

TIKVA TIMES



FALL 2021 | ELUL - TISHREI 5781-2



**High Holy Days
2021 | 5782**

Going forward together



Rabbi's Reflections



Rabbi Joshua Kalev

Senior Rabbi

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Our forefather Jacob ran away from home, laid down and had a dream. In his dream, the Torah teaches us that he saw angels "ascending and descending" a ladder that stretches up to heaven. The rabbis throughout the generations have asked one simple question, "Why are they ascending first?" One beautiful answer that comes from the Chasidic tradition is because the angels start on earth. I love this teaching because it reminds us that there are angels all around us even though we might not always be able to see them or be aware of them.

As we enter a New Year, a time still filled with uncertainty, exhaustion, and fear, we have to remember that we are a community that is surrounded by angels. We are each other's angels. I have been blessed to witness some of the most incredible kindnesses, compassion and support our CTJ family has shown one another since the beginning of the pandemic. When called upon, our angels help with endless love and as one member said to me just the other day, "I don't think I would have made it through the last year if it weren't for my CTJ community."

God willing, 5782 will be a year of health and peace for ourselves and our world. However, no matter what the future has in store for each of us, I hope during this season you remember that you are surrounded by an extended family who is here for you always and armed with the knowledge that you are not alone. I pray that you are strengthened by the fact that together we can face a better tomorrow. Don't forget, you are surrounded by angels.

**High Holy Days begin
on Monday, September 6!**

**See High Holy Day Schedule
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for Complete Schedule
and Information**

**Registration is required
for many services**

**Family Services for the
High Holy Days
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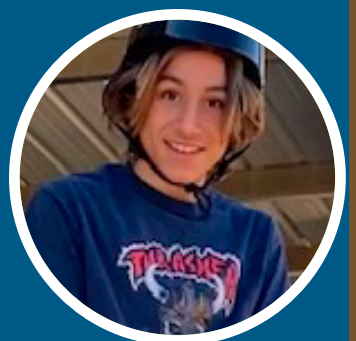
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November 6, 2021



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November 20, 2021

FREE CAKE TO GO



HIGH HOLY DAY FUN

FAMILY SERVICES AT THE PARK
FAMILY SING-A-LONG AT THE POINT

ctjmb.org/family for
more information.



Family Services for the High Holy Days In Person and Outside

Rosh Hashanah, Tuesday, Sept 7
3:00pm at local park

Family Sing-a-Long & Celebration,
Wednesday, September 8, 4pm
at The Point

Yom Kippur Family Service,
Thursday, September 16 at local park

Register tinyurl.com/ctjfamily



Todd Levin
CTJ President

President's Message ♦♦♦

First I'd like to welcome and congratulate our new CTJ members and families and extend a warm welcome back to all those returning. Thank you all for making CTJ your Beit Knesset (synagogue).

As I embark on this journey of being your President, I'd like to share my personal Jewish path and how I arrived where I am today. I was born and raised in Southern California, and attended Sinai Akiba Academy. I went to Hebrew school every Monday and Wednesday and Sunday school on, you guessed it, Sundays. We were not a very religious family, but I became a Bar Mitzvah at 13 just a few years after my sister and shortly before my brother. My family continued to go to temple on some holidays and Shabbats, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

After Beth and I married at Sinai, we continued to partake in major holidays, first bringing Jacob and then Parker too. We knew many members, mostly friends of my parent's, but never felt a connection to Sinai's massive congregation. So, like many other Jews in distress, we went shopping... shul shopping. We spent years attending High Holiday services at various synagogues in LA until we found and fell in love with CTJ. I recall the comfort that overwhelmed Beth and me when we attended our first Rosh Hashanah here 7 years ago. We had found our new home. Jacob and Parker began their religious studies and became a Bar Mitvah in 2017 and 2020.

