



יום כיפור תשפ"ו Yom Kippur 5786

Yom Kippur Daily Guide

Words of Welcome

One of the most beautiful moments of the High Holy Day season is the *hazzan's* prayer—the *Hineni*. It recalls Abraham's answer to God, when given the awful task of bringing his son Isaac to the altar. Abraham answers God with one word: Hineni—here I am. Oftentimes, we look at Abraham's answer as a sign of Abraham's great courage: "Here I am—ready for the task at hand." But the *hazzan's* prayer belies an entirely different truth. "Here I am," the *hazzan* chants, "deficient in good deeds; I have come to stand up and plead with You for Your people Israel, even though I am unworthy for the task."

Seen this way, Hineni is a kind of resignation to our fate: try as we might, we can never be fully prepared for the challenges life puts in front of us. We are never fully in control. Yet one of the uniting truths of the human existence is that we will all face Hineni moments—moments when our faith is rocked to the core. In those moments, our only choice is to say Hineni: prepared or not, here I am.

As challenging as that reality is, our Days of Awe also remind us of Judaism's powerful response to this challenge. While we travel through lives as individuals, Judaism helps us to encounter life in the context of community. While, at times, it may seem that our troubles are unique to us, or too great to carry, Judaism reminds us that we do not have to do it alone. On Yom Kippur, we pray together. We fast together. We confess our sins together. We shed tears and we grieve together. All as individuals. All as a community. At the end of our 25 hours together fasting, we hear the great blast of the shofar together, shattering our solemnity with its joyous call to redemption. As we enter the new year, let us remember that our path to redemption begins with us. Let our time together strengthen our bonds of community. May the coming year be one of support and love.

We wish you all the best for an easy and meaningful fast and a sweet, happy, and healthy new year!

Rabbi Daniel Stein



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For those who may need emergency sustenance during the fast, food and water are available in the library (room 12) on Yom Kippur.

We ask that you not use electronic devices on synagogue grounds during the High Holy Days.

Please note that English and Hebrew readings will take place at the lectern, not at the center reading table.

Kol Nidrei Service Honors

Wednesday, October 1 – 6:15pm

ZOOM link: bit.ly/kolnidre25

Led by Rabbi Daniel Stein and Hazzan Sandy Bernstein and the Congregation B'nai Shalom multigenerational choir. Natsuko Murayama, accompanist. In the Rothenberg Sanctuary & streaming

Pg. 199 Candle lighting

Sandy Eliaser & Gastón Bernstein

Pg. 204 Ark opening/closing
Torah holders

Ellen Geisler & Michael Tejada
Michael Bloom
Stuart Goldware
Craig Judson
Elliot Kallen
Harold Kushins

Czech Torah holder

Sonia Leopold & Ben Bress

Pg. 204 Meditation on Kol Nidre

Dorothy Blint

Packet: Reflection Before the Prayer for the Captives

Deborah Bloom

Pg. 211 Second Brakha

Catherine & David Lytell

President's Address

Ami Dodson

D'var Torah (Sermon)

Rabbi Daniel Stein

Writing Ourselves Into the Story: The Future of Jewish Identity

Packet: Behold We Are Like Clay

Katie McMahon

Pg. 233 Ark opening/closing

Elyse Eisner

Packet: Positive Confessional

Margie Goldware

Pg. 243 Ark opening/closing

Jill & Craig Judson

Pg. 244 *Avinu Malkeinu* Alternate Version

Mordechai Rabinowitz



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Yom Kippur Services & Honors

Thursday, October 2

Traditional Service ZOOM link: bit.ly/YomK25

Alternative Service ZOOM link: bit.ly/AltYomK25

- 9:00am **Traditional Service** (Rothenberg Sanctuary & streaming)
- 9:15am **Young Children's Service**, led by Dena Stein (Rooms 2/3)
- 9:15am **Youth Service**--grades 3-7, led by Lior Levy Meruk (Rooms 10/11)
- 10:00am **Youth Activities**, led by PamMcGill (Rooms 10/11)
- 10:00am **Alternative Service**, led by Hazzan Michael Stein and Gastón Bernstein (Social Hall & streaming)

Traditional Service in the Rothenberg Sanctuary

Birkhot Hashahar and P'sukei D'zimra, beginning on page 34, led by Bruce Locke

Shaharit service, beginning on page 71, led by William Gourdin

Pg. 40	English Reading "On Yom Kippur"	Paula Robinson
Pg. 45	Psalm 30- Mizmor Shir	Paula Robinson
Pg. 252	Ark opening/closing	Cindy Fassler
Pg. 256	Ark opening/closing	Jill & Claude Heifetz
Pg. 262	Ark opening/closing	Atara Tarantino
Pg. 266	Al Het (English reading)	David Silverberg
Pg. 271	Ark opening/closing	

