



# The Poile Zedek Bulletin

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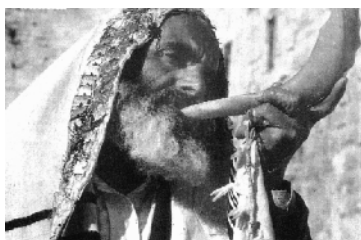
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**TODAY,  
YOU ARE ALL STANDING  
BEFORE  
THE LO-RD, YOUR G-D.**



**אתם נצבים היום  
כלכם לפני ה' אלקיכם**

## THE RABBI'S MESSAGE

The Hebrew month of *Elul* is the last month of the year. It has as its acronym:

אני - א I am  
לדודי - ל to my beloved  
ודודי - ו and my beloved  
לי - ל is to me.

This theme symbolizes the clarion call for us to increase our religious observance and commitment to the Almighty in preparation of the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. In turn *Hashem*, the Almighty, will favor us in judgment during the **ימים נוראים** these awesome days of Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur during which time the fate of each individual and that of all mankind is determined for the coming year 5769 - תשס"ט.

Our sages of the Talmud inform us that we can be proactive in the determination of our judgment and fate. In the words of Rabbi Amnon the author of **נתנה תקף** (*Netane Tokef*) prayer contained in the High Holy Day *Machzor*:

"But  
- ותשובה Repentance  
- ותפלה Prayer and  
- וצדקה Charity can avert an

unfavorable judgment." In order to awaken us to these opportunities and to inspire us, we blow the shofar on weekdays throughout the month of *Elul* and insert the beautiful and inspiring Psalm of David (Psalm 27) "G-d is my light and my salvation" twice daily, morning and evening, to invoke thoughts of reverence and awareness of these critical days.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On Saturday night, September 20, at 11:00 p.m., Cantor Marty Klein officiated at the first Selichot Services which was most inspiring. There were approximately 100 people attending the service.

Thursday evening, September 21, Rabbi Yaakov Gade, senior lecturer at Aish HaTorah, spoke in our sanctuary about the many moral and ethical contributions that the Jews gave to the world in his seminar WorldPerfect. He demonstrated the ways of the world prior to these contributions and gave us a new perspective on Judaism and enhanced our Jewish pride. Much appreciation goes to Larry Marks and his wife, Rebecca Steckel for coordinating and sponsoring this event, to Bob Berkowitz for his assistance, and to both Bob and Mark Berkowitz for sponsoring the refreshments.

We recently sent out our annual Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur appeal letter. Please remember your loved ones and Poile Zedek at this time by contributing your support to the congregation. It will help elevate the souls of your loved ones as well as support the synagogue. Our appreciation goes to Miriam and Sara-Ann Goldman for sponsoring this mailing.

On November 2, *IY"H*, we will be holding a dinner in honor of our 107<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Guests of Honor will be Marvin & Myra Marantz and Norman Mironov who will receive our Founders Award. Martin & Elisha Klein will be the recipients of our Keter Shem Tov Award, Miriam Goldman and Helen S. Solomon will be receiving our Lifetime Service

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## ROSH HASHANA, YOM KIPPUR & SUCCOT SCHEDULE 2008/5769

### Mon., Sept. 29 — *EREV ROSH HASHANA*

Slichot	7:00 A.M.
Shacharit	7:30 A.M.
Candle lighting	6:24 P.M.
Mincha followed by Ma'ariv	6:30 P.M.

### Tues., Sept. 30 — *1<sup>ST</sup> DAY ROSH HASHANAH*

Shacharit	8:30 A.M.
Torah Reading	9:45 A.M.
Sermon	10:30 A.M.
Shofar	10:45 A.M.
Musaf Service	11:00 A.M.

followed by Seudah Luncheon & Tashlich

Mincha followed by a class & Ma'ariv	5:50 P.M.
Candle lighting	not before 7:30 P.M.

