

High Holy Days at Ohavi Zedek

**Memorial Service
At Hebrew Holy Cemetery
September 28, 1:00 pm**

**Erev Rosh Hashanah
September 29**

**Rosh Hashanah
September 30-October 1**

**Erev Yom Kippur
(Kol Nidre)
October 8**

**Yom Kippur
October 9**

The symbolism of the shofar is not made explicit in the Torah. Whether it is meant to arouse our slumbering souls or as a clarion to war against the worst parts of our natures, the primitive sound of the shofar blast stirs something deep within us. There is a sense of expectation in the silence before the shofar sound, followed by unease evoked by the various blasts. Part of its sense of mystery lies in the interplay of the silence, the piercing sound, and the hum of people praying. On its most basic level, the shofar can be seen to express what we cannot find the words to say.

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by Michael Strassfield

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A Season of T'Shuvah

The Congregation is reminded that High Holy Day services are a time for prayer, meditation, and reflection. Socializing and conversation disturb our fellow congregants and diminish the dignity of the service.

This is a season of *t'shuvah* (repentance, return); of seeking to increase our self-respect and respect for others. Refraining from unnecessary noise during the prayer service is a good and important way to help us move toward that goal.

~Religious Committee

Memorial Service

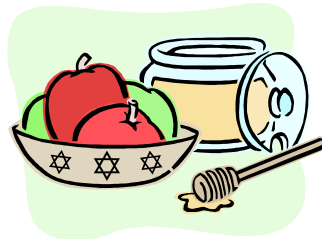
There is a tradition for Jews to visit the graves of loved ones as Rosh Hashanah approaches. We will gather at the Hebrew Holy Cemetery on Patchen Road on Sunday, September 28, at 1:00 pm for a brief Memorial Service. At this time we will bury the contents of Synagogue's *Genizah*: worn sacred books and other materials which, because they have the name of God in them, require such care.

- For Children and Adults of All Ages
- Jewish Storytelling with Jason Lorber and Songs with Robert Resnik, Apples and Honey
- Hear the Shofar Sound

Then join us on the Boardwalk near the Boat-house, for a traditional Tashlich Service of symbolically casting out sins into the water (don't need bread - pocket lint will do). This year, Tashlich is on Tuesday, September 30, the first day of Rosh Hashanah starting at 4pm.

Rosh Hashanah

On the first night of Rosh Hashanah (after Kiddush) it is customary to dip an apple in honey and say the following:



May it be your will, Hashem, our God and God of all our ancestors, that you renew us for a good sweet year.

יהי רצון מלפניך ה' אלהינו ואלהי אבותינו
שתחדש עלינו שנה טובה ומתוקה

Rosh Hashanah by the Lake & Tashlich

All are welcome at the Burlington Community Boathouse, Tuesday, September 30, 2:30-4:00pm.

High Holy Day Food Drive



The prophet Isaiah said:
"This is my chosen fast...share your bread with the hungry, take the homeless into your home, clothe the naked, when you see him, do not turn away from people in need."
(Isaiah 58:6-7)

On Yom Kippur, we will be gathering together in prayer. We ask each congregant to bring a pound of non-perishable food to the synagogue for distribution to the Chittenden County Food Shelf. Please bring food to the Library anytime before Kol Nidre, October 8th.

We also make a financial contribution at this time. If it is more convenient, please consider contributing a check made payable to The Chittenden County Emergency Food Shelf.

Children's Services

The following services will be available during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur:

Young Family Service (Ages 0-6):

10:00-11:00 am, stories and age-appropriate activities related to the New Year. Located in the Small Sanctuary, and to conclude on the front lawn (weather permitting).

Family Services (Ages 7-12):

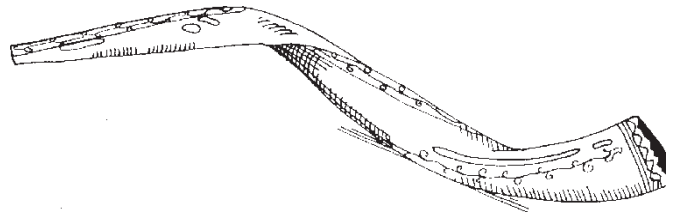
10:30 am-12:30 pm, an age-appropriate opportunity for children to experience prayer, song, and the richness of the High Holy Days. The service will be held at Fern Hill.

Childcare will be available throughout the Holidays. Parents must accompany their children to & from Fern Hill, regardless if choosing to stay at the service or not.

