

# THE SHO- FAR שופר

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## BOARD MEETING

RABBI PRAVER'S SHABBAT  
October– High Holy Days

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## SHABBAT

**Fri., October 4/2 Tishrei**

*Candle Lighting 6:15*

**Sat., October 5/3 Tishrei**

HA'AZINU

**Fri., October 11/9 Tishrei**

*Candle Lighting 6:03*

*Erev Yom Kippur*

**Sat., October 12/10 Tishrei**

YOM KIPPUR

**Fri, October 18/16 Tishrei**

*Candle Lighting 5:53*

SUKKOT

**Sat., October 19/17 Tishrei**

SUKKOT

**Fri., October 25/23 Tishrei**

*Candle Lighting 5:43*

**Sat., October 26/24 Tishrei**

BEREISHIT

## **PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE**

# **Haazinu** “my rock and my redeemer” (צור, י וג' אֱלֹהֵי)

In *Parashat Haazinu*, what do G-d and a large rock formation have in common? In v. 4, “the Rock” appears in conjunction with descriptions of G-d as “steadfast...true and upright.” These words highlight the solid, seemingly immovable aspect of a rock, which the poet compares to G-d’s unwavering loyalty and righteousness. Yet, rocks have many other features, and the poet picks up on different associated commonplaces as the metaphor appears later in the poem.

For instance, v. 15 returns to the metaphor of G-d as rock, recounting how Israel spurned “the Rock of his rescue.” This verse makes reference to the way a large rock can provide protection, a characteristic frequently invoked by the many manifestations of this metaphor in the Psalms, as in the depictions of G-d as “my rock and my redeemer” (צורִי וגֹאֲלִי) (Psalm 19:15) or “my strength...my fortress, my rescuer, my G-d, my rock in whom I seek refuge” (Psalm 18:2-3).<sup>[2]</sup> This military meaning of the metaphor of G-d as rock in v. 15 contrasts with its meaning in v. 4, where the analogy implies divine loyalty and righteousness in a broad, non-military context.

The word צור (rock) appears many times in our Torah and also in the siddur. If you think about its meaning, which is a firm foundation or support, you can see a picture of something positive that can support you when you need it. Usually the word refers to G-d.

As we approach the high holy days, let’s look to G-d for support, as we embark on our journey. One of the ways in which G-d can help us is to visit our synagogue and share this with others. Yes, G-d is everywhere and you can have a relationship anywhere. This year, why not come to Temple Emanu-El and we can share our rock with each other. Maybe you can bring your friends so we can begin to grow and flourish

**MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU AND YOUR FAMILY HEALTH, JOY,**

**AND PEACE!!!!!!!**

# **שנה טובה**

## **RABBI'S MESSAGE**

### **Shalom And Blessings of Peace**

Rosh Hashanah marks the head of the new year—the start, the beginning. The head is the central command center of the body where the brain resides. The brain is the place that generates thoughts, which are the fruits of the mind. Rosh Hashanah is the quintessential holiday on the Jewish calendar.

I recall a time when the first heart transplants were performed. Our superstitious minds believed that the recipient would take on the emotions of the donor. However, this turned out not to be the case. Why not? Emotions are not caused by the physical heart or the brain; they come from a spiritual source. For every blade of grass that grows in the field, there is a spiritual entity (Angel) that commands it into existence. The Zohar mentions that every aspect of creation, including the smallest elements of nature, is influenced by spiritual forces. This reflects the belief that all physical entities have a corresponding spiritual reality that sustains and commands them. This idea is similarly expressed by Plato in his theory of the World of Forms. According to Plato, the physical world is merely a shadow or imitation of this higher reality. For instance, while we may encounter various instances of beauty, they are all imperfect representations of the ideal Form of Beauty.

As such, our feelings may flow through the heart but are not caused by it. In the case of a heart transplant, the recipient is gifted with a healthier heart pump enabling them to continue living in their body. Their emotions originate from a spiritual source, the original progenitor of their life, not the shadow. The angel is not the blade of grass; rather, the angel is a force that commands the shadow of this blade of grass to grow and exist. We might think of it as a sort of spiritual DNA that defines what shall be built or manifested.

