

# Temple Solel

## Journey through the High Holy Days 2020 - 5781

Elul, Selichot, Rosh Hashanah, Ten Days of Repentance, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, & Simchat Torah

Dear Temple Solel Family,

In the pages to follow are Temple Solel's **Journey through the High Holy Days, 2020-5781**. As our biblical ancestors conceived in Torah, and the rabbis elaborated, there is more to the High Holy Days than Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The full arc of the High Holy Days stretches from Elul through Simchat Torah. While New Year's and the Day of Atonement are our primary destination, the steps that lead to the destination and our focus after we leave, are equally important. Allow that full arc to strengthen the divine spark in your soul and to sustain you on the holy journey ahead.

**Elul:** The month of Elul is filled with pearls. We will receive daily offerings reinforced by four weekly themes, summoned by the call of the shofar. Tuesday's Meditation will direct our breath around those themes of God, Love, Understanding, and Listening. Wednesday's Lunch & Learn, taught by master teacher and Israeli tour educator Uri Feinberg, will invite us to reflect as Americans through the lens of the State of Israel. Each Friday, our clergy team will offer a Shabbat video message in words and music. And on September 12 Rabbi Stiel will lead a special **Selichot** program, followed by a comforting Selichot service inviting us to seek and extend forgiveness.

**Tzedakah:** As we think of others by offering tzedakah before entering the sanctuary, so do we approach the holidays by giving to the most vulnerable in our community with our High Holy Days Food Drive. Giving to others enriches ourselves.

**Services:** We have engaged a professional production company to enhance the congregation's virtual experience for **Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur**. To ensure security, everyone must register for access to services. Multiple camera angles and enhanced sound will bring you closer to the live clergy and musicians. You can follow the written prayers on a split screen. Recordings made through the summer will allow you to hear and see the choir, aliya honors, and special readings. **Other than Yom Kippur afternoon no service will be longer than 75 minutes.**

**Contemplation and Mingling:** Between services you may enjoy thoughtfully created transitions: community holiday greetings, Israel video tour with Uri Feinberg, Israel photographs and music, and stunning nature footage from world-renowned cinematographer Louis Schwartzberg, accompanied by Cantorial Soloist Todd Herzog. On Rosh Hashanah afternoon and at the conclusion of Yom Kippur everyone can enjoy a "virtual mingle" with clergy, staff, and fellow congregants.

Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is Aseret Yemei Teshuvah—the Ten Days of Repentance. Rabbi Steven Bob will lead a special Lunch & Learn entitled "The Book of Jonah and the Meaning of Yom Kippur."

**Sukkot and Simchat Torah:** The holidays of Sukkot and Simchat Torah follow Yom Kippur. Sukkot, with the temporary shelter of a sukkah, has particular relevance this year. We have all experienced vulnerability and uncertainty and can feel grateful for all that sustains us, physically and spiritually. Simchat Torah celebrates the lifeline of the Jews—Torah. We finish reading the Book of Deuteronomy, and immediately begin again with Genesis, grounding ourselves in the sacred, eternal words of Judaism.

We look forward to travelling together on our **Journey through the High Holy Days**. May the New Year 5781 be filled with sweetness, good health, and abundant blessings.

*Rabbi John A. Linder*  
*Rabbi Debbie S. Stiel*  
*Cantorial Soloist Todd Herzog*  
*Peter Pishko, Executive Director*  
*Doreen Feldberg, President*

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**Our High Holy Days will be a mixture of Livestream & Zoom events.  
Registration will be required for security and protection.**

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## Rosh Hashanah

September 18 - 19

### The Essence of Rosh Hashanah

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Rosh Hashanah means "head of the year." It is the beginning of the Jewish calendar year, but most importantly, it is the start of a new spiritual year for us. With our community, we come before God filled with joy and with a serious commitment to improve ourselves and our world.

<b>Erev Rosh Hashanah/Shabbat</b>	<b>Friday, September 18 at 7:30 PM</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Register</a>
<b>Rosh Hashanah Day/Shabbat</b>	<b>Saturday, September 19</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Register for Livestream Services</a>
<b>Family &amp; Preschool Service</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Register for Family Service Livestream</a>
Family & Preschool Interactive Projects	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Register for Interactive Program</a>
<b>Transition</b> (Community Holiday Greetings)	<b>10 AM</b>	<a href="#">Continuous Rosh Hashanah Day Livestream</a>
<b>Main Service</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<a href="#">Continuous Rosh Hashanah Day Livestream</a>
<b>Transition</b> (Video Tour of Israel with Uri Feinberg)	<b>12 PM</b>	<a href="#">Continuous Rosh Hashanah Day Livestream</a>
<b>Torah Service &amp; Sermon</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	<a href="#">Continuous Rosh Hashanah Day Livestream</a>
<b>Virtual Mingle</b> Clergy, Staff & Congregation	<b>2 PM</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Register for Virtual Mingle &amp; Tashlich</a>
<b>Tashlich</b>	<b>3 PM</b>	

Grab your bubbles to blow away what we wish to leave behind, and send out into the world specific ways to be kinder, more compassionate, and loving.

