



October 2025 Tishrei/Cheshvan 5786

High Holidays – Schedule of Services

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 ***see attached flyer***

Sukkah Raising

*Shabbat Service ***see attached flyer***

Free Light Dinner in the Hut (Reservations Required)

*Free Simchat Torah Dinner (Reservations Required)

followed by Service led by Rabbi Saks and

Celebration with Dancing & Candy ***see attached flyer***

*Shabbat Service with Yizkor

Wednesday, October 1st at 6:15 PM

Thursday, October 2nd beginning at 9:00 AM

Thursday, October 2nd beginning at 10:15 AM

Thursday, October 2nd at 5:00 PM

Thursday, October 2nd at 7:06 PM

Sunday, October 5th at 9:00 AM

Friday, October 10th from 5:45 PM – 6:15 PM

Friday, October 10th at 6:15 PM

Friday, October 17th at 5:30 PM

Saturday, October 18th at 9:30 AM

All High Holiday services will be In Person w/Streaming except those marked with an *

Services

Kabbalat Shabbat (See High Holiday Schedule above for 10/10 & 10/17 service dates)

Friday, October 3rd, 24th & 31st from 5:45 PM – 6:15 PM ***Zoom only***

Morning Shabbat

Saturday, October 4th, 11th & 25th at 9:30 AM ***In Person & Zoom***

Morning Shabbat with Yizkor led by Rabbi Saks

Saturday, October 18th at 9:30 AM ***In Person & Zoom***

Tuesday Minyan

Tuesday, October 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th at 5:30 PM ***Zoom only***

October/November Events

Sisterhood Apple Picking:

Sunday, October 5th at 11:00 AM

see attached flyer

Torah Study Session with Rabbi Saks

Saturday, October 18th at 10:30 AM

see attached flyer

Adult Education with Rabbi Saks:

Sunday, October 19th at 9:00 AM

see attached flyer

Sprouts:

Sunday, October 19th at 9:30 AM

see attached flyer

Movie Night at the Temple

Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:00 PM

see attached flyer

Jewish 101 with Rabbi Saks (4 sessions) via Zoom only

Begins Monday, October 27th at 7:00 PM

see attached flyer

Sisterhood Craft Fair

Sunday, November 2nd at 12:00 PM

see attached flyer



Join me on a Journey of Jewish learning this Fall!

One of the most exciting roles I get to play as a rabbi is that of a teacher. I love explaining, discussing, and dissecting topics that help make Judaism more relevant and meaningful to my students. There is no greater feeling than seeing the moment your students get what you're saying - the proverbial "light bulbs" flashing above their heads - and you know that what you said was understood. On a deeper level, the experience of learning binds us together - teachers and students - to create a foundation for a community of learners who believe that

learning Jewish wisdom together makes us feel like we are part of something greater than ourselves.

Belief in the transformative power of communal learning is why this Fall (starting Monday, October 27th) I am pleased to offer for the Torat Yisrael community a 4-session online course entitled **Judaism 101: The Fundamental Ideas that Makes Judaism...Jewish!!**

Choosing where to start an individual or communal journey of Jewish learning can be a little overwhelming, because every Jewish text is layered by 4000 years of Jewish history in which ideas have been explained, discussed, and dissected over and over again. For every verse or chapter of Torah there are bookshelves of commentaries which, according to some opinions, are required reading. To put it another way, we're not really the "People of the Book" -- we're more like the "People of the Library!!"

If anything, the anxiety of deciding where to start a journey of Jewish learning teaches us that no matter what material we cover together, there is always more to learn. Still, we need to start *somewhere*, which is why I find relevant the following quote from the great 20th century Talmudic scholar, Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz:

"If you want to advance an educational method in which learners naturally acquire deep, foundational values they won't forget or lose over the course of time - you will need to work at the beginning on ideas that are precise and true."

One place to start a journey of learning is with big, critical ideas that are relevant in every Jewish generation: **God, Torah, and Israel**. How Jews understand "God, Torah, and Israel" is different in every generation, and yet there is a link that binds those different interpretations together like the sprawling root system of a tree that transmits nourishment to its fellow trees to create a beautiful and healthy "Garden of Jewish Learning." By beginning to understand the interconnectivity of "God, Torah, and Israel" in Judaism, we will reveal the foundation of what makes Judaism, well...Jewish!!