Yom Kippur

The Myron Samuelson Memorial Honor

H. Michael Goldstien has been selected to receive the Myron Samuelson Memorial Ne'ilah Honor. Each year the honor is given to a member of the congregation in recognition of his or her commitment of time and energy to Ohavi Zedek Synagogue. The Ne'ilah Honor holds a special place for the Samuelson family because of Myron Samuelson's long association with it. His family has established the Myron Samuelson Memorial Ne'ilah Endowment Fund so that each year the Ne'ilah honor can be given to a congregant the community wishes to recognize. Michael, a native of Burlington, is a lifelong member of Ohavi Zedek. He serves the synagogue in many capacities, including as current president of the Fern Hill Board, as a member of the Chevra Kadisha and the Cemetery Committee, as Minyan Captain for the Sunday evening service, and as a willing helper in the kitchen, calling on his expertise as a former proprietor of Henry's Diner. Mike has also served on the Archives Committee and the Board of Directors. He lives in Colchester with his wife, Cheryl. They are the parents of two daughters, Anna and Sarah.



The Fast - Fasting is held in high esteem by many religious traditions and health regimens. In the Jewish tradition fasting is taken quite seriously and so we find that on a major Holy Day like Yom Kippur, those who fast do so because they believe fasting to be good for either the body or the spirit or both. The discomfort that is produced by fasting is thought to have instructional value and is intended to help us reflect on our human frailty.

Sukkot

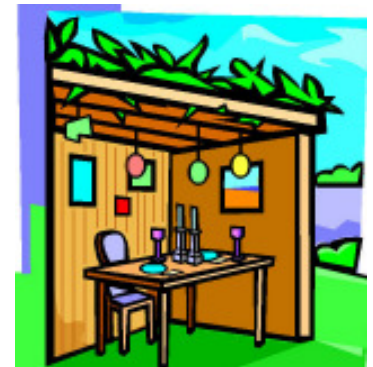


Legend has it that Abraham sat in his tent, with the flaps of the tent folded up on all four sides, so he could welcome weary wayfarers from every direction. This lovely image of generosity is evoked by the holiday of Sukkot. In the Bible, God instructs the ancient Israelites to "dwell in booths [or tents] for seven days of the holiday of Sukkot, because your ancestors dwelt in them during their sojourn in the desert when they departed from Egypt."

Sukkah

Decorating Party

The Hebrew School will be making decorations during school hours on Sunday, October 12 (10-12pm).



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DATE	OCCASION	SERVICE	TIME
Saturday, September 20	Selichot	Selichot Program - Film Selichot Service Shofar Blowing	9:15pm 11:30pm Midnight
Sunday, September 28		Memorial Service at Cemetery	1:00pm
Tuesday, September 29	Erev Rosh Hashanah	Mincha Ma'ariv Candle Lighting	6:00pm 6:18pm
Wednesday, September 30	Rosh Hashanah Day 1	Shacharit A Taste of Rosh Hashanah Tashlich Mincha/Ma'ariv Candle Lighting	9:00am 2:30pm 4:00pm 6:00pm after 7:20pm
Thursday, October 1	Rosh Hashanah Day 2	Shacharit Mincha/Ma'ariv Havdallah	9:00am 6:20pm 7:16pm
Wednesday, October 8	Kol Nidre	Mincha/Ma'ariv Candle Lighting	5:40pm 6:02pm
Thursday, October 9	Yom Kippur/Yizkor	Shacharit Mincha & Ne'elah Shofar Blowing	9:00am 4:45pm 7:03pm
Monday, October 13	Erev Sukkot	Mincha/Ma'ariv Candle Lighting	6:00pm 5:53pm
Tuesday, October 14	Sukkot Day 1	Shacharit Mincha/Ma'ariv Candle Lighting	9:00am 6:00pm After 6:55pm
Wednesday, October 15	Sukkot Day 2	Shacharit Havdallah	9:00am 6:53pm
Monday, October 20	Erev Shemini Atzeret	Mincha/Ma'ariv Candle Lighting	6:00pm 5:42pm
Tuesday, October 21	Shemini Atzeret Yizkor	Shacharit Mincha/Ma'ariv, Children's Celebration Candle Lighting	9:00am 5:45pm After 6:43pm
Wednesday, October 22	Simchat Torah	Shacharit & Dancing Havdallah	9:00am 6:41pm