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Selichot

Saturday Evening **September 12** 7:30 pm

Communal Selichot teachings and service on Zoom.

With Temple Beth Ahm, Temple Emanu-El, Temple Shalom,
Temple Mkor Chaim and more.

Selichot is a hauntingly beautiful service where we can experience the quiet majesty of the prayers of the High Holy Days in a more spiritual, intimate setting.

Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah **Friday Night, September 18** 7:00 pm

***Morning ~ Day 1 **Shabbat, Saturday 19** 10:00 am

Tashlich **Shabbat, September 19** 2:00 pm

We continue a very special tradition of Tashlich or “casting off” our sins.

Lake at Briant Park, Summit

Morning ~ Day 2 **Sunday, September 20** 10:30 am

Yom Kippur

***Kol Nidre **Sunday, September 27** 7:30 pm

***Morning **Monday, September 28** 10:00 am

Musical Interlude 12:30 pm

Seminar: Rabbi Edelman 1:30 pm

Seminar: Cantor Rosenman 2:30 pm

Intergenerational Family Service
Children from birth to age 7 with their families 3:00 pm

Afternoon Service 4:00 pm

Yizkor~Neilah 5:15 pm

You do not need tickets to join our virtual service. You do not need a ticket to come to Briant Park for Tashlich. You will receive a zoom number that can be used for all services. Guests will need to pre-register, but all are welcome!!

DAYS OF AWE SUPPLEMENT

Message from Rabbi Edelman

Since March of 2020, we have been living in a world in which nothing is normal. We are isolated from family and friends due to the Covid 19 Virus, which is cutting a tragic swath through humanity. We have lost dear friends and family members and had to endure funeral services and shiva through zoom. We are exhausted and frustrated and waiting for a vaccination so that we can return to school and work safely, so that we can see family and friends and be able hug again. I miss hugging most of all. Unfortunately, we are not at that place yet. Like the rest of the world, Temple Sha'arey Shalom lived on zoom. We were able to hold religious school classes on zoom, congregate and connect each Shabbat, learn from each other from several different classes.

Unfortunately, this Yom Tovim, the Holy Days of Rosh HaShanah, Sukkot and Shavuot will be on zoom. We are trying to find ways to be together, six feet apart, masked for some of our fall festivities, being mindful of health imperatives. As we are taught in Talmud, to save one life is to save the world entire. We are saving each other right now.

Our services will look different. They will be on zoom. We are trying to keep each service or experience under an hour, which has been proven is the longest a person is able to concentrate on zoom. Services will look different, as rather than using our traditional books, we have the opportunity to create Power Points using the new Reform High Holy Day prayer book, Tefillat HaNefesh- prayer of the soul. The services are all set to evoke a different emotion using modern poetry and modern traditions with the ancient melodies of old. These will not be our typical services, we will create sacred moments through creative modalities.

We open the service on Rosh HaShanah evening with the "Hineni" prayer. It is one of the most humbling prayers in our worship. Cantor Rosenman chants the prayer in its mournful tone, which I later read in English. Those words: "Behold me of little merit, standing before You, pleading on behalf of Your people... Let them (congregants) not be put to shame because of me, nor I because of them.

The simple, straightforward style of "Hineni", combined with the beautiful melody makes this prayer one of the high points of Rosh HaShanah. It is a piyyut, a poem that stresses the many different feelings we have had this year: blessings to be able to be with our family, struggles because we are always with our family, the loss of normalcy and trying to make sense out of the unknown. When will we be free? Will we ever feel like we have control? What will happen to this nation?

God, please grant my Temple family and my own family, peace, health, compassion and fulfillment.

May all of us who belong to Temple Sha'arey Shalom, recognize how precious we are together, how we should see each other as Holy.

May I find the words to share my gratitude with you for all you do.

May we each find a new path to God whether through connections with others, taking classes, praying together, doing acts of loving kindness, or volunteering our time.

May I rise to the challenge of being your Rabbi, being there for you, teaching you, gently pushing you to find your "Jewish" voice.

May we have faith not only in God, but also in each other, knowing that we are acting with our higher selves and living Derech Eretz (the proper way to behave).

May we move forward able to say Hineni- present in each moment, together. Responding: "Here I am, as I am."

May we be able to ask Hineni of ourselves: Where are we? Are we the people we want to be? Can we move to respond more deeply to our own needs, the needs of our families and the needs of this community?

L'Shana Tovah,

Rabbi Renee Edelman