



PARSHAT HA'AZINU SHABBAT SHUVA

8 TISHREI 5787 | SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

Having completed delivering the Torah to Am Yisrael, Moshe bursts into song. He delivers a 43-verse song that in beautifully poetic language covers the span of Jewish history. He concludes with a statement that we should “turn [y]our hearts to all of the words which I am testifying for you today, so that you will teach your children to be careful to observe all the words of this Torah. For it is not an empty thing; rather it is your life!” With that, G-d instructs Moshe to ascent Mount Nebo and ‘be gathered to his people.’

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Festival of Freedom



Wait, did you read that correctly? Isn't Passover the festival of freedom? Yom Kippur is next on the calendar, right? Rabbi Abraham Twersky writes that Yom Kippur is also a holiday of freedom and liberation. While Pesach celebrates the Freedom of Israel from subjugation to Egypt; Yom Kippur celebrates the liberation of the individual. One is liberation from an external captor; and the second, coming up Sunday night, is the liberation from our internal limitations and enslavements.

Rabbi Twersky was an MD who spent his entire career helping people with alcohol and drug addictions, and his dozens of books on Judaism are treasure chests of insight from the world of recovery about how we can imprison ourselves, and how we can also free ourselves.

Keep in mind the noteworthy point that in a Jubilee year, all slaves are emancipated on Yom Kippur. You can read about this in Leviticus 25:10, where it says "Proclaim liberty throughout the land to all the inhabitants thereof." You can also read it cast on the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, or its replica in Jerusalem. This is one reason we sound the shofar at the conclusion of Ne'ilah.

Rabbi Twersky explains that so often, what holds us back and limits us from growing, seeking, learning, becoming; is not some external limitations placed upon us, but rather our own attitude and lack of self-esteem and self-confidence. If we can regain and reactivate those on Yom Kippur, and truly begin the new year with a clean slate, then truly the future lies open before us.

While it will not in any way limit the joy we feel in shul or our delight in oneg Shabbat and simchat yom tov in coming weeks, the recovery and reconstruction in the basement will take longer than we had been originally informed--probably two months instead of one. So we will have to innovate and improvise a bit with kiddush in the coming weeks, but that's just what we will do! Thankfully, we are scheduled to enjoy our kiddushes in the sukkah over the coming weeks, so business as usual! We will keep you updated periodically as the schedule becomes available.

We look forward to welcoming each other to shul on Sunday night for Kol Nidrei, beginning at 7pm, and Monday for a meaningful and uplifting day of Yom Kippur with our wonderful chazzanim and our scholar in residence, Rabbi Dr Dovid Bashevkin. Rabbi Bashevkin will give two presentations in the tent in the parking lot (Just like the old days!) and one in the shul in the afternoon break.

We have yet another treat for all our members: Rabbi Bashevkin has just published a commentary on the Chumash titled I Read This Over Shabbos: Reading Jewish History in the Parasha. Thanks to the generous and kind sponsorship of Eddy Goldstein and Felicia Salomon and family in loving memory of their parents, we are able to present a copy of the book to you. (one per family, please.). You may pick up your copy in the shul office tomorrow (Friday) between 10am and noon, upon the submission of your Yom Kippur Pledge card. If you have already made your Yom Kippur appeal pledge online, we will have a list of those who have done

so. Or once you have made your Yom Kippur pledge online or by the card, you can stop by the shul office next week Tuesday-Friday from 10am-1pm (noon on Friday) to receive your copy.

(We realize that our website has had its challenges recently, and we hope to get it current, up-to-speed, and more user friendly right after the holidays, so thank you for your patience!)

If you are planning to bring your Yom Kippur appeal pledge card to shul on Sunday night, there will be a box in the shul foyer to drop it off. We will do our utmost to process your pledge as soon as possible so you can receive your copy of Rabbi Bashevkin's book.

Shana tova to everyone, a gmar chatima tova; and well over the fast.

Shabbat Shalom



Earliest Candle lighting: 6:06 pm | Candle Lighting: 7:04 pm | Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00pm

Shacharit: 9:15am | Torah Reader: Yaakov Kanofsky
shabbos shuva drasha 11:30 am

Chumash: p.1100 | Haftorah: p. 1205 | Class In Talmud Sanhedrin 6:45pm
Shabbat Ends: 8:05 pm

SHABBAT KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

Kiddush this week is sponsored by Sam and Carole Greenspan in honour of the yartzeit of Phillip Greenspan z"l

Condolences to Steve Rostowsky on the loss of his Father, Rusty (Morris) Rostowsky

Reminder to bring your tickets and machzor for Yom kippur

KST sends its warmest wishes to Gladys Buckler for a smooth and speedy recovery following her recent fall.

