



Yom Kippur

SEPTEMBER 20-21, 2026 | 10 TISHREI, 5787



Welcome!

As we gather for Yom Kippur, we enter a sacred time of reflection, repentance, and renewal. This Day of Atonement invites us to look honestly at the year behind us, to consider the choices we have made, the relationships we have nurtured, and the ways we hope to grow in the year ahead.

Yom Kippur reminds us that reflection is not only about looking back. It is also about moving forward. Through prayer, repentance, and acts of forgiveness, we are given the opportunity to begin again, recommitting ourselves to the values that guide us and to the people and communities that give our lives meaning.

Whether you are joining us in person or via livestream, you are an important part of Congregation Schaarai Zedek. In these sacred hours, we draw strength from being together, united by shared traditions and the hope that each of us can bring greater compassion, kindness, and purpose into the year ahead.

May this Yom Kippur offer moments of reflection, connection, and peace. May we find the courage to make amends where needed, the grace to forgive ourselves and others, and the resolve to enter the new year with renewed purpose.

Wishing you and your loved ones a meaningful and peaceful Yom Kippur.

G'mar Chatimah Tovah,

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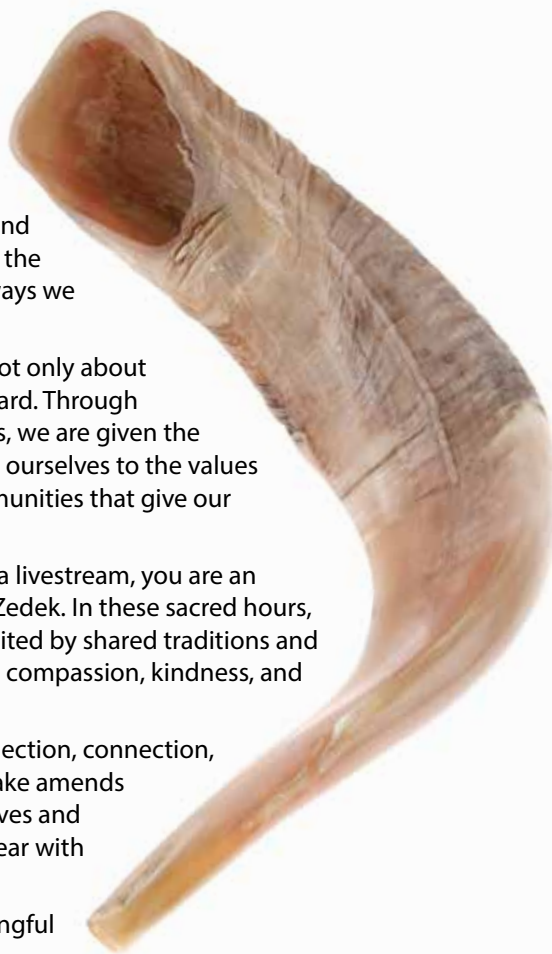
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SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2027

More information coming soon!

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Yom Kippur is a time to embrace the possibility of change and commit to a path of greater purpose and compassion in the year ahead.

YOM KIPPUR

YOM KIPPUR,

the Day of Atonement, is the holiest day of the Jewish year. It is a time for deep reflection, repentance, and seeking forgiveness, both from others and from ourselves. Observed on the 10th of Tishrei, Yom Kippur concludes the Ten Days of Repentance, a period that begins with Rosh Hashanah, dedicated to self-examination and spiritual renewal.

FASTING AND PRAYER

Yom Kippur is marked by a fast, where we abstain from food and drink as a way of purifying the body and soul. This act of self-denial helps us focus on prayer, reflection, and the spiritual work required to make amends and commit to positive change in the coming year.

THE KOL NIDRE SERVICE

The holiday begins with the solemn *Kol Nidre* prayer, which is chanted in the evening, just before sunset. It is a powerful expression of our intention to release ourselves from vows or promises we may have made but are unable to fulfill, allowing us to approach the new year with a clear conscience.

CONFESSION

During Yom Kippur, we recite a communal confession, called *Vidui*. Through this prayer, we take responsibility for our misdeeds, recognizing that atonement is a collective process as much as it is a personal one. It is an opportunity to reflect on our behavior and resolve to do better in the future.

THE SHOFAR'S FINAL BLAST

At the conclusion of Yom Kippur, the shofar is sounded one last time. This final blast signifies the closing of the gates of repentance and marks the end of the fast, sending us back into the world renewed and ready to live more meaningful, compassionate lives.

As we observe Yom Kippur, may we find strength in its traditions, healing in its prayers, and inspiration for a brighter, more hopeful year ahead.



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HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE

KOL NIDRE

Sunday, September 20, 2026

6 PM – Early Service
8:30 PM – Late Service

YOM KIPPUR

Monday, September 21, 2026

8:30 AM – Early Service
11:30 AM – Late Service
2:15 PM – Open Discussion with Rabbi Birnholz
2:30 PM – Family Service (school-age children)
4 PM – Tot Service (ages 0-5)
4 PM – Healing Service with Cantor Buchman
4:45 PM – Afternoon Service
5:15 PM – Yizkor & Neilah Service
6:30 PM – Break-the-Fast
6:30 PM – 20s+30s Break-the-Fast



Family Services

Join us for services tailored for school-age children, featuring fun activities and age-appropriate explanations.

Tot Services

Special services with stories, songs, and crafts for families with young children (birth to 5 years) plus siblings of all ages.

Yom Kippur Open Discussion

Join Rabbi Birnholz for an enlightening discussion on Yom Kippur afternoon.

Yom Kippur Healing Service

Join Cantor Buchman for a heartfelt service filled with prayer, meditation, and community. Find solace and healing in this intimate gathering.

Looking Back at

5786

A YEAR OF GATHERING, CELEBRATING,
LEARNING AND CONNECTING.



CELEBRATION • COMMUNITY • LEARNING • CONNECTION • REFLECTION

From sacred moments and joyful celebrations to learning, friendship and simply being together, 5786 gave us so much to remember. As we welcome 5787, we look forward to all that the New Year will bring.

5786 → 5787

Here's to the year ahead.



SUKKOT AT SCHAARAI ZEDEK

Taste of Sukkot

Sunday, September 26, Doors Open at 5 PM

Enjoy an evening of festive food, crafts, and lulav and etrog shaking. Fun for all ages!

Young Families Pizza & Popsicles

Monday, September 28, at 4:30 PM

Celebrate Sukkot with pizza, popsicles and plenty of fun in the sukkah! Families with children ages 0-5 are invited to join us for a relaxed, kid-friendly evening to celebrate the holiday, spend time with friends and enjoy dinner together. We can't wait to see you in the sukkah!

20s+30s Taco Tuesday

Tuesday, September 29, at 6 PM

Join us for a relaxed evening with friends, great food, and Sukkot traditions. Celebrate the season with good vibes and even better company.

Sukkot Dinner (Adults 21+)

Thursday, October 1, at 5:30 PM

Relax with dinner, drinks, and good company.

Simchat Torah Celebration Shabbat Service

Friday, October 2, at 7 PM

On Simchat Torah we complete the annual reading of the Torah and begin again with the first words from the book of Genesis. Celebrate the joy of the holiday with song and story, joining our middle and high school students for this special combined Simchat Torah and Sukkot Shabbat Service.

Yizkor Service

Saturday, October 3, at 10:30 AM

A reflective morning service to remember loved ones. Followed by a luncheon and Bagel Minyan service.

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