



**Services**

Kabbalat Shabbat (See High Holiday Schedule below for 10/11 & 10/25 service dates)

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:45 PM – 6:15 PM **\*Zoom only\***

Morning Shabbat (See High Holiday Schedule below for 10/12 & 10/26 service dates)

Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM **\* In Person & Zoom\***

Tuesday Minyan

Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM **\*Zoom only\***

**October & November Events**

Adult Education with Rabbi Saks:

Men's Club Dinner & Game Night:

Sukkah Raising:

Ways & Means Event: Israeli Food in Sukkah

Sprouts:

Pizza in the Hut

Men's Club: Smoke & Drink Event

Adult Education with Rabbi Saks:

Sisterhood Event: Touring Touro Synagogue in Newport

Book Launch at TTY featuring Author & Teacher, Elissa Felder:

Casino Night

Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM

Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM

Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 AM

Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

**High Holidays – Schedule of Services – \*SEE ATTACHED FLYER\***

Selichot:

Erev Rosh Hashanah:

1<sup>st</sup> Day Rosh Hashanah:

\*Rosh Hashanah Children's Service

2<sup>nd</sup> Day Rosh Hashanah:

\*Tashlich by the Pond (immediately following the service)

Yom Kippur Kol Nidre:

Yom Kippur

\*Yom Kippur Children's Service

\*(Pre-K – 1 in the school wing) \*(Grs. 2 – 6 in the chapel)

Minhah (afternoon)/Ne'ilah Service

Havdalah w/Community Break-the-fast

Sukkah Raising

Pizza in the Hut

Shake Lulav w/Rabbi Saks in Sukkah

Simchat Torah Dinner

Simchat Torah Ma'ariv Service w/dancing & candy

Shemini Atzeret with Yizkor Service

Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM

Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM

Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 10:15 AM

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM

Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:15 AM

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 PM

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM

Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM

Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM

**All High Holiday services will be In Person w/Streaming except:**

**Selichot, which will be In Person only &**

**Shemini Atzeret will In Person w/Zoom**



## **This High Holiday Season I'm not focused on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur. Here's Why:**

Every year since I've been a pulpit rabbi I've taken space in the bulletin immediately prior to the High Holidays to highlight the meaning, significance, and

importance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Makes sense, right? Oddly it doesn't make sense to me this year. This year as opposed to all other years my mind is moving beyond the High Holidays to the end of the Jewish holiday season, the celebration of Shemini Atzeret, which last year took place on October 7th.

On October 7th 2023, the Jewish world changed forever. Never before have we seen such immediate outpouring of love and support for Jews from people around the world following the devastating attack by Hamas, and never before have we seen such loving statements in support of the Jewish people move so swiftly to hostile condemnations leveled against the Jewish people in what seems like the bat of an eyelid. The emotional whiplash would seem too incredible to believe if we hadn't lived it this year.

How do we mark the one-year anniversary of this painful moment in Jewish history on Shemini Atzeret, a day when we should be celebrating the conclusion of a meaningful High Holiday season? Ironically, the answer may be found in understanding the meaning of Shemini Atzeret because the emotional whiplash we've experienced this year is reminiscent of the schizophrenic identity of the closing holiday to the High Holiday season.

Shemini Atzeret (literally "Eighth Conclusion") is both the "conclusion" of the Sukkot holiday *and* a separate holiday in and of itself, which is why it occurs on the day after the 7-day Sukkot holiday concludes. This dual role for Shemini Atzeret - as the concluding day for Sukkot and as an entirely different holiday altogether - leads many rabbis (including yours truly!) to become flummoxed in trying to describe the meaning of Shemini Atzeret. That being said, there is a teaching from the *chasidic* tradition that has helped me thus far make some sense of Shemini Atzeret and its relationship to Sukkot:

*Imagine a king invites his whole kingdom to a prolonged feast celebrating the bounty of his kingdom. Then at the end of this prolonged feast he asks the ones from his inner court to stay back for just one more, smaller feast to give them particular thanks for all they've done to help him. But tears are shed as they must depart from one another. So too God (aka the king) invites the whole world to a prolonged feast (Sukkot) but then asks the Chosen Ones (aka the king's inner court) to stay back with God for one smaller feast (Shemini Atzeret) to give them particular thanks. But they are sad their time together is coming to an end. Together they cry (aka the prayer for rain) as they depart one another.*

I find this story moving because it beautifully captures the schizophrenic nature of the holiday - its role as the conclusion to Sukkot and its role as an independent holiday - as a metaphor for our relationship with God and God's relationship with us. All of humanity is joyful when we are dwelling with God (i.e. Sukkot) but as God's chosen people we are particularly sad when we leave God's presence (i.e. Shemini Atzeret). Likewise, God is joyful to celebrate the bounty of God's world with all humanity (i.e. Sukkot) but even more so to celebrate with God's chosen people (i.e. Shemini Atzeret). Ultimately the holiday teaches us how our emotional well-being is connected to being together with God, and like a long-goodbye among dear family or friends the final moments of being together taste bittersweet with joy and sadness all wrapped in one.

