



SYNAGOGUE FOR THE ARTS NEWS

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2008
ELUL/TISHREI

Synagogue for the arts
49 White Street
New York, NY 10013

Schedule of Services for the High Holiday Season

SELICHOT*

SEPTEMBER 22-26, 29
OCTOBER 2-3, 6-8
7am: followed by morning service

ROSH HASHANNAH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29*
6:15pm: Evening services followed by oneg
(light supper) in memory of Gary Turkel

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1
9am: Morning services
10am-noon: Family/Learner's Services —
TUESDAY ONLY
10-11 am: Adult Study Session
10-11am: Tot program
11:15am: *Shofar* blowing

Services followed by kiddush

2:30 pm Tuesday-Community *Tashlich* at the
Hudson River (north of Stuyvesant High
School)*

Afternoon/Evening Service: 6pm—
TUESDAY ONLY

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

6:15pm: Evening services*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

9am: *Shabbat Shuvah* services
followed by *kiddush**

YOM KIPPUR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
6pm: Afternoon service**
6:15pm: *Kol Nidre***

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9

9am: Morning services
10:30am-noon: Family/Learner's Services
10-11am: Adult Study Session
10:30-11:30am: Tot program
11:45am: Yizkor (approx.)
5:30pm: Evening service & *Ne'illah*

SUKKOT

FIRST TWO DAYS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13
6pm: Evening services*
6:45pm: Dinner in the *Sukkah*#

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14

9am: Morning services*
6:15pm: Evening services*
7pm: Dinner in *Sukkah*#

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

9am: Morning services*

CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT

The Sukkah will be open and available on inter-
mediary days

THURSDAY-FRIDAY

OCTOBER 16-17
7:10am: Morning service*
1:40pm: Afternoon service*

HOSHANA RABBAH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20
7:00am: Morning service*
1:40pm: Afternoon service*

SHEMINI ATZERET

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20
6pm: Evening services*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

9am: Morning services*
Yizkor 9am, approx. 11am, noon
5:45pm: Farewell to the *Sukkah**
6:15pm: Afternoon services*
Thursday only

SIMCHAT TORAH

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21
5:45pm: Evening services*
followed by Simchat Torah party*

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

9am: Morning services*

Service Leaders

Main Sanctuary: Rabbi Jonathan Glass and Hazzan Moshe Berkowitz

Yom Kippur Adult Study Session: Dr. Freema Gottlieb

Family/Learner's Service Services: Gail Nalven and Pat Rudden

Tot Services: Erika Sevier and Ashley Sevier

Tanach Study with Rabbi Glass
Jonah
Tuesdays September 2, 9, 16, 23,
October 7

Ticket required for all services unless otherwise noted.
For more information and to purchase tickets call: 212-966-7141 or email info@synagogueforthearts.org

*open to public, free of charge

#other fee and reservation required

RABBI'S MESSAGE:

The Book of Jonah: a Parallel to the High Holidays

In many ways the Jewish holiday season is like the story of Jonah. We reach a high level on *Rosh HaShannah* and *Yom Kippur* and then we spend the rest of the year trying to run away from the experience. And yet the farther we think we have left that inspiration behind us, the closer we are to having to face that inspiration with the next holiday season.

Jonah had many intriguing rationalizations for his decision, what are ours?

I believe there is much to learn from his story that is especially helpful to enriching the

high holiday experience, and life in general. That is why I have chosen to present the Book of Jonah as our next *Tanach* project to begin right after Labor Day and conclude its study with its ritual reading Yom Kippur afternoon.

Please consider joining us for 5 Tuesdays at 6pm and making this year a stepping stone instead of an escape hatch.

With Torah Blessings,

Jonathan Glass

Message from the Chairperson of the Board

A Brave New 5769

This past June many things were accomplished that will lead to a very different and improved Synagogue for the Arts. Firstly we elected a new Executive Board that will assume the helm for the foreseeable future. In particular we introduce our new President Etan Butler, Executive Vice President Ken Meeker and Treasurer Perry Parker. We express our deepest gratitude to our outgoing President Fabian Friedland who will still remain very involved in everything we do.

I have gladly yielded my previous position of Executive Vice President to become the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and look forward to a complete transition of leadership to a new generation.