Now it's my turn to give back to CTJ for all the great years, memories and countless friends we've made. I'm proud to be serving as your President and look forward to seeing you all online and in person soon. You are welcome to reach out to me anytime. todd.levin@ctjmb.org or (310) 546- 3667.

I wish you all a very safe, healthy and happy new year. Shanah tovah u'metukah,

Todd Levin

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Stacy Young
CTJ Social Action

Social Action! ◆◆◆

May the new year 5782 bring much needed healing, and opportunities to be a part of. Once again this year we can have no traditional High Holiday food drive. But instead we are doing even better- continuing to collect food and essentials every 2 months year-round. We will hold the next Cedars Sinai Blood Mobile and Essentials Drive in the CTJ parking lot on October 14 from 9am to 3pm collecting clothing, blankets, food, toiletries, and more benefitting the Downtown LA Mission and Project Needs.

On November 11 we honor our veterans, delivering hand knitted hats by our own Knitzvot to the VA hospital and Veterans' homes. CTJ is dedicated to sponsoring a hot meal on the third Tuesday a month at Project Needs in Redondo Beach and help is needed shopping, preparing, and packing hot meals "to go". The next dates at stpaulsrb.org/Project-Needs are 9/21, 10/19 and 11/16. Plus there is always more to do! We also have upcoming projects with safeparkingla.org, mazon.org, Habitat for Humanity (habitat.org), 1736FamilyCrisisCenter.org, and more.

To support our own CTJ community in need, please let the office or Hildy Stern (hildy.stern@gmail.com) know if you are able to help out with CTJ's Chesed group. Knitters contact CTJ office or Laura.Pinskylaurap4rbiz@verizon.net if you would like to get involved knitting for a cause with Knitzvot. Whether or not we can Walk to End Genocide in person this year, Jewish World Watch needs our ongoing support - contact Gwen.Wexler@ctjmb.org for more information on how to get involved. Don't forget scarves and jewelry for our own Iris Knell's nonprofit, Chemocessories: Chemocessories@gmail.com.

Social Action will continue to meet by Zoom, check

the CTJ calendar. The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 5th, 7:00pm As always, to bring new project ideas, and to find ways you can help out, please contact Stacy.Young@ctjmb.org.

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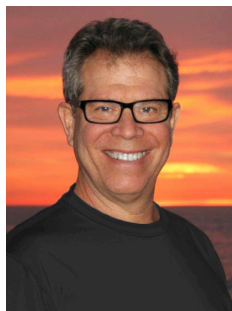
Join the Sisterhood!

Wendy Weber ◆◆◆

2020 was such a hard year! We look forward to a brighter 2021 when we can all meet in person. As such, we want to invite all of you to consider joining the Sisterhood Board.

Why, you ask? Because this is the place you and your "Sistas" can meet and discuss all the issues of the day and provide leadership to CTJ whether you are a Mom, an Executive, or a Volunteer. You think you are too busy? Nonsense, this is where you can relax and share your thoughts with other women of all ages.

We are NOT your mother's Sisterhood. Make a difference and join an enthusiastic, smart, and incredibly fun group of women that comprise the Sisterhood Board. Email weberw10@gmail.com for more information.



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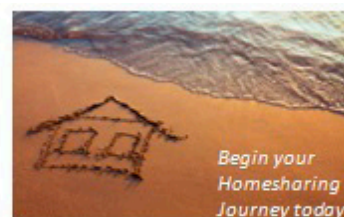
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In Need**



**Share
Companionship**



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Income**

Contact "HOME SHARE SOUTH BAY" for assistance
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CTJ Ohren Education Center (OEC) 2021-2022

(Dates in purple below have corresponding notes on the left column)

Notes:

September

19 First day of OEC Classes

October

4-7 First days of Hebrew, Wednesday OEC, and Noar

16 Shabbat School - Grownups included
17 OEC closed (school was Saturday!)

December

3 3rd grade kiddum/Shabbat services
5 Chanukah family program gr. K-3
10 OEC Friday night
12 OEC closed (we saw you Friday!)