### Wed., Oct. 1 — *2<sup>ND</sup> DAY ROSH HASHANAH*

Shacharit	8:30 A.M.
Torah Reading	9:45 A.M.
Sermon	10:30 A.M.
Shofar	10:45 A.M.
Musaf Service	11:00 A.M.

followed by Kiddush

Yom Tov ends	7:27 P.M.
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### Thurs., Oct. 2 — *TZOM (FAST OF) GEDALIAH*

Fast begins	5:30 A.M.
Fast ends	7:20 P.M.
Slichot	7:00 A.M.
Shacharit	7:20 A.M.

### Fri., Oct. 3 — *EREV SHABBAT SHUVA*

Shacharit	7:15 A.M.
Candle Lighting	6:17 P.M.
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv	6:20 P.M.

### Shabbat, Oct. 4 — *SHABBAT SHUVA*

Shacharit	9:00 A.M.
Shabbat ends	7:20 P.M.

### Wed., Oct. 8 — *EREV YOM KIPPUR*

Slichot	7:00 A.M.
Shacharit	7:20 A.M.
Perform the <i>Kapporot</i> ceremony (symbolic atonement).	
Candle Lighting	6:10 P.M.
Mincha	6:00 P.M.
Kol Nidrei	6:15 P.M.

### Thursday, Oct. 9 — *Yom Kippur*

Shacharit	8:30 A.M.
Torah Reading	10:00 A.M.
Yizkor	11:00 A.M.
Musaf	11:30 A.M.
Seminar: Reflections on Yom Kippur	4:00 P.M.
Mincha	4:30 P.M.
N'ilah	6:00 P.M.
Fast Ends	7:10 P.M.

Break the Fast reception following services

### Friday, Oct. 10- *EREV SHABBAT HA'AZINU*

Shacharit	7:15 A.M.
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Candle Lighting	6:06 P.M.
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv	6:10 P.M.

### SHABBAT, OCT. 11 — *SHABBAT HA'AZINU*

Shacharit	9:00 A.M.
Shabbat ends	7:08 P.M.

### Mon., Oct. 13 — *EREV SUCCOT*

Shacharit	7:15 A.M.
Candle lighting	6:02 P.M.
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv	6:00 P.M.

### Tues., Oct. 14 — *1<sup>ST</sup> DAY SUCCOT*

Shacharit	9:00 A.M.
Mincha and Ma'ariv	5:50 P.M.
Candle lighting	not before 7:05 P.M.

### Wed., Oct. 15 — *2<sup>ND</sup> DAY SUCCOT*

Shacharit	9:00 A.M.
Yom Tov ends	7:05 P.M.

### Thurs., Oct. 16 - *1<sup>ST</sup> DAY CHOL HAMOED*

Shacharit	7:15 A.M.
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### Fri., Oct. 17 — *2<sup>ND</sup> DAY CHOL HAMOED EREV SHABBAT*

Shacharit	7:15 A.M.
Candle Lighting	5:56 P.M.
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv	6:00 P.M.

### Shabbat, Oct. 18 — *SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED*

Shacharit	9:00 A.M.
Shabbat ends	7:00 P.M.

### Sun., Oct. 19 — *4<sup>TH</sup> DAY CHOL HAMOED*

Shacharit	8:00 A.M.
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### Mon., Oct. 20 - *HOSHANAH RABBAH*

Shacharit	7:00 A.M.
Candle Lighting	5:50 P.M.
Mincha & Ma'ariv	5:50 P.M.

### Tues., Oct. 21 — *SHEMINI ATZERET*

Shacharit	9:00 A.M.
Yizkor	10:00 A.M.
Musaf	10:30 A.M.
Mincha and Hakafof (Torah celebration)	5:45 P.M.
followed by Ma'ariv followed by Simchat Torah Party	
Candle lighting	not before 6:55 P.M.

### Wed., Oct. 22 — *Simchat Torah*

Shacharit	9:00 A.M.
Hakafof (Torah celebration)	10:00 A.M.
followed by <i>Simchat Torah</i> Luncheon	
Yom Tov ends	6:55 P.M.