Secondly we finalized our relationship with Bright Minds Center who successfully obtained a license to run a day care and enrichment program in the social hall. There was a very successful open house which made it clear that many of their students will be local so that we can look forward to three very important benefits: revenue, membership and Hebrew School enrollment. In exchange we will have to make some adjustments to our daily functions, but all in all it will be well worth it.

Finally we are in the process of creating a inviting and attractive entranceway to continue the elegance of our refurbished trademark white marble facade. Many thanks to Claire Weisz for her leadership and creativity in this endeavor which will include the redesign of our main office. We will begin work after the holidays.

I look forward to seeing you you all during the High Holidays which will again feature our classically trained cantor Moshe Berkowitz. Avi and I are again pleased to sponsor an *oneg* (light supper) on the first night of *Rosh HaShannah* in memory of my dear Gary. (No tickets are required for this evening.)

Shanah Tovah,

Toby Turkel

Meet our High Holiday Service Leaders

Meet our High Holiday Cantor

We welcome Hazzan Moshe Berkowitz to Synagogue for the Arts. Cantor Berkowitz is a tenor with a powerful voice. He has performed in various settings for over 20 years and he has studied under Noah Schall, a renowned professor at Yeshiva University's Belz School of Music. Cantor Berkowitz is an experienced and talented musician and he is pleased to join us.

Meet our Learner's Service Leader

Freema Gottlieb was born in London and grew up in Scotland. She taught Midrashic Literature at various Jewish institutions in New York. Recently she was a visiting lecturer of Midrash at Charles University in Prague. She is the author of three books: "The Lamp of God: A Jewish Book of Light" (Aronson, New York); "Jewish Folk Art" (Summit, New York); and "Mystical Stonescapes in Prague Jewish Town and the Czech Countryside (Tvorba, Prague, 1997). She holds a Ph.D. in Bible from University College, London

Meet our Family Service Leaders

Our own Educational Director Gail Nalven and Dr. Patricia Rudden will return to lead family services on the first day of *Rosh HaShannah* and on *Yom Kippur*.

Gail has led High Holiday children's programs at Larchmont Temple and Temple Beth Torah in Nyack. In addition, she has led a variety of student and family services at SFTA, Kolot Chaiyenu in Brooklyn, Temple Beth Torah, the Actor's Temple, and elsewhere and she has led Friday afternoon services at the Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in lower Manhattan for the past 10 years. She has attended the Hava NaShira song leader's workshop for several years and has actively attended several conferences in Jewish education. Gail holds a MA in Jewish Education from the Davidson School of Jewish Education at the Jewish Theological Seminary in NY.

Patricia Rudden, Ph.D. led High Holiday services at Ohel Ayalah in New York for two years. In addition, she has contributed her beautiful soprano voice to leading services over the years at Town & Village Synagogue, the Actor's Temple, CBST, and acts as cantor for the Cabrini Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation in lower Manhattan. She attended *Hava NaShira*, sang with the Zamir Chorale for 3 seasons, and is a member of the Women Cantor Network. Pat holds a Ph. D. in American Literature from the City University of New York.

Meet our Tot Program Leader

Erika and Ashley Sevier join us this year as our Tot High Holiday and *Shabbat* Service leaders as well as teachers in our Hebrew School. Both Erika and Ashley are musical. They are students at NYU and attended a teacher training program at Gratz College in the Philadelphia area from which they hail. We are pleased to welcome Erika and Ashley to our congregational family.

HEBREW SCHOOL NEWS

It's been a busy summer, readying our school for the new year. The first day of school is September 8th. Grades K-5 will meet from 3:45-5:45pm. Grades 6 & 7 will meet 4pm-5:45 pm. If you have not yet registered, please check the education page of our website for an application and calendar.

Please do not hesitate to contact our Educational Director, Gail Nalven, with any questions.

Gail F. Nalven
Educational Director

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***Schtiklach* – Tidbits from around the Shul**

Tanach for Tishrei

There are 4 chapters in the book of Jonah and 5 Tuesdays between Labor Day and *Yom Kippur*. Having completed the book of Ruth in dramatic fashion on Shavuot, it seemed *bashert* to do Jonah for the high holidays.