## Ten Days of Repentance

September 18 - 28

### The Essence of Ten Days of Repentance

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We use the ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to continue the work of repentance for the ways we have gone astray, returning to our best selves.

<b>Kever Avot</b>	<b>Sunday, September 20</b>	
Unfortunately there will be no service this year; perhaps you'll make a short personal visit to place a stone on the grave of your loved one.		
<b>Tuesday Meditation</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 22 at 10 AM</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Register</a>
<b>Special Lunch &amp; Learn</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 23 at noon</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Register</a>
The Book of Jonah and the Meaning of Yom Kippur. Taught by: Rabbi Steven Bob		
<b>Special Shabbat Clergy Message</b>		Sent via email
<b>Shabbat Shuvah</b>	<b>Friday, September 25 at 6:15 PM</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Access</a>

## The Essence of Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement - an intense day of fasting and prayer; focusing our mind, body and soul on the work of reconciliation - between ourselves and other people, between ourselves and God. We seek forgiveness, and open our hearts to forgive.

<b>Kol Nidre</b>	<b>Sunday, September 27 at 7:30 PM</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Register</a>
<b>Yom Kippur Day</b>	<b>Monday, September 28</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Register for Livestream Services</a>
<b>Family &amp; Preschool Service</b>	<b>9 AM</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Register for Family Service Livestream</a>
Family & Preschool Interactive Projects	<b>9:30 AM</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Register for Interactive Program</a>
<b>Transition</b>	<b>10 AM</b>	<a href="#">Continuous Yom Kippur Day Livestream</a>
(Video Tour of Israel with Uri Feinberg)		
<b>Main Service</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<a href="#">Continuous Yom Kippur Day Livestream</a>
<b>Transition</b> (Community Holiday Greetings)	<b>12 PM</b>	<a href="#">Continuous Yom Kippur Day Livestream</a>
<b>Torah Service &amp; Sermon</b>	<b>1 PM</b>	<a href="#">Continuous Yom Kippur Day Livestream</a>
<b>Transition</b> (Solel Israel Photographs)	<b>2 PM</b>	<a href="#">Continuous Yom Kippur Day Livestream</a>
<b>Yom Kippur Study Session</b>	<b>2:15 PM</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Register for the Study Session</a>
The Blessings We Have and the Ones We Need with Judy Schaffert		
<b>Transition</b> (Stunning nature scenes from acclaimed cinematographer Louis Schwartzberg)	<b>3:15 PM</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Register for Livestream Services</a>
<b>Contemplative Healing Service</b>	<b>4 PM</b>	<a href="#">Continuous Yom Kippur Livestream</a>
<b>Afternoon Service</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>	<a href="#">Continuous Yom Kippur Livestream</a>
Torah, Yizkor & N'ilah, Havdalah		
<b>Virtual Break Fast &amp; Mingle</b>	<b>6 PM</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Register for Virtual Break Fast &amp; Mingle</a>
Clergy, Staff & Congregation (after Havdalah)		

# Sukkot

# October 2 - 9

## The Essence of Sukkot

On this joyful holiday we give thanks for the fall harvest by spending time (eating or sleeping) in a specially constructed booth (sukkah) decorated with harvest produce. The hut or booth also reminds us of God's protection when the Israelites dwelt in fragile huts while wandering in the desert. We shake the etrog and lulav in all directions symbolizing that God is everywhere.

<b>Erev Sukkot/Shabbat</b>	<b>Friday, October 2 at 6:15 PM</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Access</a>
What's temporary, what endures?		

# Simchat Torah

# October 9 - 10

## The Essence of Simchat Torah

Simchat Torah means "the joy of Torah." On this day, we finish one yearly cycle of reading Torah. We read of Moses' death at the very end of Deuteronomy (the last book) and then immediately start reading from the beginning of Genesis. This is our way of saying one is never finished with Torah.

<b>Erev Simchat Torah/Shabbat</b>	<b>Friday, October 9 at 6:15 PM</b>	<a href="#">Click Here to Access</a>
Reading the end, starting anew; Torah does not change, we do.		