

# KOL MEVASSER



## President's Message

Dear Members and Friends,  
On Yom Kippur we come to a moment of personal accounting, a moment of recognition. How much have I lived up to my potential? How much more could I contribute to the world

through my life?

There are possibilities within our personal and collective lives, as Jews and as citizens of the world, which we must strive to recognize and realize. To fulfill the potential inherent in us, we must give back to the world entrusted to us by G-d. On Yom Kippur 5775 I hope we recognize the tremendous opportunities awaiting us to connect, to give, and to grow; to realize the amazing, G-d given potential in each of us.

There are so many ways to nurture ourselves and our world. We could study Torah. We could commit to doing Mitzvoth. We could open our eyes to the spiritual beauty of each human. We could take special care to see, really see, our families and friends.

This year, we could make a commitment to understand the warmth, the spirit and depth possible in each day, each moment, of our existence and seize these opportunities with awareness.

May it be a year in which we improve ourselves, our

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## Yom Kippur: Finding Our Way Back

Rabbi Daniel Bouskila, SEC

We enter the sacred day of Yom Kippur with two central themes on our minds and in our hearts: **Teshuva**

**(repentance) and Selicha (forgiveness).** The literal meaning of the term “teshuva” is “to return.” During this period, we seek to return towards God and towards our family and friends, seeking forgiveness (selicha) from them for any wrong behaviors we may have committed towards them.

What’s particularly interesting about *teshuva* and *selicha* is that as much as they may seem like “High Holiday themes,” they are actually part of our day-to-day lives, as reflected in our daily prayers. During the weekday *Amidah*, 3 times daily, we recite the following prayers:

**Return us (Hashivenu), our Father, to Your Torah, draw us near, our King, to Your service, and help us return to You in perfect repentance. Blessed are You, Lord, who desires our repentance (ha-rotseh b’Teshuva).**

**Forgive us (Selach Lanu), our Father, for we have sinned, pardon us, our King, for we have**

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## KJ Schedule Rosh Hashanah & Shabbat Shuvah

**Erev Yom Kippur  
Friday, October 3rd**

Selihot ..... 5:30 am  
Shaharit & Kapparot ..... 6:30 am  
Minha ..... 2:00 pm  
Children’s Room ... 6:00 to 10:00 pm  
Candle Lighting ..... 6:14 pm  
Fast Begins ..... 6:14 pm  
Kol Nidre ..... **6:30 pm**

**Yom Kippur / Shabbat  
Saturday, October 4th**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .... 7:30 am  
Children’s Room Morning Hours .....  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
Minha ..... 3:15 pm  
Children’s Room Evening Hours .....  
3:00 pm to 6:30 pm

**Neilah ..... 5:30 pm**  
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah 7:18 pm

**Weekdays**

**Sunday, October 5th**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .... 7:30 am  
KJ Kids Talmud Torah ..... 10:00 am

**Monday & Tuesday, October 6 & 7**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .... 6:30 am

**Erev Sukkot**

**Wednesday, October 8th**

Shaharit/Morning Prayer .... 6:30 am  
Eruv Tavshilin Before Candles  
Candle Lighting ..... 6:10 pm  
Minha/Arbit ..... 6:00 pm

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# Thank You

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speech and our actions; reaffirm our bonds with one another; experience abundant good health, prosperity and happiness; and most importantly, find a year of peace and redemption both in Israel and in the world.

Letizia and I wish you and your families an easy fast and a sweet New Year.

May you merit many good, pleasant years and be written in the book of life.

Tizkoo l'shanim rabot, neimot v'tovot

Gmar Hatima Tova

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## Kahal Joseph High Holy Days Tickets

**We want you to be a member!**

*Whatever you spend for High Holy Day tickets will be applied towards an annual membership in Kahal Joseph. Join our wonderful community! Call Sarah at 310.474.0559*

**For security reasons, every person entering the building, including infants, must have a ticket.**  
**No exceptions.**

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### Sukkot, First Day Thursday, October 9th

Shaharit/Morning Prayer..... 8:30 am  
Minha/Arbit ..... 6:30 am  
Candle Lighting..... after 7:12 pm  
Children's Room Closed for Sukkah

### Sukkot, Second Day & Erev Shabbat Friday, October 10th

Shaharit/Morning Prayer..... 8:30 am  
Minha/Arbit ..... 6:00 am  
Candle Lighting..... 6:07 pm  
Children's Room Closed for Sukkah

### Sukkoth & Shabbat Day Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

Shaharit/Morning Prayer ..... 8:30 am  
Minha, Seudah Shlisheet, Arvit..... 5:30 pm  
Motzei Shabbat / Havdallah ..... 7:09 pm

### Chol Hamoed Sukkot Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Shaharit..... 7:30 am  
Talmud Torah Sukkoth Break

## In Memoriam

We remember these yahrzeit anniversaries for October 4 to 11, 2014. It is customary to light a memorial candle, donate tzedaka, & attend services the preceding Shabbat.