We will have a two part introduction so that if you don't find out about the class until after Labor Day you should still feel welcome to join us Tuesday September 9th. In any event we do hope that this will be the year that you choose to do some *Torah* study beginning September 2nd at 6PM.

Jonah presents us with profound problems that the resolution of which will serve to shed light on many of the themes of the season such as repentance, redemption and hope for the future. A great way to get back in the swing of things Jewish!

Special Board Meeting

Due to the High Holidays, our October Board Meeting will be held on September 24th.

Tot Shabbat

Erika and Ashley Sevier will be back again to lead our Tot Shabbat program. They will lead our holiday programs from 10-11am on both days of *Rosh HaShannah* and *Yom Kippur*. Our First *Shabbat* morning program will be on 10/18.

Cholent Bake-Off

Our annual cholent bake-off is back in it's traditional Succot time slot on October 17th. To participate, please contact the synagogue for more details.

Youth Group

Our Youth Group kicks off its new year with a bowling night on 10/26. Contact Rabbi Glass for more details.

Bright Minds Center

We are pleased to welcome Bright Minds Center to our space.

Bright Minds Center is a year-round day care and enrichment program for 2.5-5 year olds geared to help you raise your child to be a lifelong learner. Located in one of the greatest neighborhoods of Manhattan-TriBeCa, it has its own outdoor space.

Using the best European techniques for Early Childhood Development of speech, logic, creative abilities and gross/fine motor skills Bright Minds will discover, develop and nurture each child's unique talents. What makes Bright Minds Center an ideal choice for a child's education, enrichment and academic improvement is simply the diversity and quality of the classes offered. From English to math, music to ballet, and arts to sciences, children have the opportunity to explore almost any field of interest. Our expertly trained staff closely monitors the progress of each student and his or her individual needs, and will make curricular recommendations based on the child's strengths and weaknesses.

We are also offering Russian language program for those who are interested to preserve their heritage or add a new cultural experience to their child's life.

For more information please visit our website www.brightmindsnyc.com, info@brightmindsnyc.com, 212-920-1014

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celebration of their sons Ethan & Noah becoming Bar Mitz-
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IN OUR FAMILY

MAZEL TOV to

✧ Eitan & Juliana Goldman on the birth of a son, Shai
Avner
✧ Chris Nechama Fasano & Ari Schiffer on their mar-
riage on August 17
✧ Steven & Linede Gross on their sons Ethan & Noah
becoming Bar Mitzvah
✧ Laurie Cohen on her son Sam becoming Bar Mitz-
vah on October 18

BRUCHIM HABAIM TO

NEW BOARD MEMBER

✧ Eitan Goldman

NEW MEMBERS

✧ Eli & Yael Weiss
✧ Luba Kontorovich

What's Cooking with Dolores Wine

HONEY CAKE

1 cup vegetable oil
 3/4 cup honey
 1 cup sugar
 1/3 cup brown sugar
 1/2 cup orange marmalade
 4 large eggs
 3 cups all purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1 Tablespoon baking powder
 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
 1 teaspoon ground cloves
 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
 1 cup brewed tea just warm
 1/3 cup slivered or sliced almonds

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease the bottom only of a 9 or 10 inch tube pan. Cut out a circle of parchment paper and line the bottom of the pan.

In a medium bowl, combine the oil, honey, sugar, brown sugar, and marmalade. Blend well, add the eggs. In a larger bowl combine all the dry ingredients. Make a well in the center of the flour mixture and add the honey oil mixture and the tea to moisten the batter. Blend well.

Pour the batter into the prepared pan. Sprinkle the top with the almonds. Place the tube pan on doubled up baking sheets to prevent the cake from browning too fast. Bake 55-60 minutes or till cake springs back when pressed.

Cool in the pan for 15 minutes, then remove and cool on a rack

Slice and serve. Enjoy Enjoy!

From *A Treasury of Jewish Holiday Baking* by Marcy Goldman, a wonderful book with many excellent recipes.

