



T'shuva: The Gift of New Beginnings

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The month of Elul which immediately precedes Rosh HaShana and Yom Kippur takes on the characteristic of a preparatory period that sets the mood for these Days of Awe. Our Sephardic brethren recite Selichot each morning during Chodesh Elul. While the Ashkenazic custom is more lenient here, we still blow the Shofar each morning and recite Psalm 27, a Psalm that speaks powerfully to the notion of a personal relationship

to God.

All these customs have the effect of awakening the attentive Jew to the Mitzvah of T'shuva – repentance –, a Mitzvah that is central to the celebration of Yom Kippur. The word "T'shuva" means return. T'shuva as a religious process constitutes an interior movement in the spirit of a human being in which one's thoughts become increasingly God-conscious and our intentionality is directed away from violations of both the Halacha and universal morality that underlies the Halacha. Even as we redirect ourselves away from these violations – a process known as **עזיבת החמא** – "the abandonment of sin", we move toward a positive commitment and inner renewal known as **קבלה לעתיד** – "resolution for the future". The resolution for the future is a resolution to place our intentionality at the service of God. That is why the Talmud tells us **גדולה תשובה שמגיע עד כסא הכבוד** "Great is the power of T'shuva for its reach extends to God's throne". This merely restates the positive goal of T'shuva which is to achieve mind – filling God – consciousness. The last verse of Psalm 27 captures this when it concludes with the exhortation **קוה אל ד' חזק ויאמץ לבך וקוה אל ד'** – "Place your trust in God ! Strengthen and energize your heart and place your trust in God."

In Jewish mystical literature, the point of origin for T'shuva or return is also the point of origin for freedom, the point of origin for Torah, and the locus of the world to come that survives human mortality. To use your reflective powers, to "do T'shuva," is identical with using your inner freedom to change your destiny. To return to God out of an exercise of freedom is to recover the spiritual purposes of the Torah. To throw your lot in with the Torah's purpose is to grasp a moral purpose that is immortal.





Elul

In Chodesh Elul, we begin the process of introspection. This process culminates on Yom Kippur. Whereas our Sephardic brethren recite Selichot throughout the entire month, our practice is to blow the Shofar at Shacharit and recite Psalm 27 at both Shacharit and Mincha for the month of Elul. We begin our Selichot recitation very early on the Sunday morning before Rosh Hashana.

The Hebrew letters for Elul: "Aleph, Lamed, Vov, Lamed," are used by the Midrash to represent the famous verse in Shir Hashirim: "Ani L'Dodi V'Dodi Li," — "I am my beloved and my beloved is mine." The "beloved" represents G-d; thus, throughout Elul our introspection and T'shuva are designed to recover our love and reconciliation with G-d.

High Holiday Ticket Sales

If you are not current on your account for dues and pledges to the synagogue, you will have to purchase seats as a non-member for the High Holidays, including price and when you can buy them. To check on your account, please call the Synagogue office at 216-381-4757 and either David or Jane will be happy to assist you.

- ◆ If you have designated seats and wish to purchase **ONLY** these designated seats, then you may do so as of Monday, September 8th by contacting the office.
- ◆ All **MEMBERS** who's dues and pledges are current may purchase seats as of Monday, September 15th at 9:00 AM (including those with designated seats who wish to purchase additional seats).
- ◆ Open sales to non-members will start on Monday, September 22nd at 9:00 AM.
- ◆ Tickets for members will be \$90.00 for the Main Sanctuary and Perl Hall Minyan. Non-Member's fee is \$125.00.

High Holiday Kibbudim & Aliyot

We will once again be selling the Aliyot & Kibbudim for the High Holidays in advance through a silent auction. Bidding will open Motsaei Shabbat , August 30th. Bids will start at \$100. The auction will close 10 minutes before Mincha on Erev Rosh Hashana

We have a 'Buy it Now' option this year. If you want to be certain of a specific Kavod or Aliyah, you may buy it for \$350 at any time (Maftir buy-it-now price is \$500).

To place a bid or for more information contact David in the office at 216-381-4 7 5 7 o r e m a i l David@GreenRoadSynagogue.org.

Games Needed...

We are looking for new or like-new board games for the high Holiday Babysitting for ages 4-10 children. If you would like to donate a game, please bring it by the Shul during the week. Please do not bring anything electronic or missing pieces.





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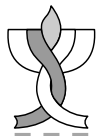
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Donation	Cost	Requests to Donate / Notes
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Please call David or Jane in the office to make arrangements
at 216-381-4757.



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We would like to thank the following for their generous contributions to our Synagogue.

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Bernice Borison's Grandmother: Sidney & Bernice Borison

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The Birth of Marla & Joe Shafran's Twin Grandchildren: Elaine & Joel Axelrod

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Morry & Judy Weiss' New Grandson: Jack & Minda Jaffe

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In Memory of Cal Kirchick: Sidney & Dorothy Soclof Katz

KIDDUSH:

July 12: By Gerry & Miriam Engelhart in memory of Gerry's parents, Charles & Gisele Engelhart; by Murray & Sarah Kudroff in memory of Murray's parents, Samuel & Rae Kudroff; and by Tibor & Irene Rosenberg in memory of Tibor's father, Pinchos Rosenberg, on the occasion of their Yahrzeits.

July 19: By Marla & Joe Shafran in celebration of the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Ilana, to Josh Mandel, son of Rita & Bruce Mandel.