January

8 Havdalah family program 6pm-8p

February

6 Family Program Grades 4-6

March

6 Purim Carnival

11-13 OEC retreat grades 3-6

13 Classes for K-2 only

20 5th grade family Bnai Mitzvah meeting

May

14 Shabbat School - Grownups included
15 OEC closed (school was Saturday!)

June

5 Last Day OEC

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Rebecca Tullman
Director of Education
Ohren Education Center

OEC Snapshot ◆◆◆

Dear CTJ families,

This time of year brings so many new beginnings - new Jewish year, a new school year, new teachers, and new friends all provide us with fresh starts. As we bring our students back to in-person classes, it almost feels like I'm starting my first year at CTJ all over again. I'm excited to get to know our kids in person! Here's some other NEW beginnings coming up at CTJ's Ohren Education Center (OEC):

- * A block of time on Sunday mornings for grades 1-3 and on Wednesday afternoons for grades 3-6 that is just for community building with age level peers. After a year of being physically apart, we will pay special attention to rebuilding in-person relationships and social skills through team building activities, games, and conversations about our daily lives and the world around us.
- * New and expanded roles for teen leaders to work with younger students
- * A new chug (elective) choice - Conversational Hebrew!
- * A totally reimagined Noar experience for grades 8-12

When you want to hear about these and other experiences your children are having at OEC, here is a list of questions that you might try asking since "What did you do today" seldom elicits an informative response:

- * What was the best part of your day?
- * If you were in charge of OEC today, what would you have kept the same? What would you have changed?
- * Tell me one thing you learned or that you thought about in a new way?
- * Did anyone help you with anything today? Did you help someone else with anything?

- * What was the most interesting thing you heard someone say? The weirdest?
- * Was there anything you didn't understand today?
- * Did anything surprise you today?
- * What made you smile today?
- * What made you frown today?
- * What made one of your teachers smile today? What made one of them frown?
- * Does anyone in your class seem like they need a friend?

Jonah & the Whale by Becca Tullman

At Yom Kippur, Jews read the story of Jonah. It's a pretty weird story, so let's recap.

Chapter 1

God is displeased about the crummy behavior of the people of Nineveh. They are not making good choices. So God instructs Jonah to go to Nineveh and prophesize God's impending destruction of their city if they don't knock it off. That sounds like a real drag to Jonah, so he hops on a boat to Tarshish, a city in the other direction. God causes a great storm so that the ship is in danger of capsizing. Obviously, the sailors assume that someone on the ship has angered their gods and those gods are expressing their annoyance with this storm. So everyone on the boat draws straws to see who they can blame. (Don't worry, our emergency response plan at CTJ is a bit more thoughtful!) Jonah draws the short straw and admits that it's his fault that God is royally ticked off. He says the only logical solution is to throw him overboard. The sailors aren't really digging this plan. They're pretty sure tossing people into the sea is displeasing to most gods, so they try to row out of the storm. God is having none of

CTJ is Reading

Most Thursdays at 7:00 pm

"Israel: The Most Misunderstood Country in the World"

by Noa Tishby

With additional dates with Assaf

(our fabulous Israeli tour guide):

August 29, 11:00 am - Chapter Five

October 3, 11:00 am - Chapter Eight

October 24, 11:00 am - Chapter Eleven



that; eventually they do throw Jonah over the side, and the storm is ended.

Chapter 2

God causes a giant fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah lives in its belly for three days. (God was clearly in an odd mood. The belly of a fish?) After Jonah sets up housekeeping in his new fishy home, he spends his days praying and singing psalms to God. He thanks God for not allowing him to die underwater and repents. When God feels certain that Jonah has learned his lesson, he allows him out of timeout by causing the fish to spew Jonah onto dry land. (We'll save conversation about the spiritual significance of spewing for another time, shall we? I've just eaten.)