Gallery News

Illuminations: Collages by Rachel Leibman, 9/11–11/2

Artist's Reception: Thursday, 9/18, 6 – 8pm

Rachel Leibman's collages, rich in color, texture and imaginative imagery have been inspired by ancient tapestries, illuminated manuscripts, painted ceramics and intricate mosaics. Using small colored pieces of cut paper as her palette, she "paints" colorful, detailed and often elaborate pictures composed of images of ancient manuscripts.

For further information and images see the Gallery's new mini-site:
<http://www.artinfo.com/galleryguide/19441/5989/synagogue-for-the-arts-new-york/>

Service times

- ✧ .Friday evening at candlelighting time.
- ✧ Saturday morning services begin at 9am
- ✧ Morning *Minyan* meets at 7:30am on T, W, F and at 7:20am on M, Th, and 7:10am on other Torah reading days
- ✧ *Mincha* meets at 1:40pm M-Th.

A Little About... *Tashlich*

The word "*Tashlich*" means "You will cast away." In this context, it refers to a custom dating from at least as early as the fourteenth century, but probably much earlier, based on the last verses of the Book of Michah (Micah) 7:18-20, shown below:

"Who is a God like You? You forgive sins and overlook transgressions
For the survivors of Your People;
He does not retain His anger forever, for He loves Kindness;
He will return and show us mercy, and overcome our sins,

(Note: The Prophet has switched, grammatically, from addressing G-d in the "second person" (using "You") to addressing Him in the "third person" (using "He"). This may have to do with the difficulty finite man has when addressing his infinite Creator, and comes up again in connection with the topic of Blessings. Anyway, back to *Michah*.)

And You will cast into the depths of the sea
all their sins;
You will show kindness to Yaakov and mercy to Avraham,
As You did promise to our fathers of old."

Consequently, Jewish communities have for many generations gathered on the First Day of *Rosh HaShanah* at bodies of water and recited the *Tashlich* Prayer, which consists of certain chapters of *Tehilim* (Psalms) and the verses shown above, to symbolize our wish to get rid of our sins, and to be forgiven by God.

Some people have the custom of putting bread crumbs in their pockets and shaking them out into the water to give more concrete expression (however, I don't think concrete would be usable for this purpose) to their desire to be free of their sins.

Historically, Jews would sometimes be instructed by their own community leaders to seek out bodies of water not near the center of town, so as not to be seen during *Tashlich* by their non-Jewish neighbors, for fear of a "poisoning the wells" accusation. This was certainly true if actual food was thrown into the water, but even if not, they would be accused of mumbling curses and poisoning the wells by witchcraft.

If the first day of *Rosh HaShannah* falls on *Shabbat*, *Tashlich* is said on Sunday, the second day. If it cannot be recited at all on *Rosh HaShannah*, due to inclement weather or "whatever," it can be recited until *Hoshanah Rabbah*. *Tashlich* is preferably recited alongside a body of water containing fish, to remind us that just as fish are protected by the water in which they live, we pray to be protected by God.

(Thanks to *OU.org* for this material!)

Funds to Which Donations Are Welcome

Youth Education Fund

Provides funds and scholarships for school and other youth educational activities.

Bimah Fund

Provides funds to repair Torahs, covers, and other ritual items, as well as guest cantors and rabbis.

Matzah Fund

Provides *Pesach* foods for the needy

Youth Group Fund

Provide funds for youth group and teen activities

Kiddush Fund

Supports *kiddush* on weeks when there is no sponsor

Adult Education Fund

Provides funds for classes, lectures, and other educational activities

Siddur Fund

Provides funds for purchasing prayerbooks, *chumashim*, *megillot* and other ritual books. A book plate noting the donor and honoree will be included in all books.

Yom Tov Yeladim Fund

Provide funds for ShabbaTot, *Shabbat* Yoga and other children's programming on *Shabbat* and holidays.

Simcha and Memorial Funds

Provides funds for synagogue activities and basic

functions.

Shabbat Programming Fund

Provides funds for *Shabbat* Yoga, *Shabbat* lectures, and other *Shabbat* programming.

Capital Campaign

Supports capital projects.

All donations over \$10 will be noted in a forthcoming newsletter. Simply send a letter to the synagogue along with your donation. Let us know who the donation is in honor/memory of and whom we should notify about the donation along with their address.

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