What do you suppose would happen if it were possible to perform a brain transplant? Would the recipient inherit the thoughts of the donor? I think not. The thoughts are not tightly bound to the physical brain in the way we might assume with our superstitious minds. The physical brain engages with spiritual pursuits called thought because these thoughts already exist in the universe and are generated through a creature called a person via the brain. “I think, therefore I am.” (Descartes)

To illustrate this by analogy, electricity comes from many sources, one of which is lightning and electromagnetic fields in the atmosphere. We have learned to harness a fraction of that energy and utilize it in our technology.

Rosh Hashanah represents the restarting of the original thought that consciousness precedes our physical brain and flows through it, transcending it. All of this leads us to the singular source of consciousness itself. This is why the introspection and contemplative activities we engage in during Rosh Hashanah are life-giving. They renew our lives and reconnect us with the origins of ourselves in the place we call our soul—Neshama. The source of our individual souls is a universal heart and a universal mind that points to the universal source of consciousness, which is G-d. Our ancestors referred to this as Avinu, Malkenu—Our Father, Our King, Our Savior, and Our Redeemer. This is the spiritual concept central to Judaism.

No matter how many neural connections and circuits one builds into a robot, it will never truly feel or experience consciousness. It will never truly laugh, love, or desire like human beings do because there is something called a soul, which is part of the transcendent creative force we call G-d. Han'shama Lach Ve'haguf Shelach—G-d, the soul and the body are Yours. Through Teshuva (introspection that seeks to unify with the optimal way of being), Tephillah (prayer that focuses our minds and hearts on this noble project), and Tzedakah (charity that puts these thoughts into action with tangible impact), we secure for ourselves, our loved ones, and the whole house of Israel our place Be'Sefer Chayim, in The book of Life. Shana Tova Umetuka— A Good and Sweet New Year!

Shaul Marshall Prayer

Rabbi-tor-Chaplain

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# HIGH HOLY DAYS

SELICHOT: Saturday evening, Sept. 28th at 8:00 PM -  
Erev Rosh Hashanah: Wed., Oct. 2, 2024- 6:00 PM

Rosh Hashanah: Thurs. & Fri... Oct 3rd.and 4th.

<u>Shaharit</u>	9:00 AM
Torah Reading	9:45 AM
Shofar	10:30 AM
Beginners' Service	10:30AM
Musaf & Shofar	11:10 AM
Thurs. & Fri. Evening Service	6:00 PM

## *TASHLICH in the Park*

(Bayonne Hudson County Pk. - 42nd St.  
& Newark Bay)

Thursday, October 3rd., at 5:30

**Kol Nidre: Friday, October 11th.**

<u>Minhah</u>	6:00 PM
Kol Nidre:	6:30 PM

**Yom Kippur: Saturday, October 12th**

<u>Shaharit</u>	9:00 AM
Yiskor	12:00PM
<u>Minhah</u>	Honors (Aliyot) 4:30 PM
Neilah ends	7:10 PM
Shofar & Break-the-Fast	7:50 PM

## SELICHOT

Saturday, September 28th. 8:00PM

## ROSH HASHANNAH EVE

Wednesday, October 2nd. 6:00P.M

## ROSH HASHANNAH MORNING

Thursday, October 3rd. 9:00AM

and

Friday, October 4th. 9:00AM

## COMMUNITY TASHLICH SERVICE

Hudson County Park and 42nd Street

5:30PM

Thursday, October 3rd.

## EREV YOM KIPPUR/KOL NIDRE

Friday, October 11th.

6:30PM

## YOM KIPPUR

Saturday, October 12th.

9:15AM

Mincha & Shir Chadash

6:00PM

*YIZKOR /HAVDALA SERVICE*



## EREV SUKKOT

Wednesday, October 16th.



## SUKKOT

October 17th.-23rd.

## CHOL HA'MOED SUKKOT

October 18th.-21st.

## HOSHANA RABBA

Wednesday, October 23rd.