- 10:30am **Torah service**, beginning on page 274, led by Rabbi Daniel Stein and Hazzan Sandy Bernstein. Gabbaim: Karen Gourdin & Evan Spinrod

Pg. 274	Ark opening/closing Torah processional	Elliot Kallen Deborah Silverberg-Lopez Elliot Lavey
Pg. 278	First Aliyah	Becca & Felipe Teutle <i>Read by Gerri Levitas</i>
Pg. 279	Second Aliyah	Eve & Bernie Notas <i>Read by Merav Singer</i>
	Third Aliyah	Karla & Neil Smith <i>Read by Merav Singer</i>

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Pg. 280	Fourth Aliyah	Naim Yashar <i>Read by Avah Dodson</i>
Pg. 281	Fifth Aliyah	Amanda & Josh Mischel <i>Read by Zoe Brooks</i>
	Sixth Aliyah	Sandi & Azar Benabou <i>Read by Alexander Belaga</i>
	Raise and wrap the first Sefer Torah	
	Hagbah	Josh Klein
	G'lilah	Lindsay Klein
Pg. 282	Maftir Aliyah	Tina & Eric Eisenman <i>Read by Tim Plattner</i>
	Raise and wrap the second Sefer Torah	
	Hagbah	Adam Brooks
	G'lilah	Alison Brooks
Pg. 284	Haftarah	Tina Eisenman
Pg. 288	Prayer for our Country	Lisa Bress
Pg. 289	Prayer for the State of Israel	Yardena Brooks
Pg. 289	A Prayer for Peace	Liz Ng & Larry Rosenthal
Pg. 296	Ark opening/closing	Jeffrey Lerner
	Torah recessional	Julie Guevara Gabe Guevara

12:30pm

President's Greetings and Announcements
D'var Torah (Sermon)
Judaism in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Ami Dodson
Rabbi Daniel Stein

1:00pm

Musaf service, *beginning on page 300, led by Rabbi Daniel Stein and*
Hazzan Sandy Bernstein

Pg. 313	Ark opening/closing	Mark Saliman
Pg. 315	Ark opening/closing	Nancy Sway & Bruce Locke
Pg. 325	Ark opening/closing	Judy & Mark Langberg
	Handout: Deep Water	Stacey Weinberger
	Handout: From the Dybbuk	Sandy Eliaser
Pg. 346	Ark opening/closing	Ronnie Thierman & Dennis Danziger
Pg. 358	Ark opening/closing	Beverly Licht & Rhonda Povlak

The synagogue campus remains open all day for personal meditation and reflections.
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Afternoon services ZOOM link: bit.ly/YKAfternoon

3:00pm **Learning Session: Engage, Empower, Connect**, led by Rabbi Emeritus Gordon Freeman
(Rothenberg Sanctuary and streaming)

4:15pm **Yizkor & Martrology**, beginning on page 290, led by Rabbi Daniel Stein and Hazzan Sandy Bernstein (Rothenberg Sanctuary and streaming) Gabbaiim: Evan Spinrod & Phil Paris

Ark opening/closing

Handout: We Remember Them

Begonia Balbuena

Marcia Goodman-Lavey

Minhah service, beginning on page 361, led by Rabbi Daniel Stein

Pg. 361 Ark opening/closing

Torah processional

Pg. 365 First Aliyah

Second Aliyah

Pg. 366 Maftir Aliyah

Raise and wrap the Sefer Torah

Hagbah

G'lilah

Pg. 372 Ark opening/closing

Torah Recessional

Pg. 374 Ark opening

Pg. 380 Ark opening/closing

Pg. 389 Ark opening/closing

Gittiy Altman

Sasha Ostrovsky

Sue & Michael Lefelstein

Read by Sue Jaffe

Yelena & Leon Shapiro

Read by Elyse Eisner

Rabbi Gordon Freeman

Read by Elyse Eisner

Evan Nakisher

Dorothy Blint

David Silverberg

Ella Ver

Anne Nicolson

Cindy & Alan Schaer

6:00pm **N'ilah service**, beginning page 393, led by Hazzan Sandy Bernstein

Pg. 408 Ark opening/closing

Pg. 414 Keep Open the Gate

Carol Stone & Stan Goldman

Carol Stone

Ma'ariv service, beginning on page 445, led by Rabbi Daniel Stein

7:28pm **Havdalah and Final Sounding of the Shofar**

Our fast concludes. All are invited to a light break-the-fast in the courtyard, sponsored by the CBS Men's Club.