**10 Tishri / Shabbat, October 4th**  
Esther Cohen

Flora Jacob Farha bat Dina  
Kelly Zelkha Khozouri ben Nazem

**12 Tishri / Monday, October 6th**  
Ian Carlos ben Mishelle

Edna Jonah Simha bat Ruth  
Ezekiel Ezra Judah Yehezkel Ezra ben Meir Yehudah  
Sassoon Lelah Sasson ben Aharon  
Moshe ben Yaacov Shalom

**14 Tishri / Wednesday, October 8th**  
Georgina Sara Moses Sarah bat Simcha  
Naji Shaaya Naji Shaaya

Regina Shaby Regina bat Haviva

**15 Tishri / Thursday, October 9th**  
David Sulman Aslan  
Raina Murad Aslan

**17 Tishri / Shabbat, October 11th**  
Salim Yoseph Meir Salim ben Yoseph Meir  
Ezekiel Moses Yehezkel ben Sassoon  
Salim Youssefmir Salim ben Amin

## Refuah Shlemah

Mordechai Cohen • Moselle Amron • Tilda Levy  
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## IMPORTANT CORRECTIONS

**Yom Kippur Fast Begins at 6:14 pm**

Kol Nidre Services Begin at 6:30 pm

Shaharit Services Begin at 7:30 am

These are Different from the Ticket Times

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*transgressed, for You are a pardoning and forgiving God. Blessed, are You, Lord, who is gracious and forgiving (hanun hamarbeh li-slo'ach).*

Since these themes are such an integral and constant part of our prayers, recited 15 times Monday-Thursday, twice on Friday, and once on Saturday night...totaling 18 times!), what suddenly makes them so special during the High Holiday period? What is about the High Holidays that would take concepts that are part of our daily lives and liturgy, and transform them into central "High Holiday themes"?

Our tradition teaches us that the 40-day period of the High Holidays – from Rosh Hodesh Elul to Yom Kippur – has a special history that makes this the choicest of seasons for repentance and forgiveness.

The Talmud records that after the Jewish people committed the awful sin of the Golden Calf, the result of which was the shattering of the tablets with the Ten Commandments, Moses ascended Mount Sinai for a second time. The purpose of this second ascent was Moses seeking forgiveness for the entire Jewish people. Moses was asking God to give the Jewish people a second chance – he was seeking *teshuva* and *selicha* for the Jewish people.

The date when Moses ascended Mount Sinai for the second time was Rosh Hodesh Elul, and Moses spent 40 days with God, praying that God should give the

people another chance. When God finally accepted Moses' prayers, a new set of stone tablets were carved out, and the Ten Commandments were inscribed on them anew. Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the new tablets of the law, on the 40<sup>th</sup> day, the date of which was the 10<sup>th</sup> of Tishrei –Yom Kippur. It is this sequence of historical events that endows this period with a special power of *teshuva* and *selicha*.

The powerful spirit of this sequence of events recurs metaphorically in our own lives on a regular basis. All year long, we tend to build our own "golden calf," often forgetting our bond with God and the Torah, and also violating ethical codes of conduct with our families and friends. Human nature is difficult, and we all succumb – in one way or the other – to that idolatrous "golden calf" within us.

When the month of Elul comes around, we begin to review our deeds and actions from the past year, asking God for "another chance," with the hope that by Yom Kippur, we will have come down Mount Sinai – like Moses did that day – with God's commandments renewed in our hearts. It is true that throughout the year we recite prayers of *teshuva* and *selicha*, but there is something special about this period where these are more than just prayers. We seek to make *teshuva* and *selicha* a plan of action, a renewed way of life – with God, and with our peers. Maimonides teaches: "*Even though teshuva is always applicable throughout the year, it especially powerful during the 10 days between Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur,*

*because these are days when we especially seek God.*"

The process of *teshuva* and *selicha* applies to our two central relationships – *Bein Adam La-Makom (Between Man and God)* and *Bein Adam L'Havero (Between Man and Fellow Man)*. Through prayer, fasting and blowing the Shofar, we draw closer to God, hoping that God will inscribe for us a "renewed set of tablets" for the coming year. By talking through problems and issues with our spouses, children, parents, siblings and friends, seeking to iron out any differences we may have, we seek to build deeper and more loving relationships with one another.

Throughout the year, life is a complicated journey, filled with surprising and complex twists and turns. We so often get lost, losing our proper sense of direction. On Rosh Hodesh Elul, we all climb a mountain, seeking direction anew. Yom Kippur is the final ascent down that mountain, when we hopefully march down with the renewed tablets and commit to simply "try our best once again."

On this Yom Kippur, may God grant us the blessing and privilege to "return to God and to one another," where we may be given yet another chance this coming year to build a better and more peaceful world -- for ourselves, for our families, for the Jewish people everywhere, and for all of humanity.

Tizku L'Shanim Rabot

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# CHILDREN'S ROOM SCHEDULE

## EREV YOM KIPPUR

*Friday, October 3, 2014*

6:00 PM Room Opens for Free Play  
8:00 PM to 8:45 PM **INCREDIBLE MAGIC SHOW**  
10:00 PM Room Closes

## DAY OF YOM KIPPUR

*Saturday, October 4, 2014*

10:00 AM Room Opens for Free Play & Snacks  
12:00 **NOON AMAZING DAVE**  
2:00 PM Room Closes for One Hour  
  
3:00 PM Room Opens for Free Play & Snacks  
5:00 PM **BUBBLEMANIA SHOW**  
6:30 PM Room Closes and Kids Go Down to Parents

*Thank You to Our Amazing Staff  
Lead by Noga Saig and Ilan Saig,  
assisted by Maribel Andrade, Pilar Gomez,  
Vicenta Herrera, Rafaella, Rosa and others.*

*Please assist and respect them by following our policies below.*

### Children's Room Policies

- 1) Eat all snacks only at designated tables and chairs
- 2) **Diapers should be changed only in bathrooms with changing stations**
- 3) Children 2 1/2 and younger must have an adult relative (over 18) in the playroom with them.
- 4) All children must have a wristband to enter the room.
- 5) An adult parent or relative must be in the Kahal Joseph building at all times (in the sanctuary or playroom).
- 6) Kitchen is for staff only. & Snacks are for children only.
- 7) Children must show courtesy during the shows by staying out of the stage area, keeping hands to themselves, remaining seated, and listening to staff.

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