### **Oct. & Nov. Services/Events**

**Rosh Hashanah Ma'ariv (Evening) Service**

Wed. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 6:00pm

**1<sup>st</sup> Day Rosh Hashanah**

Thurs. Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>: 9:00am

**RH: Children's Service**

Thurs. Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>: 10:15am

**2<sup>nd</sup> Day Rosh Hashanah**

Fri. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>: 9:00am

**Tashlich by the Pond**

Fri. Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>: 12:30pm

**Adult Ed w/Rabbi Saks**

Sun. Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>: 9:00am

**Yom Kippur Kol Nidre**

Fri. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>: 6:00pm

**Yom Kippur**

Sat. Oct 12<sup>th</sup>: 9:00am

**YK: Children's Service**

Sat. Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>: 10:15am

**Minhah/Ne'ilah Service**

Sat. Oct 12<sup>th</sup>: 4:45pm

**Havdalah Community**

**Break-the-fast**

Sat. Oct 12<sup>th</sup>: 6:45pm

**Sukkah Raising**

Mon. Oct 14<sup>th</sup>: 10:00am

**Sprouts**

Sun. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

**Pizza in the Hut**

Sun. Oct 20<sup>th</sup>: 12:00pm

**Men's Club: Smoke &**

**Drink in the Sukkah**

Sun. Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>: 7:30pm

**Shake the Lulav w/Rabbi**

**Saks in the Sukkah**

Fri. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>: 5:00pm

**Simchat Torah Dinner**

Fri. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>: 5:30pm

**Ma'ariv Service w/dancing & candy**

Fri. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>: 6:30pm

**Shemini Atzeret Service w/Yizkor**

Sat. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am

**Adult Ed w/Rabbi Saks**

Sun. Oct 27<sup>th</sup>: 9:00am

**Sisterhood Event:**

**Touring Touro**

**Synagogue in Newport**

Sun. Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm

**Book Launch at TTY**

**featuring Author &**

**Teacher, Elissa Felder**

Sun. Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30am

**Casino Night**

Sat. Nov 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

I'll never forget the feeling of support we felt as a Jewish community after the terrible events of October 7th. Though it wasn't joyful, the warmth of consolation offered by non-Jewish friends and neighbors felt like the warm embrace of God's love. But as the days, weeks, and months passed since that terrible day, the warm embrace of others for our people began to fade. In order to feel the consoling warmth of God's presence we had to rely upon each other within the Jewish community. It was only us and God. But even that embrace among our people has faded as the pain of terror transformed into the struggle of war. Will we rediscover that embrace with the people of the world? Will we recover our connection to one another as a Jewish people? Those are the questions that fill my mind today and I pray that by this year's Shemini Atzeret we will collectively find answers to those questions that give us some peace of mind.

All the best,

Rabbi Ari Yehuda Saks



## President's Message

The High Holidays are a time of reflection and new beginnings. Looking back over the past year as President of the Board of Trustees, it's gratifying to think about the challenges we faced and overcame. Just over one year ago last September, I was interviewing a new Religious School director and a new part-time rabbi. Today, we have a thriving, engaged community of both students and parents in our school. We have a rabbi who is learned and wise and is respected by our members across all age groups. While some temples in Rhode

Island and across the country are losing members, we have maintained a relatively constant number of members. While we would all like to see more people joining our community, we should be proud of where we are today.

As the new year approaches, I'm focused on the challenges and opportunities ahead. Membership growth is high on my list of priorities. Retiring our mortgage is another. Continuing to strengthen a sense of community is my third priority. I'm particularly excited about the addition of new members to the board. With their help and energy, and the continued work of the entire board and members at large, I am looking forward to another successful year for TTY.

May your new year be a joy and a success, whatever your priorities.

L'shanah tovah,

Michael



## Torat Yisrael's Cohen School

We've had such a wonderful start to the school year so far! Read on to see highlights for your child's class.

**K/1:** Has begun learning about creation and took a tour of Judaism as a whole by finding Mezuzot's on the doors here at the Temple! We have also begun to recognize the first few words of every blessing and learned the letter "Alef."

**2:** Reviewed Hebrew letters & learning body parts in Hebrew. Designed our own shofar for Rosh Hashanah and learned about Torah portion of the week and drew a scene from that portion.