I look forward to teaching and learning with you from the library of Jewish wisdom this Fall!

With many blessings,

Rabbi Ari Y. Saks



President's Message

For those of you who attend Saturday morning services, you know I do not enjoy speaking in front of the congregation. I sometimes find it anxiety-provoking just to give simple announcements to a handful of friendly faces on Saturday mornings, let alone speak to the entire congregation and ask for donations during the High Holidays. I think it's become a joke for Rabbi Saks, someone who is an exceptionally effective public speaker and teacher.

This year's High Holiday appeal was no exception, but I know how important these funds are, and I feel a deep connection to our congregation. So, in case you missed my words at this year's Kol Nidre service, or if a reminder could prompt you to contribute more to this year's appeal, I'll share them here.

I [was] reminded that families have been able to observe the high holidays in this beautiful building for more than 12 years now. As a congregation known as Temple Torat Yisrael, that tradition goes back another 77 years to 1948, with roots that go back even further to 1921 - over 100 years. That's an impressive history of service to the Rhode Island's Jewish community and it's an impressive achievement. We know there are many congregations that have not been able to sustain themselves.

We have been sustained and able to reach this season because of your commitment and the commitment of so many families and individuals that came before. We have an exceptional, learned, caring rabbi to lead us in prayer and Jewish

learning. We have a religious school staff that we can all be proud of to help educate our children. We provide social functions for our members and their guests, and we support the larger community with food and clothing collections, blood drives, and the use of some of our facilities throughout the year. And, we have a dedicated office and grounds staff that keep things running smoothly.

The funds we raise through our annual High Holiday appeal are foundational for all we do, from holding services to education to maintaining and upgrading our facilities. I'm going to suggest that every family contribute \$720 or more, in accordance with your financial capabilities. Thinking of the commercials for various organizations you might see on television- "that's less than the price of a cup of coffee each day for the year." But no matter the amount, every dollar will allow us to continue to enhance our synagogue, fund our educational, social and youth programming, and ensure our long-term sustainability so we can continue to be the focal point for Jewish life here in East Greenwich.

On behalf of myself and the board of trustees, I wish you and your family a year of health, prosperity and fulfillment.

G'mar chatima tova,

Michael



Capital Campaign

Our Capital Campaign goal is to raise \$1,000,000 to reduce our mortgage and to build a new Aron Kodesh for our sanctuary. We know that we have a tall challenge to reach that goal. With the support of our congregants and the hard work of the Capital Campaign Committee members our goal is obtainable. To eliminate TTY's structural deficit, we need to reduce the mortgage on the building. The reduced interest expense and principal payments will eliminate our deficit and reduce our cash flow requirements.

Your support to place the Temple in a strong financial condition is priceless. Your commitment is critical to the continued long-term success of Torat Yisrael. By donating to the Campaign, you will leave a legacy for our Synagogue to be a continued beacon to the Jewish community for generations to come. Be as generous as you can to place Torat Yisrael on a strong financial footing for now and for the future.

Besides donating to the Capital Campaign by check, direct transfers to the Temple from one's retirement account may satisfy the donor's required annual minimum distribution. Donations of marketable securities allow the donor to receive a tax deduction at the current fair market value of the donated securities without having to recognize any income tax gain between the original cost of the securities and its fair market value on the date of transfer. Donors of appreciated securities may receive a charitable deduction on their individual income tax return if the amount of their donations exceed the minimum deductible threshold set by the IRS. Even if one is not able to take advantage of a charitable deduction, any gain on the direct transfer to the Temple of marketable securities having a current market value more than their original cost is not recognized by the donor.

Our goal is attainable with your support. Members of the Capital Campaign are again reaching out to all the congregants. Please answer their calls, meet with them and hear our need. We need everyone's support to reach our goal. Together we are stronger.

If not us, who? Thanks for your support.