Chapter 3

God tells Jonah to go to Nineveh and break the news that God will destroy their city in 40 days because of their wicked ways. (I imagine that just like everyone's parents, God said, "Don't make me repeat myself again!") Jonah rolls his eyes but decides not to test God's patience any further and trudges off to Nineveh with the message. The Ninevites believe him without even asking him to turn a staff into a snake as proof (á lá Moses); and they immediately decide to repent. Easy peasy! (Parents - does this work on your kids?) So God decides not to wipe them out.

Chapter 4

If you thought everyone lived happily ever after, think again. This is not a fairytale! Jonah is all in a tizzy. He's just over it. He claims this was the reason he ran away in the first place: because he knew God was going to forgive everyone anyway and the whole errand was a waste of time. He's like, "Really God? Just kill me now!" in his best

exasperated-teenager voice. Rolling his eyes again, Jonah wanders off to hang out in a makeshift hut. Apparently, he has no life. God, who has by now developed a taste for teaching lessons through pranks, causes a tall plant to grow overnight by the hut to give Jonah cooling shade. But the night after, God sends a worm to attack the plant, so it withers, and a great wind to knock over the hut. The sun beats down on Jonah. He's hot and sweaty and, much like I do in Florida, he gets cranky. We can safely assume that, unlike Florida, the heat where Jonah was hanging out was a dry heat; but still, it was hot. For the second time in three days, Jonah goes all melodramatic and says, "Just kill me now, God!" God gets the last word in by saying, "Oh! You're THAT upset about this plant which appeared overnight and was destroyed the next night, but you don't get why I care about a city full of people who maybe just didn't know better?" And there the story ends. It's rather unsatisfying really. I would love to know if Jonah gets himself a life at some point!

In all seriousness, though, this odd little story can inspire some true soul searching. A colleague of mine once shared the following:

"I heard something from a very wise 90-year-old playwright, who told me that at some point in our lives, we are all faced with the choice of destination: Tarshish or Nineveh? Tarshish is the shirking of responsibility, the cop-out. Nineveh is the acceptance of destiny/purpose/mission. Every so often, we should stop and take stock, asking ourselves if we are going to Tarshish or Nineveh."

May we all be blessed with clarity of vision as we strive to fulfill our purpose in the year ahead, and may 5782 be filled with blessings.

Staying Safe, Wherever We Are

At CTJ, we take security very seriously, and we are constantly evaluating ways to keep our families as safe as possible, wherever we are. Our Security Committee, comprised of CTJ members with experience in law enforcement, medicine, and other diverse perspectives, meets regularly to identify new strategies, and security is a standing topic at our monthly Board meetings. But remember: Security is everyone's responsibility, and we need your help. Here are some changes we've made to keep you safe and ways you can contribute.

At Shul

What We've Done:

- Made our building a tougher target through numerous physical security upgrades.
- Reduced the threat of intruders with the OpenPath access control system.
- Instituted a robust emergency plan. You might notice safety announcements at the start of services and periodic evacuation drills.
- Launched a mass notification system. During an emergency, you'll receive texts and emails.

How You Can Help:

- Keep the doors closed and make sure they lock. Do not let someone follow you into the synagogue, especially if you do not know them.
- Make sure your contact information is updated in Shulcloud - mobile numbers and emails - so we can notify you during an emergency.
- Volunteer to be on our team of greeters. You'll receive professional training in emergency procedures and safety protocols. Must be 18 or older. Email office@ctjmb.org to join.

Online

What We've Done:

- Secured our Zoom events and services with unique passwords
- Monitored online events to ensure we know everyone on the call. If we cannot identify a participant, we remove them.

How You Can Help:

- Do not forward Zoom links to others. Want to invite a friend? Simply email Tamah at office@ctjmb.org to have the link sent directly.
- Use a screen name that we can recognize, especially if you're camera shy.