## SHEMINI ATZERET

Thursday, October 24th

9:30AM

YIZKOR

## SIMCHAT TORAH

Friday, October 25th,

## TRIBUTES

Please send tributes and payments directly to the Temple or call 201.436.4499

### MAZAL TOV...

**TO: RENEE & ALBERT BOUSSO– CONGRATULATIONS ON THE BIRTH OF YOUR GREAT-GRANDCHILD NOAH BENJAMIN DAVID.**

**FROM: SALLY FRIEDMAN**

## KOL NIDRE 2024

**Diane Birne**

**Bernice Bramson**

**Ellen Broderick**

**Marshall & Diane Duberstein**

**Sally Friedman**

**Harriet Grodberg**

**Carol Klein**

**Irene Kravitz**

**Arlene & Sam Lichtenfeld**

**Helene Nagiar**

**Stephen Rose & Family**

**Carol Shapiro**

**David Weisman & Family**

**Varda & Arnie Wendroff**

**Deborah & Harriet Werner**

# **OCTOBER 7th. MEMORIAL**



**WHO: Temple Emanu-El in conjunction with  
Temple Beth Am, and Congregation Ohav  
Zedek**

**WHAT: October 7th Memorial**

**Date: October 7, 2024 5:00PM**

**R.S.V.P. by October 2nd.**

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## Yahrzeit

**September 29-October 5/26 Elul-3 Tishrei**

**Marilyn K. Weiss, Annie Guterman, Jeanette Mamanette Levy, Murray A. Aronson, Bessie R. Bramson, Edward I. Adler, Pearl Sandick, Rose S. Rose, David Schwibner, Paula Weissman, Herman Fleher, William Shapiro, Louis Sugerman, Solomon Simon, Dr. Bernard Gurland, Max Manny Sommer, Chanah Sarah Ravitt, Fannie Gross, Gussie Sklar, Ascher Rose, Dr. Bernard M. Altschuler, June Susan Millner, Irving Rogow**

**October 6-12/4-10 Tishrei**

**Miriam R. Balinky, Hyman, Lebowitz, Laura Kammerman, William Hochhauser, Rochelle Konigsberg Henriques, Edith Cromnick Margulies, Myrtle Levy, Ray Levy Epstein, Irving Cohen, Sarah Strassman, Leo Slomovitz, Samuel W. Topilow**

**October 13-19/11-17 Tishrei**

**Louis Chodash, Sara(Sus) Eisenstat, Max Shipotofsky, Bernhard Pollak, Miriam Block, Max Feldman, Sol Zweig, Irving Lipshutz, Mae Ravitt, Ethel Blitzler, Fran Soloway, Charles Shulman, Ralph Levine, Rose R. Belinkoff, Harry Arenofsky, Gussie Adler**

**October 20-26/18-24 Tishrei**

**Joseph Gross, Sadie Padwe, Philip Moskowitz, Jean Feinberg, Solomon Marcus, Sarah Marcus, Frumma Batlan Epstein, Dora Arenson, Lena Konigsberg, Louis Rosenthal, Sylvia G. Cohan, Dorothy Gordon, Benjamin Platizky, Louis Wigdor**

**October 27-November 2/25 Tishrei-1 Cheshvan**

**Anna Levine, Abraham G. Pecker, Theodore Nalitt, Cantor Samuel Shapiro, Sol Green, Rose Sonkin Gurland, Max Gurland, Irvine Kapelowitz, Gershon Rubine, Bertha Goodman Gross, Harry Belinky, David N. Field, Adolph Geltzeiler, Yetta Shapiro, Sadye K. Iscovitz, Nathan Mattes, Beatrice Taub, William Sall, Petiel & Rivka Pfreidman, Aaron Kessel, Sophie Shapiro**

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## Yahrzeit Donations...

**FROM:**

**Helene Nagiar**

**CORRECTION**

**Marilyn Werber**

**FOR:**

**Aaron Kessel**

**Philip Werber**

**BELOVED:**

**Brother**

**Husband**

# October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <sub>Erev Rosh Hashannah</sub>	3 R.H	4R.H	5 <sub>Shabbat</sub>
6	7	8	9	10	11 <sub>Kol Nidre</sub>	12 Y.K
13	14	15	16 <sub>Erev Sukkot</sub>	17Sukkot	18SUKKOT	19SUKKOT
20 <sub>Sukkot</sub>	21SUKKOT	22 <sub>Sukkot</sub>	23	24YIZKOR	25SIMCHAT TORAH	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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