

TEMPLE SINAI SERVICES AND CLASSES

Day	Date	Time	Description
Thur	9/10	7:45	THURSDAYS IN ELUL: Class jointly with OZ. In this culminating class of four, Rabbis David Edleson, Amy Small and Cantor Steve Zeidenberg will lead a discussion of the UN'TANEH TOKEF PRAYER
Fri	9/11	6:30 pm	KABBALAT SHABBAT- Our usual music-filled English and Hebrew service, followed by virtual Kiddush and Oneg <i>with Rabbi David Edleson</i>
Sat	9/12	9:30 am	SHACHARIT SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE Our 1-hour more traditional service, mostly sung in Hebrew, but you don't need to know Hebrew to enjoy it.
Sat	9/12	10:30 am	<p><i>SPECIAL TORAH STUDY:</i></p> <p>We will start our month-long series of study of the High Holy Day Machzor. You don't have to be a Torah Study regular to join us and deepen our experience of the prayers.</p> <div data-bbox="971 869 1479 1230" data-label="Complex-Block"> <p>Special Torah Study Sat Sept 5 10:30 am Prayers of the High Holy Days: Encountering God: 13 Attributes "אל רחום וחנון"</p> <p>Join us to go deeper into the key prayers of the High Holy Days. This year, September's Torah Study will focus on the <i>Machzor</i>, to help make our prayers more meaningful this Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This Shabbat, we'll explore <i>Adonai Adonai El Rahum v'Hinun</i> and the 13 attributes of God in traditional commentary and how we as progressive Jews might relate to it personally. .</p> </div>
Sat	9/12	8: 30pm	<p>SELICHOT CONCERT with</p> <p>DAN NICHOLS</p> <div data-bbox="1167 1272 1471 1671" data-label="Complex-Block"> <p>AWAKEN YOUR SOUL: DAN NICHOLS IN CONCERT PREPARE FOR THE NEW YEAR IN SONG</p> <p>S · L I C H O T 5 7 8 1</p>  <p>S · L I C H O T 5 7 8 1</p> <p>SEPTEMBER 12TH 8:30PM EST</p> <p>HOSTED BY TEMPLE HOLY OF HOLY, MO & US2 SMALLER CONGREGATIONS</p>  </div>
Sat	9/12	~9:30 pm	<p>SELICHOT SERVICE jointly with OZ</p> 



SHALOM TEMPLE SINAI!

Next week, you will be receiving an electronic High Holy Day Kit that will include a range of resources to help you engage Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur meaningfully this year, despite the sense of loss at not being able to be together in the Sanctuary. We feel the urge to gather in synagogue on the High Holy Days, like salmon feel the urge to swim home, like humans feel the urge to pray together. These resources will include readings, podcasts, guided meditations, musical prayers, and even walks for you to enjoy. I, of course, want you to attend services, but more than that, I want you to engage Judaism and nurture your spiritual life. I hope that our services *and* these resources will make it possible for you to do so.

It was so nice to get together at the Shofar blowing at Oakledge, that some of you asked if we could do *Tashlich* together. We've decided to send you several walks for you to go do *Tashlich* on your own or with family, but that those who wish and feel safe gathering for a socially distanced, masked *Tashlich*, can gather at 4pm on the day of Rosh Hashanah in Winooski, at the large deck overlooking the river just past the Burlington-Winooski bridge. It is a large space, right over the river and even on a Saturday is not likely to be crowded (a concern with Oakledge on Saturday if it is a pretty day). There is parking and a parking garage there. We will be sending a map, but I wanted to let you know.



One resource will be about how to make your ZOOM-space a truly sacred space, a 'micro-sanctuary' where you might best engage the services. My colleague in Toronto, Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, compiled a list of ideas and blessings to use, so I'm sharing [the link to her article here](#):

Thursday evening at 7:45, Rabbi Amy Small, Cantor Steve Zeidenberg, and I will have our concluding session of study about the *Unetaneh Tokef* prayer. We will consider the history, theology and personal reactions to the prayer in our exploration of this powerful and problematic prayer.

This week is **#BlackJewishUnity Week**, a collaboration between the Urban League and the American Jewish Committee to remind both communities of our shared efforts and history, and to combat the misperceptions we have of one another. [Here are some podcasts and articles that consider our shared goals, history, but also some of the tensions.](#) For me, one of the sources of tension is the virulent form of anti-Semitism that exists openly in some parts of the African American constellation of communities. The challenge is how to build trust and work together toward our shared goals and values, while confronting honestly the issue of anti-Semitism and racism in our respective communities.

This Saturday morning at 10:30 **join us for a special study of key High Holy Day prayers.** This week we will explore the 13 Attributes prayer “**Adonai Adonai El Rahum v’Chanun.**” Spoken to Moses on Mt. Sinai, this prayer has changed meanings radically from its origin, and shows us how Judaism approaches what it is to encounter the divine. It will also include material from HUC’s “making prayer real*” curriculum. *(you don’t have to be a Torah study regular!)*

Special Torah Study Sat Sept 5 10:30 am

Prayers of the High Holy Days:
Encountering God: 13 Attributes

אל רחום וחנון

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Saturday evening, is **SELICHOT**, for Ashkenazim, the official start of the High Holy Days. This year, we are teaming up with OZ and other smaller synagogues for a special concert with **Dan Nichols at 8:30**. (link on website). When that is over (around 9:30) we will **join with OZ for our own Selichot services**. Rabbi Amy Small, Cantor Steve Zeidenberg, our cantor Mark Leopold, and I will be leading a short Selichot service of 'greatest hits' of the holiday season. Please join us for either the concert or the Selichot service.

Psalm 90 tells us to *number our days* so that we may live wisely and well in the time we have together. The High Holy Days are the perfect time, especially this year, to reflect, reconsider, reconcile and return.

Shalom,

David

PS: here is a [link to a cool thing happening on Sunday regarding the legacy of slavery in Burlington: Stopping Stones.](#)

THURSDAYS IN ELUL

During the month of Elul, in preparation for the High Holy Days, the clergy of Temple Sinai and Ohavi Zedek Synagogue will explore three pathways to help us achieve transformation and renewal interpersonally, spiritually, and communally.

**AUGUST 20,
7:45PM**

Teshuvah, תשובה
(repentance) with
Rabbi David Edleson

**SEPTEMBER 3,
7:45PM**

Tzedakah, צדקה
(righteousness)
with Rabbi Amy
Small

**AUGUST 27,
7:45PM**

Tefilah, תפילה (prayer)
with Cantor Steve
Zeidenberg

**SEPTEMBER 10,
7:45PM**

Preparing for the
High Holy Days: A
clergy conversation
with Rabbi David
Edleson, Rabbi Amy
Small and Cantor
Steve Zeidenberg

Link to join in:
bit.ly/ElulLearning