

TTY News / Hadashot

October 2026 – Tishrei/Cheshvan 5787

SERVICES

Kabbalat Shabbat Service Friday, October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th at 5:45PM *via ZOOM only*

Shmini Atzeret Service with Yizkor Saturday, October 3rd at 9:30AM *In Person & via ZOOM*

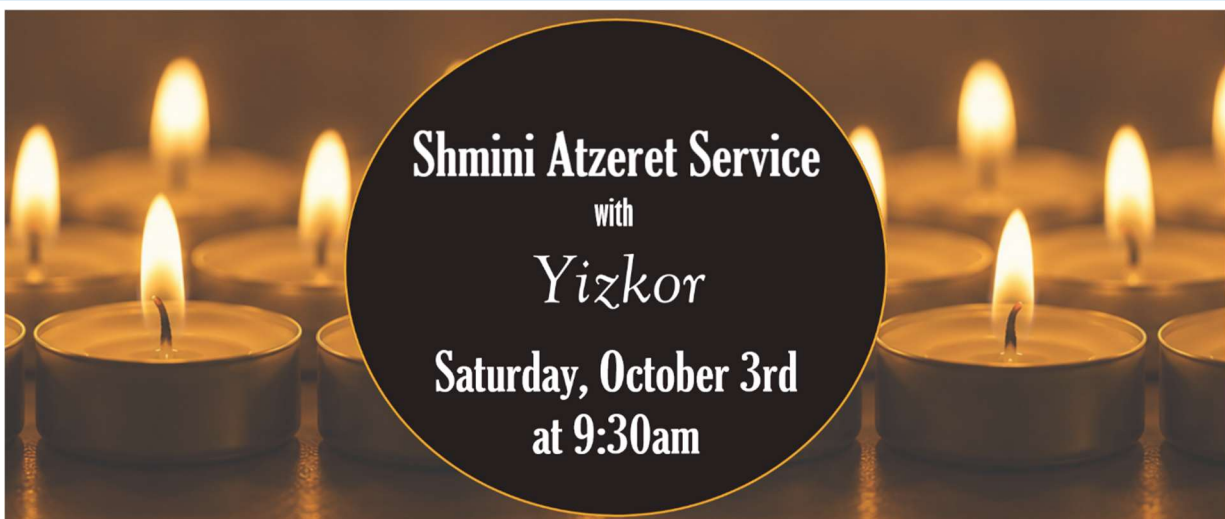
Shabbat Service Saturday, October 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st at 9:30AM *In Person & via ZOOM*

Youth Shabbat followed by potluck Dinner Friday, October 16th at 5:30PM *In Person only*

Tuesday Minyan Tuesday, October 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th at 5:30PM *ZOOM only*

EVENTS

Drop in and Play Mahjong	Tuesday, Oct. 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th at 11:00am Sunday, Oct. 18th at 10:00am	See Attached Flyer
Youth Shabbat followed by potluck Dinner	Friday, Oct. 16th at 5:30pm	See Attached Flyer
Torah Study Session with Rabbi Saks	Saturday, Oct. 17th at 10:30am	Information to follow
1st Day of Cohen Religious School	Sunday, Oct 18th at 9:00am	
Parent Café	Sunday, Oct. 18th at 9:15am	
Sprouts	Sunday, Oct. 18th at 9:30am	
Hebrew Bootcamp	Sunday, Oct. 18th & 25th at 12:00pm	
Sisterhood Boat Tour	Sunday, Oct. 18th at 1:00pm	See Attached Flyer
Day of Learning with Rabbi Saks	Tuesday, Oct. 20th – starting at 4pm	See Attached Flyer
Game Day	Sunday, Oct. 25th at 11:00am	See Attached Flyer





From the Rabbi's Desk

October, Sports, and Jewish Identity

As the crispness of autumn settles in and we turn the calendar to October, I find myself reflecting on the rhythms of American life—the subtle choreography of leaves changing color, a new school year in full swing, and, for millions, the fevered excitement of the sports season. Basketball and hockey tip off, WNBA playoffs capture our attention, football season is shifting into high gear, MLS soccer races to the postseason, and the hopeful magic of baseball's October playoffs sets hearts beating. For fans, this is a slice of heaven on earth, each moment brimming with shared community and possibility.

Sports have long held a personal place in my life. My earliest memories involve passing stories of great games and legendary athletes from generation to generation, much as I received the stories and traditions of our Jewish faith. It is no exaggeration to say that sitting beside a loved one and cheering for your team can feel every bit as “Jewish” as lighting a Shabbat candle or dipping an apple in honey—each a ritual to transmit identity and belonging.