**3/4:** Have been reviewing Hebrew letters by using balloons and are working on booklet of rituals and prayers. Focusing on the prayer "Barchu" and thinking about a class mitzvah tree.

**5:** Going over different facets of Judaism and did a review of Hebrew learned last year.

**6/7:** Getting to know each other using Hebrew phrases. Have also begun learning the differences between oral and written Hebrew.

**Sunday Hebrew Cohort:** Sunday Hebrew Cohort will run every Sunday there is school from 12:15-12:45pm. If for some reason, the class needs to be cancelled, you will be notified via email.

**Mid-Week Hebrew Cohort:** Mid-week Hebrew cohort is on Thursdays at 5pm. Please email Hillary if you need the link

If you have further questions, please don't hesitate to ask. I am available via phone or email.

B'kavod,

Hillary



## Message from Yad Chessed

As we approach the New Year, Yad Chessed hopes to continue to support all of you.

The committee will hold its first meeting on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM at the temple. Anyone interested in serving on the Yad Chessed Committee is

welcome to join us at that time. If any of you have some ideas of how the committee can better serve the needs of the temple community, please communicate that to me or to the temple office.

L'Shana Tova!

Sue Sidel, Chairman  
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## Sisterhood

Sisterhood had a wonderful boat ride and tour of The Providence River on September 8<sup>th</sup>. It was narrated by a RISD graduate of architectural design, who was pleasant and knowledgeable. The weather was beautiful, and the private tour was fascinating.

On Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>, we welcomed back our members with a late breakfast, an introduction of our board members, a preview of our monthly events and a brief game to get to know each other a little better. Shout out to Susan for the delicious kugel! Of course, we were missing some of our sisters and hope to see them at the next event.

We are planning on touring Touro Synagogue in Newport on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. This event is open to the entire Torat community and is ONLY \$10.00 a person with children 12 and under free. Keep an eye out for a flyer coming soon and please save the date! If you have never been, this is the time to go. Touro is the first of its kind in America!!!

We are looking forward to having more of you join Sisterhood, so please send your check in to the Temple!!

Sisterhood wishes all of you a healthy, happy, sweet New Year!! May 5785 bring you only joy and may there be peace in Israel and the World!!

Leah Ross-Coke and Marion Woolf, Co-Presidents

## Message from Temple Office

If you would like your monthly bulletin, yahrzeit notices and/or thank you notes by email only, please notify the Temple office by either calling 401-885-6600 or email [Temple@toratyisrael.org](mailto:Temple@toratyisrael.org).

## Cemetery Plots Available for Sale

Torat Yisrael has 2 sets of two cemetery plots available for sale at Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Warwick, Rhode Island. If you are interested in purchasing either or both sets of these plots, please contact Barry Golden ([goldenbarry@gmail.com](mailto:goldenbarry@gmail.com)) for more information on section and plot location as well as pricing.

## Frederic G. & Lawrence G. Cohen Educational Scholarship Eligibility & Criteria

Torat Yisrael provides financial assistance for post-secondary education to members of Temple Torat Yisrael (TTY) in the form of a grant. Prior to applying for this, parents must be a current member in good standing for at least 5 years with TTY and also a current member in good standing for at least 5 years with TTY's Men's Club and/or Sisterhood. The applicant will also be expected to write a 2-page criteria statement of their commitment to Judaism as well as submit 3 reference letters and a financial award letter from the college they are attending showing total cost of enrollment. Applications will be judged and chosen with several factors being taken into consideration. Application with more details and deadline dates will be available in the Spring of 2025.

## **Temple Office Closed**

Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup> day of Rosh Hashanah

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> for 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup> for 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sukkot

Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> for 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Sukkot

Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup> for Shemini Atzeret

Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> for Simchat Torah

## **In Our Torat Yisrael Family**



### **Mazal Tov to everyone celebrating a Birthday in October!**

Frank Antin, Lewis Antin, Hayley Pezza (16 years old), Eli Weisbord (21 years old), Alan Kaplan, Samantha Miriam Carboni (20 years old), Leah Ross-Coke, Julia Erickson (20 years old), William Erickson (20 years old), Coby Alden Weisbord (14 years old), Ellie Handford (4 years old), Dr. Elinore McCance-Katz, Jake Evans (20 years old), Max Silverman (19 years old), Steven Shapiro (Four Score), Judith Silverman, Barbara Zenofsky, Dylan Rush (11 years old), Mark Schwager, Jacob Rush (14 years old) and Marcia Slobin.

### **Mazel Tov to everyone celebrating an Anniversary in October!**

Mr. Alan Silverman & Mrs. Bonnie Epstein-Silverman (26 years), Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Picchione (21 years), Mr. & Mrs. Zinovy Goikhman (52 years) & Mr. & Mrs. Gary Siperstein.

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