At School

What We've Done:

- Instituted new lockdown training and procedures - all school doors will be locked while school is in session. Students will need to enter through the back parking lot, and this door will be locked 10 minutes after school begins.
- Provided emergency response and hostile intruder training to all teachers and staff.
- Developed a regular schedule for emergency drills.
- Created special emergency plans and notification systems for off-site retreats.

How You Can Help:

- Arrive and depart school on time. If you need to drop off your child a few minutes early, let Becca Tullman know in advance, beccatullman@ctjmb.org. We'll provide a safe space for your child until class begins. It's

important we know who is in the building at all times.
Make sure to provide emergency contact information and update us if there are changes.

At the Beach, Park, and Other Locations

What We've Done:

Created site-specific emergency plans for all the fun places we gather.
Identified reunification locations in case we get separated - listen for safety instructions at the start of events.
Developed a portable emergency kit with first aid supplies and provisions.

How You Can Help:

Be aware of your surroundings and understand the safety instructions.



Blood and Essentials Drive

Sunday, October 24, 9am - 3pm
CTJ Parking Lot

Collecting clothing, blankets, food, toiletries, and more. Benefitting the Downtown LA Mission and Project Needs.

Yizkor Board - For Members

Last Year's Was So Beautiful!
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Calendar

ONGOING

Jewish News

- Every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. (except during vacation weeks)
- Every week Rabbi Kalev hosts a short session to start your day, sharing three news clips from the Jewish world that will make you think, make you laugh, maybe make you cry, and hopefully inspire you as you start your day. Grab your morning coffee and we promise these 15 minutes will be well spent!!

Knitzvot

- Every other Tuesday, 3 p.m.
- Chat while you take a crafting break - whatever your craft is. Show us the project you're making for yourself or for charity.

Yoga

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.
- YOGA with Zvia Hempling and Susan Goldstein via Zoom! Our amazing yoga teachers will help you get moving in the morning. Need props? Gather some household items like a towel, sofa pillows, belt and small empty trash bin or thick books to use as props if you don't have a Yoga strap or blocks.
- Students new to yoga are welcome and encouraged to join! Set up your mat or towel and your phone, tablet, or laptop. There will be time to chat and check in with your fellow yogis after class. This class is donation based. Pay what you are able, directly to CTJ. For Zoom link and more information contact bonschwartz1@gmail.com.

Thursday Night Class is Reading Noa Tishby's Book, Israel: The Most Understood Country In The World

- Every Thursday evening at 7 p.m.
- This popular discussion class led by Rabbis Selilah and Joshua Kalev is currently focused on reading "Israel: The Most Misunderstood Country in the World" one chapter at a time. Feel free to jump into this popular class at any point! See what chapters we're reading in the weekly email. There are also several Sunday sessions to explore a chapter with our Israeli Tour Guide, Assaf.

Tot Shabbat

Every month on the First Friday at 5 p.m.
A virtual Shabbat celebration with Cantor Beth, Rabbi Kalev, and Becca Tullman and your favorite stuffed friends. This musical start to Shabbat is for our youngest CTJ-ers and the grownups who love them. Lots of music, an exciting story, and tons of silliness make for a very fun beginning to the day of rest.

Virtual Friday Night Service

Every Friday Night, 6 p.m.
A fun, fast paced zoom service. Themes announced in weekly email.

Shabbat Morning Services

With B'nai Mitzvah 9:30 a.m.
With No B'nai Mitzvah
Service 10 - 10:45 a.m.
Text Study 10:45- 11:30 a.m.

Havdalah

Every Saturday evening
February - March 13th at 7:00pm
March 20th and Spring - 8:00pm
See weekly email and calendar for details

As Shabbat ends and darkness falls we gather together on zoom to mark time with a very short 10 minute gathering. Celebrate a new week with your CTJ friends.