Sports serve not just as a pastime, but as a profound point of connection and a space where identity is explored and forged together. Being part of a “team” resonates deeply both as sports fans and as Jews. As a small nation, the people of Israel have, in each generation, felt compelled to assert our value and cherish the bonds that tie us to one another. Our successes and setbacks, both personal and communal, echo the emotional rollercoaster of the devoted sports fan: seasons of defeat followed by improbable victory, fleeting frustration but also euphoria, loyalty that endures the test of time.

Team loyalty compels us to wear our squad's colors through good years and bad; covenantal loyalty binds us to the Jewish people and the Jewish tradition. At times, these loyalties can place us at odds with those around us, and yet, they offer a sense of being part of something far larger than ourselves.

Sports have played a dual role in Jewish American history: as a source of joyful integration and, at times, difficult exclusion. Sports were one of the arenas in which Jewish immigrants and their children found their footing in America. In earlier decades, Jewish communities—often confined to their own enclaves—found in baseball and other games an invitation into the broader American tapestry. I think of figures like “Lip” Emanuel Pike, the first Jewish baseball star - leading the league with 6 home runs in one season - whose presence on the diamond in the 1860s demonstrated the opportunity for Jews to be included in America's past time. Still, many early Jewish ballplayers changed their last names because of antisemitic discrimination. For instance, Phil Cooney (P) of the Yankees, Harry Kane (P) of the Tigers, Edward Correy (P) of the White Sox, Sammy Bohn of the Reds, and Reuben Ewing of the Cardinals all had the last name Cohen to stop the ethnic slurs they faced playing baseball.

Our sages noted the tension between engaging in sports and living as a Jew. The Talmud classically warns that anything drawing us away from learning Torah should be weighed carefully. In ancient Rome, Jews would sometimes enter the Coliseum not for entertainment, but to ensure the well-being and safety of other Jews. Even now, we sometimes confront the worry that our modern passions—sports among them—could distract us from more sacred pursuits. Yet, sports also offer joy, relaxation, and opportunities for growth, reinforcing the importance not of rejecting them but of recognizing their place within a balanced Jewish life.

Perhaps the most resonant message, as I sit with these ideas, is that all these experiences—sporting triumphs, communal celebrations, private study—are fleeting moments. Our teams may win or lose, just as our work or study may yield satisfaction or disappointment, but none alone can offer ultimate meaning. The wisdom of Sukkot, recently explored together, teaches that it is not in the permanent or perfect that meaning is found, but in recognizing the impermanence of all things, and the joy found in the present moment.

The real value of sports, then, may be in what happens off the field: the excitement we share with a friend, the tradition passed from grandparent to child, the brief but beautiful possibility of collective exultation or disappointment, uniting us across generations. Much like gathering for a Shabbat meal or celebrating a holiday together as a community, rooting for a team creates a sense of belonging, continuity, and shared memory. It is this intergenerational connection—so similar to the bonds we create in shul—that remains close to my heart and makes this season of the year so special, both as a sports fan and as a Jew.

So, as we settle into the month of October and its cornucopia of sport escapades, I invite you to consider what your passions, sports or otherwise, teach you about belonging and resilience. Let's bring these questions to our next gathering: how do we integrate all the pieces of who we are to strengthen community and deepen understanding, both with one another and with the world?

May this season of connection and joy—on and off the field—remind us of how blessed we are to share traditions old and new, together.

With blessings,

Rabbi Ari Y. Saks



President's Message

With so many recent stories about Jewish hate incidents, I saw a bit more concern about security during our High Holiday services this year. I am happy to report that we again experienced no issues. We had police security for each service and several members, most notably Michael Field and Marcia Slobin, ensured that attendees had tickets. Thank you to Michael and Marcia for volunteering to help keep our temple secure.

At the services, you should have received a copy of the planned events throughout the year. I think you will find it very useful. If you did not receive a copy, please stop by the temple and pick one up from the table outside the office.

As I mentioned during the first day of Rosh Hashanah, this year's service was all the more enjoyable because of the initiative of a few members to form a choir. You are invited to bring any and all ideas for making the services more meaningful for you to Susan Smoller or any member of the Religious Committee. As an example suggested by David Wasser, if you would like to have a role in a service, e.g., chanting a specific prayer, let me or Susan know and they will be sure to include you. I hope 5787 is joyous year for you all.

L'Shalom,
Michael



Sisterhood

We hope you all had a meaningful high holiday season and wish everyone a healthy and happy New Year! With all of the holidays, we did not have any events in September. Reminder, please pay your dues as soon as possible. Send checks to the temple office attention to Sisterhood.

We are getting excited about our scheduled boat trip to tour Narragansett Bay 10/18 and learn about all of the lighthouses. Please see the flyer for the details and send in your payment and commitment as soon as possible. We do have a deadline of 10/2/26. This event is open to family and friends that are not members of Sisterhood. Get a group together and make a beautiful afternoon of exploring our beautiful coastline from the ocean point of view. Looking forward to seeing all of you soon.