Andrew G. Sholes



Torat Yisrael's Cohen School

It was so wonderful to see you all on Sunday, Sept. 7th, our first day of our 2025-2026 school year! Thank you for joining me at our parent meeting and signing up for our various events. This will be our first newsletter of the school year. Going forward, you will receive a newsletter from me every other week.

What we are learning:

Grs. K-2: Students explored their own Jewish identity and started to learn the beginning of all blessings. They also began to refresh/learn the Hebrew alphabet.

Gr. 3/4: Students practiced their Hebrew through decoding and prayer, then learned about different mitzvot. They are also learning about the creation of Israel.

Gr. 5: Students shared their summer highlights, made nametags, and created expectations for their classroom and began to set goals for the new year.

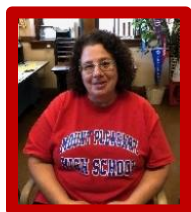
Grs. 6th/7th: Students practiced their conversational Hebrew and set goals for the year.

Hope you will stay for our first Parent Café happening during drop off on Sunday, October 5th from 8:45AM – 9:45AM.

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

B'kavod,

Hillary



Sisterhood

Shanah Tovah to all of our Sisters and their families. We wish all of you a healthy, happy and satisfying year!

We welcomed back everyone on September 14th, with a delicious brunch; thanks to all that helped cook and set up. We are going apple picking on Sunday, October 5th at 11:00 AM and offering a chance to have breakfast ahead of time. (look for flyer with details). Join us for part or all of the morning.

Our year is off to a wonderful start with some new members and activities. Please advertise our upcoming craft fair on November 2nd, tell all your friends and advertise on your own social media. It should be a great fundraiser, and wonderful homemade items are available for purchase. Remember to send in your dues and come to an activity when you can. There is energy in our group, and we love to shmooze!

Please contact us if you have any questions at TTYSisterhood@gmail.com

Leah Ross-Coke and Marion Woolf, Co-Presidents



Message from Yad Chessed

As we begin the New Year, Yad Chessed is looking for additional ideas of how to better serve the Torat Yisrael Community. The committee members make sick visits to members if requested. We can also schedule wellness visits if desired. Yad Chessed offers rides to any Temple Torat Yisrael members for services, the

Rabbi's Study Sessions and social events when requested.

The committee will sponsor our annual Clothing Drive in November to benefit needy individuals at Mt. Pleasant High School and The Church of Transfiguration. There will be another Blood Drive in the Spring. Marcia Slobin continues to send greeting cards to members for life events.

It seems like we could handle another project early in 2026. Any ideas?

The committee's first meeting will be at the Temple on Sunday morning, Oct. 26th at 10:00 AM. If you're interested in serving on this committee, please attend the meeting or reach out to me. Looking forward to another good year.

Susan H. Sidel

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Temple Office Closed

Thursday, October 2nd for Yom Kippur

Tuesday, October 7th for 1st day of Sukkot

Wednesday, October 8th for 2nd day of Sukkot

Tuesday, October 14th for Shemini Atzeret

Wednesday, October 15th for Simchat Torah

In Our Torat Yisrael Family



Mazel Tov to everyone celebrating a Birthday in October!

Frank Antin, Lewis Antin, Hayley Pezza (17 years old), Alan Kaplan, Samantha Miriam Carboni (21 years old), Leah Ross-Coke, Coby Alden Weisbord (15 years old), Ellie Handford (5 years old), Dr. Elinore McCance-Katz, Max Silverman (20 years old), Steven Shapiro, Judith Silverman, Barbara Zenofsky, Dylan Rush (12 years old), Mark Schwager, Jacob Rush (15 years old) and Marcia Slobin.

Mazel Tov to everyone celebrating an Anniversary in October!

Mr. Alan Silverman & Mrs. Bonnie Epstein-Silverman (27 years), Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Picchione (22 years) & Mr. & Mrs. Zinovy Goikhman (53 years).

Our Torat Yisrael Community Acknowledges with Thanks the following Generous September 2025 Donations:

Thank you to the following for their generous Break-the-fast donations:

Ruth Ross

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