Project Needs

CTJ is cooking 2:30 p.m.
We continue to prepare hot meals "to go" on the third Tuesday of each month at Project Needs in Redondo Beach. Please contact Stacy.Young@ctjmb.org.

AUGUST

Prayer Book Pickup at CTJ

Drive through on 19th Street

• **Wednesday, August 25, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

• **Friday, August 27, 10:30 - 12:30 pm**

• **Sunday, August 29, 8:45 - 10:45 am**

• **Monday, August 30, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

• Borrow Lev Shalem Machzor (Prayer Book for the High Holy Days)

• We'll have a pdf for you to download like last year - but if you'd like to borrow a hard copy, pick up here.

CTJ Book Club

• **Wednesday, August 25, 7:00 p.m.**

• The CTJ Book Club meets every two months to discuss a book of Jewish interest. We're reading "The Revised Fundamentals of Caregiving" by Jonathan Evison. This tragicomedy published in 2012 is about a road trip taken by the caregiver and his teenage charge who suffers from Duchenne muscular dystrophy. For more information email doritravel@gmail.com.

Reading Noa Tishby's Book with Rabbis Kalev

• **Thursday, August 26, 7:00 pm**

• This popular discussion class led by Rabbis Selilah and Joshua Kalev is currently focused on reading "Israel: The Most Misunderstood Country in the World" one chapter at a time. Feel free to jump into this popular class at any point! See what chapters we're reading in the weekly email. There are also several Sunday sessions to explore a chapter with our Israeli Tour Guide, Assaf.

Virtual Friday Night - Jewish Mysticism

• **Friday, August 27, 6:00 pm**

• Celebrate the birthday of the Ba'al Shem Tov, the founder of Hasidic Judaism as we explore Jewish mysticism through the ages. What are those red strings all about? Does a mystic have cake for their birthday?

Shabbat Morning Service and Text Study
Saturday, August 28, 10:00 am Service,
10:45 am Text Study

You can come for the service or the text study or both! If the phrase "text study" scares you a bit - come try it. Come and see how we interpret ancient texts through a modern Jewish lens.

Selichot Service

Saturday, August 28, 8:00 pm

A meditative service to begin the High Holy Day season.

Registration and vaccination required for in person. See email for registration link.

Tishby Discussion with Assaf

Sunday, August 29, 11:00 am

We meet with Assaf (our fabulous Israeli tour guide) to discuss specific chapters of the Noa Tishby book, as well as questions we develop during our Thursday class. This week we'll discuss Chapter 5, and probably other things as well.

Jewish News

Tuesday, August 31, 9:00 am - 9:15 am

Every week Rabbi Kalev hosts a short session to start your day, sharing news clips from the Jewish world that will make you think, make you laugh, maybe make you cry, and hopefully inspire you as you start your day. Grab your morning coffee and we promise these 15 minutes will be well spent!

SEPTEMBER

Sisterhood Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 1, 6:30 pm

Noa Tishby Class - Chapter 6, 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 2

Tot Shabbat

Friday, September 3, 5:00 pm

A virtual Shabbat celebration with Cantor Beth, Rabbi Kalev, Becca Tullman and your favorite stuffed friends. This musical start to Shabbat is for our youngest CTJ-ers and the grownups who love them. Lots of music, an exciting story, and tons of silliness make for a very fun beginning to the day

of rest. This week we're celebrating the New Year!!

Virtual Friday Night - Last Shabbat of the Year

Friday, September 3, 6:00 pm

Wow - it has been quite a year. As we move into 5782, let's take a moment to bid farewell to 5781. I think we're ready to move on.

Shabbat Morning Service and Text Study
Saturday, September 4, 10:00 am Service,
10:45 am Text Study

You can come for the service or the text study or both! If the phrase "text study" scares you a bit - come try it. Come and see how we interpret ancient texts through a modern Jewish lens.

Havdalah

Saturday, September 4, 8:00 pm

Zoom in for this sweet 10 minute service to end Shabbat together with candles, wine and spices.

