are needed by Sept. 23 to attend these services. Please use the inserted form.



We welcome families with children of all ages, but to accommodate our youngest congregants, we also offer babysitting for children 18-months- through 5-yearsold on First and Second Days of Rosh Hashanah, 9:30am to 12:00noon; Kol Nidre, 5:00-8:00pm; and Yom Kippur, 9:30am to 1:00pm. The rate is \$10 per child, per day. Note: No child can be admitted without a reservation.

RSVP deadline: Sept. 23. Please use the inserted form.

Lulav & Etrog

Blessing the lulav and etrog on Sukkot is the Jewish way of thanking God for the blessings of the earth. By holding the four species together (the branch of a palm (*lulav*), three myrtle branches (hadas), two willows (aravot), and a bright yellow etrog) we symbolically "get our act together." When we point the lulav and etrog in six directions, we remind ourselves that God's presence can be found in every area of our lives. By shaking the lulav and etrog vigorously, we commit to being "movers and shakers" in the world this year, for good and for blessing. Add meaning to your Jewish life and create special memories for your family by shaking a lulav in your home! We offer fully assembled Lulav & Etrog Sets for \$54.



Order deadline: Sept. 20

Visit www.caiaz.org or call Michelle at 745-5550, ext. 225.

Tashlich at the Park Sunday, October 9 • 4:00pm at Reid Park, Ramada 7



We invite everyone to join us as we symbolically "cast away" our sins as the New Year begins. Traditionally, bread crumbs are cast upon a body of water as an act of self purification and to fulfill the words of the Prophet Micah (7:19): "And Thou wilt cast (vetashlich) all their sins into the depths of the sea."

Enjoy an educational program for learners of all ages to reflect upon the themes of the season. CAI will provide refreshments. Bring the whole family and participate in this meaningful experience at Reid Park.

(To find Ramada 7: Enter park via Lakeshore Dr. off 22nd St.; turn left into first parking lot; Ramada 7 is between playground and road.)

There is no charge to attend; however, reservations are needed by Oct. 5. Call Kim at 745-5550, ext. 224.



Every year, Congregation Anshei Israel participates in Tucson's annual High Holy Days Hunger Project benefiting the Community Food Bank.

Kindly drop off food donations September 15 - October 15 in the marked box in the administrative office foyer. Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated. The Food Bank can use the monies to purchase items at a greater discount. Cash or checks (made payable: *Community Food Bank*) may be mailed to, or dropped off at, the Synagogue.

In addition, CAI's United Synagogue Youth will be collecting donations of **FOOD ITEMS ONLY** from 4:15 to **5:15pm on Kol Nidre, Tuesday, October 11.** Please bring your food donations to the marked truck parked by the flag pole near the main entrance to the Synagogue.

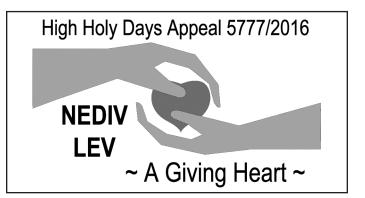
MOST-NEEDED ITEMS: Canned Fruit or Fruit Juice • Canned Vegetables Cereals, Pasta, Rice, Beans, Soups • Peanut Butter and Paper Goods

Project Isaiah was conceived and initiated by the Conservative Movement.

We introduced "Terumah" or "Elevated Giving" as last year's theme for the High Holy Days Appeal. For this year, we are staying with this core concept of contributions to the "Mishkan" (or for our purposes, our "House of Prayer, Learning and Gathering") and going a step further with "Nediv Lev" or "A Giving Heart." This teaches us about attitude when it comes to giving. Do we give with our heart or with our wallet?

The Rabbis explain that the Torah expects us to be generous in our heart. That is, developing the wanting to give and not just having to give. When we consider making a donation, we should try to arouse feelings in ourselves of caring and feeling for the person for, or cause to which, we are contributing. The great part about the High Holy Days Appeal is that it is a gift helping people and the wonderful cause of keeping the oldest Conservative shul in Tucson vibrant.

During the last two years, the Appeal produced more first-time contributors than in each previous



year; more participation from the Religious School and Preschool/Kindergarten students than ever before; and, the message of "giving" on no matter what level, has been a key factor in the broader participation of our congregants. We are excited to continue this important trend in 5777.

We and your fellow congregants working on the Appeal look forward to continuing this discussion as we get nearer to the High Holy Days.



If you wish to light Yom Tov candles before Kol Nidre Services, please go to the Synagogue's kitchen.



We will provide them for you.

Ne'ilah Traditions

Independent of our particular levels of observance, Yom Kippur has an appeal which draws us back to the Synagogue year after year after year. The need to pause and get in touch with the way we are living our lives is universal and eternal. And especially as the day begins to draw to an end ... as the Gates of Heaven begin to close ... our passion for finding atonement ("at-one-ment") can be overwhelming. We pray, even as the Gates are closing: Open for us the gates – at the hour of the closing of the gates. The day is nearly done. The sun is low; the day is growing late. O, let us come into Your gates at last.