### Fri., Oct. 24 — *EREV SHABBAT BERAISHIT*

Shacharit	7:15 A.M.
Candle Lighting	5:46 P.M.
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat & Ma'ariv	5:50 P.M.

### Shabbat, Oct. 25 — *SHABBAT BERAISHIT*

Shacharit	9:00 A.M.
Mincha	5:40 P.M.
Shabbat ends	6:50 P.M.

## ROSH HASHANAH

- On both nights of Rosh Hashanah, the Hebrew New Year, it is customary to eat foods which symbolize sweetness, blessings and abundance. We dip the Challah in honey. (This custom is observed throughout the holiday of Succot.) A head (of fish or fowl) is served so that we may be as a head and not the tail. We also eat carrots which are not only sweet, but in Yiddish are called *Mern*—which means to multiply, indicating our hope that our merits before G-d will multiply. On the first evening of Rosh Hashanah, after eating the first piece of Challah, we dip a piece of apple in honey. We say the following blessing, over the apple: *Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Borei Pri Ha-etz*. (Blessed are You, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the tree.) We then add the following supplication: *Yehi Ratzon She-te-chadesh Aleinu Shana Tovah Ume-tukah*. (May it be Your will to renew for us a good and sweet year.)
- On the second evening, after Kiddush, we eat a fruit which we have not yet eaten in the past year, and say the following blessing: *Ba-ruch A-tah A-do-nai E-lo-hei-nu Me-lech Ha-olam Borei Pri Ha-etz*. (Blessed are You, L-rd, our G-d, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the tree.)
- On Rosh Hashanah we are duty bound by a biblical commandment to hear the blowing of the shofar. If one is ill and cannot hear the shofar in the synagogue, please inform Rabbi Mykoff to make other arrangements. Rosh Hashanah begins the period called the Ten Days of Repentance, which



concludes at the end of Yom Kippur.

- Tashlich - In the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah *Tashlich* prayers are said, in which we ask G-d to "cast away our sins in the depths of the sea". The *Tashlich* service should be recited at a body of water (sea, river, lake, pond, etc.) containing fish.
- If one was not able to recite the Tashlich service on Rosh Hashanah, it may be said until Hoshana Rabba, the last day of Succot.

## YOM KIPPUR

- Before Yom Kippur we perform the rite of *Kapporot*, a symbolic atonement. Nowadays, the *kapporot* is usually performed using money which is given to charity. The word *kapporot* (like *kippur*) means "atonement." However, one should not think that *kapporot* alone is the source of atonement. Rather, it serves as a means to bring a person to the awareness that he should repent and ask G-d for mercy.
- On Yom Kippur we observe all the prohibitions applicable to Shabbat.
- We are biblically restricted from eating or drinking anything on this day.
- We are restricted from washing for pleasure, anointing one's body for pleasure (perfumes, lotions, etc.), wearing leather shoes, and marital relations.



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In addition, it is customary to arise early in the morning, even pre-dawn, to say the special Selichot services (prayers of forgiveness) in which the thirteen attributes of G-d and Vidui (a confessional) are the main themes. These special prayers are said to make us cognizant of the magnanimity of Hashem and His graciousness not only to invoke within us thoughts of Teshuvah but to inspire us to act divinely – והלכתה בדרךיו – to emulate Hashem's attributes and thereby secure atonement and the blessings of the Almighty for the coming year.



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Award, and Seymour Kamp, ז"ל and Audrey Mironov, ז"ל will be posthumously awarded a Lifetime Service Award. Information for journal ads has been sent out and invitations will be in the mail shortly. Everyone has the opportunity to attend the dinner at little or no cost through the solicitation of ads. Solicitors of a full page (\$450) or better will receive 2 complimentary tickets. If you have any questions please call Caryn Lipson at the synagogue.

I'd like to wish you and your families a happy and healthy New Year with blessings of peace and prosperity for all Israel.

Danny