Marion and Leah



Ways & Means

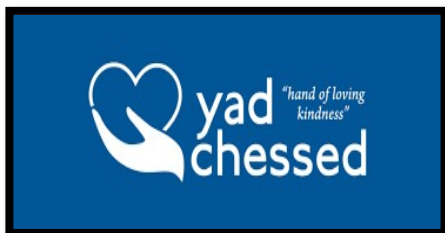
Calling All Mahjong and Canasta Players!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 25, for our upcoming Game Day! Doors open at 10:30 AM, with games beginning at 11:00 AM and continuing until 4:00 PM. Enjoy an afternoon of friendly competition, a delicious lunch, and plenty of laughter!

Can't decide between Mahjong and Canasta? Why choose? Play Mahjong for half the day and switch to Canasta for the other half! It's your day to play your way!

The cost is \$36 per person, including lunch. Please RSVP by October 15. Gather your friends, bring your tiles or cards, and join us for a wonderful day of games, food, and friendship!

Elaine Shapiro
Vice President, Ways & Means



Message from Yad Chessed

Hello Everyone!

Now that it's Fall Cleaning time, please remember the temple's Winter Clothing Drive for both adults and children, which will continue through October and November.

The Yad Chessed Committee will hold its first meeting at the temple at 10:00 AM on Sunday, November 1. If any of you would like to participate, please attend and bring

along some ideas, which could help us serve the temple community in a meaningful way.

Sue Sidel, Chairman
401-885-6600



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11:00am to 1:00pm

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Jeremy Weinberg
Mitchell Woolf



In Our Torat Yisrael Family

Mazal Tov to everyone celebrating a Birthday in October!

Frank Antin, Lewis Antin, Hayley Pezza (18 years old), Lee Cherney, Samantha Miriam Carboni, Leah Ross-Coke, Coby Alden Weisbord (16 years old), Ellie Handford (6 years old), Dr. Elinore McCance-Katz, Max Silverman (21 years old), Steven Shapiro, Judith Silverman, Barbara Zenofsky, Dylan Rush, Dr. Mark Schwager, Jacob Rush (16 years old), Marcia Slobin

Mazal Tov to everyone celebrating an Anniversary in October!

Alan Silverman & Bonnie Epstein-Silverman (28th anniversary), Lillian & Anthony Picchione (23rd anniversary) Lina & Zinovy Goikhman (23rd anniversary), Gerson Kuhr & Cindy Rubin (31st anniversary)



KOL NIDRE APPEAL

**Please send in your Kol Nidre
appeal pledge as soon as possible**

*We have an anonymous donor who
will match the pledges received
before 12/30/26!!!!*

Our Torat Yisrael Community Acknowledges with Thanks the following Generous October 2026 Donations:

GENERAL FUND

In Memory of Henry Berger

-Gloria Golden
-Phyllis Potash

In Memory of Rose Gilden Berger

-Gloria Golden
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In Memory of Louis Carlin

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-Helen Davis

In Memory of Marcus Gaylin

-Marc & Miriam Ladin

In Memory of Ethel "Gussie" Goodman

-Norman Goodman

In Honor of the High Holidays

-Frema Kuper

In Memory of Edward Kagan

-Paula & Larry Meyerson

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In Memory of Milton Rubin

-Ruth & Arnold Blasbalg

In Memory of Rosella "Cookie" Shwartz

-Helen Davis

In Honor of David Wasser's Chanting the High Holiday Services

-Arthur & Terry Wasser

Kol Hakavod to Susan Smoller & Andy Sholes

-Drew Tuckman & Michelle Smoller

Wishing Chag Sameach to the entire TTY Community

-Drew Tuckman & Michelle Smoller

KITCHEN FUND

In Honor of the new food processor

-Pam Grocer & Dan Weinstein

MYER GROSSMAN FUND

In Memory of Anna Grossman

-Anita & Alan Olinsky

In Memory of Maurice Grossman

-Anita & Alan Olinsky

-Paul Grossman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor of Gloria Golden's 100th Birthday

-Sue Sidel

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October 18th | 9:30-10:30am



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Through hands-on experiences, your child will:



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Play

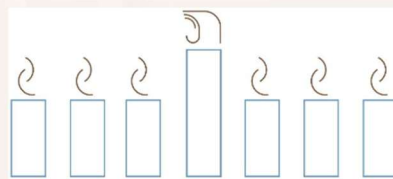


Hands-on Jewish
Experiences

ALL R.I. FAMILIES ARE WELCOME!

Registration and a
minimal fee are required

contact
sheryl@toratyisrael.org
to register



TEMPLE TORAT YISRAEL

Drop in and play Mahjong!

ALL ARE WELCOME!!
experienced & beginner

Don't have a Mahjong set - that's ok - borrow one of ours!

Tuesday, Oct. 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th at 11am

Sunday, Oct .18th at 10:00am

FREE OF CHARGE!!