Gladys Buckler extends her heartfelt wishes to everyone for a happy, healthy and peaceful New

Year. Although she is unable to join us for services this year, she will be thinking of everyone and hopes to celebrate together again soon.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED
September 20 Shacharit 8:30 am Erev Yom Kippur, see schedule below	September 21 Shacharis 8:45 am Yom Kippur	September 22 Shacharis 7:00am	September 23 Shacharit 7:00am
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September 24 Shacharit 7:00 am	September 25 Erev Sukkot Shacharit: 7am Breakfast Learning 7:45 Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 5:45pm Candle lighting 6:51	September 26 Shacharit: 9:15 am First day Sukkot (No lulav/Etrog) Shabbat Ends, candlelighting for 2nd Day Sukkot 7:50pm (light from a pre-existing flame)	

YOM KIPPUR SCHEDULE:

EREV YOM KIPPUR: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

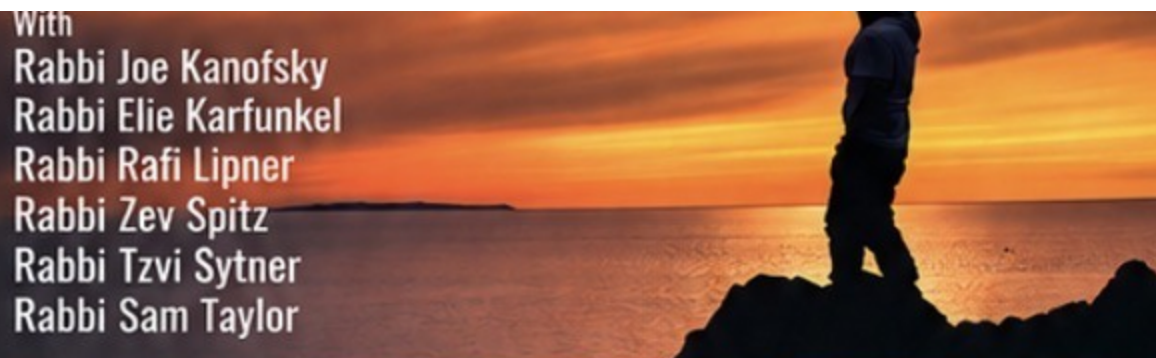
8:30 AM SELICHOT
8:45 AM SHACHARIT
3:00 PM MINCHA
7:00 PM CANDLE LIGHTING
7:00 PM KOL NIDREI
7:45 PM TALK WITH RABBI BASHEVKIN

YOM KIPPUR MONDAY SEPTEMBER 21ST:

8:45 AM SHACHARIT
11:30 AM APPROX SERMON
11:45 APPROX YIZKOR
12:15 PM APPROX: TALK WITH RABBI BASHEVKIN
5:10 PM MINCHA
6:40 PM NE'ILAH
8PM FAST CONCLUDES MAARIV/HAVDALAH



With
 Rabbi Joe Kanofsky
 Rabbi Elie Karfunkel
 Rabbi Rafi Lipner
 Rabbi Zev Spitz
 Rabbi Tzvi Sytner
 Rabbi Sam Taylor




Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 7:30pm
 (Mincha at 7:10PM and Maariv Following)

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 Open to men and women of all ages

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- 6 Amazing Rabbis
- 6 Amazing 10 minute talks
- 1 Amazing night of unity

Proceeds will go to Bet Binyanim in Tzfat
 Born from loss and built on love, Bet Binyanim is a national healing home in the heart of Tzfat, created by Jen and Rob in memory of their son Binyamin Airley ז"ל who was killed during the war shortly after October 7th. It offers soldiers, bereaved families, reservists' families, survivors and others affected by war a place to pause, rest and begin to recover, physically, emotionally and spiritually. This is not a memorial. It is a living declaration of hope, unity and renewal and is truly a healing Am V'Israel, one retreat at a time.




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Chevrah

Sustaining Our Shabbat Kiddush, Week After Week.

The KST Chevrah helps ensure our community comes together around a warm, welcoming hot Kiddush every Shabbat at KST.

Kiddush is where community relationships deepen, newcomers to the Shul feel welcomed, and our community truly connects after

avening.

Please consider supporting this cornerstone of Shabbat at KST.

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NEW
This week's upcoming yahrzeits

Yahrzeits

Friday

Anne Levin for mother Aida Gruslawsky
James Greenspan for grandfather Phillip Greenspan
Samuel Greenspan for father Phillip Greenspan
Stanley Baker for father Harry Baker

Saturday

Roslyn Hasson for father-in-law Eliakim Hasson

Monday

Essie Sher for Sister Farah Bresge
Lydia Lipton for father Isaac Anidjar
Ruth Reuben for father Eliezer Wenger

Tuesday

Heather Waldman for father Jos Pitluk

Wednesday

Carol Brauer for mother Simma Korb



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