Though there are many "first steps" which can enable us to cross the threshold into the New Year - many different ways in which we can find the Gates of Heaven open to our hopes and dreams and prayers — we will again be continuing our "new tradition" which has given so many of us new meaning to the day we know as Yom Kippur; new meaning to our hopes and dreams and prayers; new meaning to what life can still be.

For the entire repetition of Ne'ilah, as we stand before the open Aron Kodesh, symbolizing the Gates of Heaven which remain open to our heartfelt supplication, as our Hazzan lifts our prayer on the wings of his own, you will be invited (individually, or with your families) to come up to the bimah, approach the Aron Kodesh and stand before it to offer the prayers you feel deep in your heart. Some may feel a bit self-conscious, but if you allow yourself to open your heart, your soul, and your mind, you may find the intimacy of the moment (the intimacy which we can achieve between ourselves and God) to be the most meaningful moment of the entire High Holy Days season. Rabbi Robert J. Eisen

Yom Kippur: FAST Action

No Holiday from Justice



WHY SOCIAL ACTION ON YOM KIPPUR?

Every day, millions of Americans go hungry and are forced to skip meals because of circumstance. On Yom Kippur, we choose to skip meals and go hungry as part of our Jewish celebration, but we are blessed to have the choice.

Even if our hunger lasts only a day, it is enough to make us aware of the challenge hunger presents to those who experience it. This year, take your experience with hunger and turn it into a meaningful action.

ACTIVITIES FOR ADVOCATES

- Donate to MAZON in place of the meals you are skipping when you fast. You can also donate the amount it would cost to have an additional person at your break fast meal.
- Tell your friends and family about your donation and ask them to consider doing the same.
- College students: bring this activity to Hillel, your dorm or • campus dining facilities. Ask fellow students to donate to MAZON in honor of the meals they skipped.

FOR DISCUSSION

Engage in meaningful discussion about the issue of hunger: Why are millions of people still going hungry? What can we do to help?

MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger is a national nonprofit working to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the U.S. and Israel.

MAZON encourages you to take action to fight hunger throughout the year. No Holiday from Justice activities can help deepen your experience of the Jewish holidays.



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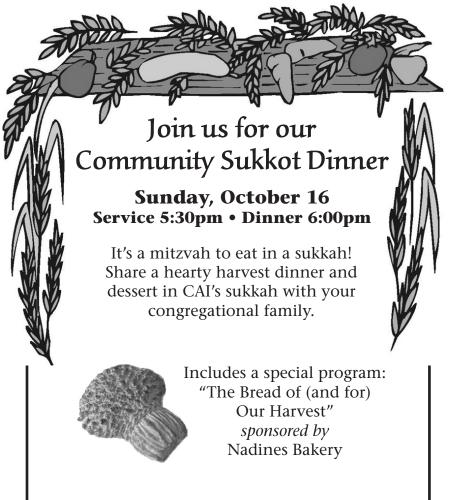
Yom Kippur Lunch for Children Ages 3 to 12 Wednesday, October 12 12:15pm



There is NO CHARGE; however, reservations are required by Sept. 30. Please use the inserted form.

Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast

Congregation Anshei Israel provides Break-the-Fast after the Yom Kippur evening service. Our USYers will be serving juice and challah just outside the exit doors on the west and north sides of the building. In the event of inclement weather, the Break-the-Fast will be served in the west hallway. This will reduce congestion at the Sanctuary doors for those who wish to leave the Synagogue immediately after the blowing of the shofar.



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Watch your mail for exciting details to follow...

Shemini Atzeret Monday, October 24 9:00am



On Shemini Atzeret, all yahrzeit plaques installed in Congregation Anshei Israel's Memorial Hall during the past year will be dedicated; Yizkor approximately 10:30am.

Please join us for this service and meaningful dedication.

See back page for information about our Simhat Torah Celebration



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SIMHAT TORAH

• Monday, October 24 Event chairs Felicia Cohen, Monica Rudner & Abigail Tolby invite you to...

Simhat Torah Dinner, 5:30pm, Sukkah Traditional Hakafot, 6:13pm, Sanctuary

Celebrate with Israeli singing and dancing, refreshments, and get a guided tour from Creation to Mt. Sinai as the Torah is completely unrolled to encircle all who attend!

• Tuesday, October 25 Simhat Torah Service & P/K Celebration,

9:00am, Epstein Chapel

At 9:30am, the Sifrey Torah are taken out of the Ark. The children parade behind, then go up on the Bimah and are blessed; followed by our children's program with stories, singing, seriously silly snacks and shenanigans!

Simhat Torah Lunch, following service

Watch your mail for exciting details to follow...