August 9: By the Mikhli and Schonfeld families in honor of Pinchos & Michal's son's Bris

August 16: In honor of David & Jill Gleicher making Aliya this coming week by their Family and Friends.

SEUDAH SHLISHIT:

July 12: By Anshel & Nechama Epstein in memory of Anshel's father, Yitzchak Epstein, on the occasion of his Yahrzeit.

July 19: By Gary & Zippora Coleman in memory of Zippora's father, Yosef Alal, on the occasion of his Yahrzeit.

August 2: By Gary & Zippora Coleman in memory of Gary's father, Irving Coleman, on the occasion of his Yahrzeit.

August 9: By Justin & Ann Lewis in memory of their parents, Lou Lewis and Rivka Warshawsky on the occasion of their Yahrzeits.

August 23: By Richard & Gilda Katz in memory of Richard's father, Edward Katz, on the occasion of his Yahrzeit.

MAZEL TOV

To Philip & Hasida Toltzis on the birth of a grandson born locally to Noam & Tova Magence.

To Len & Birdie Frank on the birth of a grandson born locally to Larry & Malkie Frank.

To Rabbi Barry & Kalany Kislowicz on the birth of a boy.

To Marla & Joe Shafran on the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Ilana, to Josh Mandel, and to his parents, Rita & Bruce Mandel.

To Jeffrey & Ann Joy Pickholtz on the birth of a granddaughter, born to their son Dr. & Mrs. Dov Pickholtz.

To Dani & Donna Horwitz on the birth of a boy, and to grandparents Chaim Horwitz & Leah Meyer.

To Dr Pinchos & Michal Mikhli on the birth of a boy, and to grandparents Boris & Dr. Alla Mikhli, and great-grandparents Shlomo & Erna Laufer.

To Morry & Judy Weiss on the birth of a grandson born locally to Elie Weiss & Sara Hurand.

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TO PHILIP & HASIDA TOLTZIS AND FAMILY ON THE LOSS OF HASIDA'S MOTHER, ESTHER ISAACSON. '

TO CHARLES & DEBBIE ZUCHOWSKI ON THE LOSS OF DEBBIE'S FATHER, DONALD PONSKY.

TO DIANE (DINNIE) DAVIS AND FAMILY ON THE LOSS OF HER SISTER, MIRIAM BURSTEIN, IN PHILADELPHIA '

TO JUDY KIRCHICK AND FAMILY ON THE LOSS OF HER HUSBAND & GABBAI, CAL KIRCHICK.

Sponsor a Kiddush for the entire congregation starting at \$500, or with Cholent at \$1000? Team up with friends who have birthdays or Yahrzeits around the same time and sponsor together. Every family event is enhanced when shared with the Shul. To schedule a Kiddush, call the office at 216-381-4757.



MONTHLY CALENDAR

Sunday, August 31 - Monday, September 1

Rosh Chodesh Elul - Labor Day

Morning Service 8:00 a.m.

Friday, September 5

Candle Lighting 7:35 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 p.m.

** When you Daven at an early Kabbalat Shabbat, you should light candles at that time.

Saturday, September 6

Parshat Shoftim

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.

Rabbi's Talmud Class 6:25 p.m.

Mincha 7:25 p.m.

Motsaei Shabbat 8:34 p.m.

Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.

Weekday Evening Services 7:45 p.m.

Sunday, September 7

Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text
At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

Friday, September 12

Candle Lighting 7:23 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15 p.m.

** When you Daven at an early Kabbalat Shabbat, you should light candles at that time.

Saturday, September 13

Parshat Ki Tetse

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.

Rabbi's Talmud Class 6:10 p.m.

Mincha 7:10 p.m.

Motsaei Shabbat 8:21 p.m.

Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Morning Services 6:40 a.m.

Weekday Evening Services 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 14

Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text
At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

Friday, September 19

Candle Lighting 7:11 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:10 p.m.

Saturday, September 20

Parshat Ki Tavo

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.

Rabbi's Talmud Class 6:00 p.m.

Mincha 7:00 p.m.

Motsaei Shabbat 8:09 p.m.

Pre-Selichot Coffe Hour 12:00 a.m.

MIDNIGHT SELICHOT 12:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Morning Services **SELICHOT 6:20 a.m.

Weekday Evening Services 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, September 21

Rabbi Granatstein's class in Jewish Philosophical Text
At Torat Tzion Kollel 9:15 a.m.

Friday, September 26

Candle Lighting 6:59 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 27

Parshat Nitzavim

Morning Service 9:00 a.m.

Rabbi's Talmud Class 5:50 p.m.

Mincha 6:50 p.m.

Motsaei Shabbat 7:57 p.m.

Sunday, September 28

Sunday Morning Services 8:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Services 7:10 p.m.

Monday, September 29—Erev Rosh HaShanah

Morning Services 5:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events at GRS

September 1: Gross Schechter Day School Rib Burn-Off

September 6: Shabbat Lunch with Atidim Group

September 30: First Day Rosh Hashana

October 26: Annual Membership Meeting.

GRS Boy Scouts Summer Calendar

Sept 7th 3pm meeting

Sept 14 9am Clean at ridge Road Cemetery

Sept 14 3pm Recruiting Day

Sept 21 10am Committee meeting

Sept 21 Day Hike location TBA

Sept 28 NO MEETING due to Yom TOV

Our Shomer Shabbat Boy Scouts troop has already had a week-long camping trip! To join please contact Channa Appel at 216-691-0859.