High Holy Days begin on September 6

See High Holy Day Schedule Page for Complete Schedule and Information

Registration is required for many services

Virtual Friday Night - Apples

Friday, September 10, 6:00 pm

Bring something apple based to services. The apple has symbolized everything from temptation to our favorite computers (well, some of the staff's favorite computers). Start the New Year off with some apples and honey.

Shabbat Morning Service and Text Study

Saturday, September 11, 10:00 am

Service, 10:45 am Text Study

You can come for the service or the text study or both! If the phrase "text study" scares you a bit - come try it. Come and see how we interpret ancient texts through a modern Jewish lens.

Sukkah Building

Sunday, September 12, 9:00 am

We're called upon to do manual labor - a rare Jewish holiday. Come build the sukkah. Email office@ctjmb.org and let us know you can be there.

CTJ Time at the Ark

Sunday, September 12, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday, September 13, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

It has been so long since we've been in our building and we all miss it. We invite you to take time for personal reflection and stand in front of CTJ's ark for a private moment. 10 minute slots available, so sign up for a slot. Please come prepared with a face covering. Remember to maintain social distancing with other congregants (we know you want to hug them too). Enter through 19th street, exit through Sepulveda door.

Virtual Friday Night - Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Hebrew School

Friday, September 17, 6:00 pm

Life lessons from Sunday School. See what you remember from your religious school days.

Shabbat Morning Service and Text Study

Saturday, September 18, 10:00 am Service,
10:45 am Text Study

You can come for the service or the text study or both! If the phrase "text study" scares you a bit - come try it. Come and see how we interpret ancient texts through a modern Jewish lens.

Havdalah

Saturday, September 18, 8:00 pm

Zoom in for this sweet 10 minute service to end Shabbat together with candles, wine and spices.

Finish Sukkah Building

Sunday, September 19, 9:00 am

First Day of OEC Classes

Sunday, September 19, 9:00 am

Yay!! First day of classes!

CTJ Romcom Club - Splash

Romcoms are getting some of us through the pandemic. Watch the 1984 mermaid movie "Splash" with Tom Hanks and Daryl Hannah and come have a spirited discussion! The name Madison became very popular after this movie.

Sisterhood Board Installation In the Sukkah

Monday, September 20, 6:00 pm

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Sukkot Day 1 Services

Tuesday, September 21, 10:00 am

Service with Torah Reading

Sukkot Day 2 Services and Text Study

Wednesday, September 22, 10:00 am

Noa Tishby Class - 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 23

We'll regroup and continue reading this fabulous book. Feel free to jump in and catch up. See email for what chapter we're reading.

Virtual Friday Night

Friday, September 24, 6:00 pm

Saturday, September 25, 10:00am Service, 10:45 Text Study

You can come for the service or the text study or both! If the phrase "text study" scares you a bit - come try it. Come and see how we interpret ancient texts through a modern Jewish lens.

Salsa and Sangria in the Sukkah

Saturday, September 25, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Havdalah, lulav shaking and snacks including salsa and sangria (as well as non alcoholic fruit punch!) around the CTJ Sukkah, followed by a beginner salsa dance lesson. Bring the whole family!

Shemini Atzeret & Yizkor Services with Text Study

Tuesday, September 28, 10:00 am

Erev Simchat Torah

Evening Service 6:00 pm

Celebration in the Parking Lot 6:30 pm

Family Dance Party

Dance with the Torah with a DJed sound track!

Simchat Torah

Wednesday, September 29, 10:00 am

High Holy Days

The High Holy Days begin on the evening of Monday, September 6, which is Labor Day this year. We are so excited to celebrate this High Holy Day season with you.