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Special Thanks

Flowers and Music

Funds for Flowers have been graciously donated this year by the following families. Please join us by also extending your thanks to them

Gitty & David Altman
Lisa & Solomon Elgazzar
Margie & Stuart Goldware
Eve & Bernie Notas
Debbie & Leonard Roudman
Karla & Neil Smith
Susan & Joel White
Naim Yashar

High Holy Day Gift Bags

Thank you to everyone who donated to the High Holy Day Gift Bag Annual Fundraiser. It was a huge success! We thank Lisa Katzki for her leadership on this project and all our volunteers that helped make it happen.

CBS Webcam

The streams of services are available at <http://bshalom.org/worship/bnai-shalom-webcam>

Greeters

We are grateful to the leaders and members of our community who have volunteered time away from their personal observance to greet you upon your arrival, welcome you to Congregation B'nai Shalom, answer your questions, and do all that they can to make your experience more meaningful and inspiring.

Ritual Honors Committee

Thank you to Tim Plattner, Dorothy Blint, David Eliaser, Stan Goldman, Karen Gourdin, Gabe Guevara, JoAnn Knell, Sue Lefelstein, Bruce Locke, Maya Levy Meruk, Ronnie Thierman, and all the members of the Ritual Committee for their efforts in ensuring the smooth running of our services.

Office and Facilities Staff

And a special thank you to our office and facilities staff: Kathy Goehring, Samantha Friedman, Erica Padilla, Carmen Chacon, Dominique Devereene, Haylie Eisele, Andrew Hidalgo, Javon Hopkins, Tina Hutton, Paul Jarske, Nate Martinez, Junior Sorrell, Tamra Stewart, and Alberto Yabao. They have put in extra efforts, energy, and thought this season into how our synagogue presents itself. We couldn't do it without you!

Directory 2025-2026

Thank you to Samantha Friedman and Stu Kirsch for their hard work creating this year's Directory. If you did not receive a Directory and would like one, please stop by the synagogue office.

Break-the-Fast Oneg

Thank you to the B'nai Shalom Men's Club for sponsoring the break-the-fast after Yom Kippur services.



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Safety & Security

The rising tide of anti-Jewish violence in recent years has caused us to be ever vigilant of the level of security necessary to protect all of us. Therefore, we continue to make changes to our physical structure and to our procedures to increase the safety of every person who walks through our doors. We know some of these changes may be inconvenient, and we appreciate you taking an active role in our security to keep us all safe. Our gates and access system are fully functional, with a single entry to the upper campus from the parking lot. Your card or app will also allow you to move from the Alternative Service in the Social Hall to the Sanctuary via the pathway gate. If you have any questions about your access, whether by app or by keycard, please contact Executive Director Stu Kirsch. In the event of any incident, please calmly and efficiently follow the instructions given by Rabbi Stein, our High Holy Day incident leader Stu Kirsch, and law enforcement officials.

If you have any questions about security at B'nai Shalom, please see a greeter or Stu Kirsch, or the leaders of our Safety and Security Team, Earl Agron, David Eliaser, or Michael Tejada.

Emergency Preparedness and Special Needs

Greeters and other leaders have been instructed in the location of our AEDs (automated external defibrillator) and First Aid supplies.

There is an AED in the lobby, above which is an emergency kit containing basic first-aid supplies. There is also an AED by the front door of the social hall.

We are requesting that doctors and nurses in the community volunteer to be part of the First Responder team. If you would like to participate in this mitzvah, please tell the greeters at the desk your name and approximate location at which you will be sitting.

Walking up to the Bimah in the Main Sanctuary

We have found that there is increasing concern about congregants slipping, falling, or losing their balance when going up to the Bimah for an honor. When you are called to the Bimah for an ark opening, an Aliyah, a Torah reading, to blow the shofar, or to deliver an English reading, please approach from the ramp side of the sanctuary and return to your seat using the same ramp.



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Congregation
B'nai Shalom

SUKKOT @ CBS

Sukkot Services Tuesday, October 7 @ 9:30am Wednesday, October 8 @ 9:30am	Shabbat Services Luncheon in the Sukkah Saturday, October 11 @ 9:30am
Midrasha in the Sukkah Wednesday evening, October 8	Hoshana Raba Services Monday, October 13 @ 7:45pm
Scotch & Games in the Sukkah Thursday, October 9 @ 7:00pm	Shemini Atzeret Services Tuesday, October 14 @ 9:30am Yizkor approx. 11:00am
Shabbat Services Salmon in the Sukkah Friday, October 10 @ 6:15pm	Erev Simḥat Torah Musical Festival Service and Dinner Tuesday, October 14 @ 6:00pm
	Simḥat Torah Services Wednesday, October 15 @ 9:30am

Sukkah Building & Decorating
Sunday, October 5
9:00am

Please note that Erev Simḥat Torah services will include a dedication ceremony in memory of October 7.