Tickets

Become a member and support the future of CTJ. High Holy Day Access included. <http://www.ctjmb.org/membership>

First Time Members - **\$510 or pay what you can**

Returning Members - **Suggested schedule or contribute what you can**

Guest of Members or Virtual Attendees - **\$180**. Fill out this form: <https://ctjmb.shulcloud.com/form/HHtickets>

If you cannot afford \$180 then contact office@ctjmb.org or call 310-546-3667 for a confidential discussion.

Children of Members under age 30 - **Free**. Fill out this form: <https://ctjmb.shulcloud.com/form/HHchildren>

Borrow a Machzor (High Holy Day Prayer Book)

Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/ctjborrow> to pick up a machzor on one of these dates:

Wednesday August 25, 7:00 - 8:30pm

Friday, August 27, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Sunday, August 29, 8:45am - 10:45am

Monday, August 30, 2:00 - 4:00pm

Yizkor Book

This year you are creating a very special online collection of our memories, and stories, and photos. It will be shown as a slideshow before the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur.

Please upload your photos and short memories (under 25 words will work best for the slide show) to:

<https://tinyurl.com/ctjyizkorboard>

Directions on How to Upload Your Memories:

If you would like to make a donation in your loved ones' memory or to help to defray the cost you can make a donation to the yizkor book here (or send a check to CTJ, 1829 N Sepuveda Blvd and let us know in the memo line what it's for.

Past year's yizkor books can be viewed online so you can remember your list.

High Holy Days

We are so excited to celebrate this High Holy Day season with you, although we had hoped we would all be in person. Family services and other outside events will be in person, but all main adult services will be on Zoom through ctj2021.sched.com. You will receive information on how to access the services through the email you gave us on membership forms.

To ensure internet security, we need you to register 24 hours before a service. If you are not registered you will not have access to our services. We would miss you terribly if you weren't with us. Information and links can be found on our website at ctjmb.org/high-holy-days



High Holy Days For Adults and Teens

Date	Time	Service	Where?	Registration
Monday, September 6	6:30 PM	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	Zoom	With Membership
Tuesday, September 7	9:00 AM	Rosh Hashanah First Day Service	Zoom	With Membership
Tuesday, September 7	5:00 PM	Tashlich	MB Pier	Open to the Public
Wednesday, September, 8	9:00 AM	Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service	Zoom	With Membership
Sunday, September 12	10:00-12:00PM	Visit CTJ's Ark for Personal Reflection	at CTJ	https://tinyurl.com/ctjvisitark
Monday, September 13	6:00-8:00PM	Visit CTJ's Ark for Personal Reflection	at CTJ	https://tinyurl.com/ctjvisitark
Wednesday, September 15	6:30 PM	Erev Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre	Zoom	With Membership
Thursday, September 16	9:00 AM	Yom Kippur Service	Zoom	With Membership
	4:00-4:30PM	Shmooze with Rabbi Mark	Zoom	With Membership
	4:30 PM	Minchah (Afternoon Service)	Zoom	With Membership
	6:00 PM	Yizkor (Memorial Service)	Zoom	With Membership
	6:20 - 7:30 PM	Neilah/Havdallah (Closing Service)	Zoom	With Membership

High Holy Days Families & Children

Tuesday, September 7	9:30-11:30 AM	Rosh Hashanah Experience Grades K- 5	Zoom	With Membership
	3:00 PM	Rosh Hashanah Family Service	Local Park	Open https://tinyurl.com/ctjfamily
	5:00 PM	Tashlich	MB Pier	Open to the Public
Wednesday, September 8	4:00 PM	Family Sing-A-Long & Celebration	The Point	Open https://tinyurl.com/ctjfamily
Thursday, September 16	9:30-11:30 AM	Yom Kippur Experience Grades K- 5	Zoom	With Membership
	3:00 PM	Yom Kippur Family Service	Local Park	Open https://tinyurl.com/ctjfamily



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High Holy Days begin Monday, September 6

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**High Holy Days
By Zoom through
[CTJ2001.sched.com.](https://ctj2001.sched.com)**

Tech Support standing by!

