

TEMPLE SINAI SERVICES AND CLASSES

Day	Date	Time	Description
Thur	9/24	3:30pm	RELIGIOUS SCHOOL “it’s a test” OPENING We will have short assemblies and classes for all grades to make sure our technology is working before starting in earnest after Yom Kippur.
Fri	9/25	5:30 pm Torah Study 6:00 pm Service	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">JCVT State-Wide SHABBAT SHUVA</h2> </div> <p>Join with communities, cantors and rabbis across Vermont for this special music-filled Shabbat!</p>
Sat	9/26	9:30 am	SHABBAT SHUVA MORNING SERVICE Our 1-hour more traditional service, mostly sung in Hebrew, but you don’t need to know Hebrew to enjoy it.
Sat	9/26	10:30 am	<p><i>SPECIAL TORAH STUDY: Al Chet</i></p> <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center; background-color: #e0e0e0; margin: 0;">Special Torah Study Sat Sept 26 10:30 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Prayers of the High Holy Days: Sin and Confession in Judaism וידוי אשמנו על חטא</p> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;">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 the two key confessional prayers, <i>al chet</i> and <i>ashamnu</i>. What role can and should confession play in our lives as Jews? Should it be confined to the High Holy Days?</p> </div> <p>We will complete our month-long series of study of the High Holy Day Machzor with a study of the confession, <i>Vidui</i>, in our tradition. . You don’t have to be a Torah Study regular to join us and deepen our experience of the prayers.</p>
Sat	9/26		No Havdalah this Week

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Please join us as we come together as a community to admit our shortcomings and ask forgiveness on this, the holiest day of our calendar. There will be time between services to rest your eyes and your ZOOM, and I have sent you meditations and other ways of engaging the day for when the ZOOM is not working for you. **Please note that YIZKOR is at 1 pm (not 2 pm as was in one place in the mailing).** Look over the services and decide what seems best for you. Consider the *Making Prayer Real* workshop and discussion, or perhaps the *MUSSAR*-focused silent Amidah/meditation in the Afternoon, or the joyous singing at the end of *Ne'ilah*. Find your way to make the day a day focused on *t'shuvah*.

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Sun	9/27	6:30 PM	KOL NIDREI SERVICES
Mon	9/28	9:00 AM	YOUNG FAMILIES' SERVICE with Saragail Benjamin
Mon	9/28	10:00 AM	YOM KIPPUR MORNING SERVICE
Mon	9/28	1:00 PM	YIZKOR SERVICE This year, we will combine readings, songs and more personal silent reflection as we remember those who have passed.
Mon	9/28	3:00 PM	MAKING PRAYER REAL: A workshop on prayer from Hebrew Union College and Rabbi Mike Comins with some of the leading voices in American Judaism. We will focus on prayers of <i>t'shuvah</i> , repentance.
Mon	9/28	4:30 PM	MINCHAH AFTERNOON SERVICE. This year, the core of the service will be a MUSSAR -centered guided silent Amidah. A useful approach to the work of <i>t'shuvah</i> .
Mon	9/28	6:00 PM	NE'ILAH CLOSING SERVICE. A turn toward the joy of forgiving and being forgiven, our Yom Kippur services reach a high point with the dramatic repetition and Kaddish at the end.

Sept 24, 2020

6 Tishrei 5781

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SHANA TOVA TEMPLE SINAI!

I first want to offer my deepest gratitude for the all those who came together to make our Rosh HaShanah service so professional-looking. It's not that easy to dress me up! David and Elaine Punia for somehow making all these cameras work on ZOOM, to David Wright for somehow making our sound system all come together and mixed before going into ZOOM, James Velastro for the camera angles, shots, and thoughtfulness, and to Wendy Velastro, Roy Feldman, Mark and Deb Leopold for the music, and my Tim for holding me together and singing. If you didn't join us for Rosh HaShanah, do join us for one of the 'big' services for Yom Kippur just to appreciate the work these people have put in to trying to make this as engaging as possible given our distance.

It was quite a difficult and powerful moment to learn that Ruth Bader Ginsberg just as we were about to recite Kaddish together. Our tradition teaches us that to die on the eve of Rosh HaShanah is a sign of great righteousness. We know that Justice Ginsberg attributed her love of justice and fairness to her upbringing in a Conservative Jewish home and the values she learned there. She went to Jewish summer camp, became a counselor, and the "assistant rabbi" her last year. Her pursuit of justice for women is legendary, as is her love of opera, and her ability to be close friends with those with whom she fiercely disagreed. She is indeed a "Woman of Valor," and we are less without her.

I want to let you know that in some of the communication you've received it said that YIZKOR SERVICES would be at 2 pm. In other places, it said 1 pm. I apologize for that oversight.

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Here are some upcoming events and classes:

SUKKOT - we can't safely squeeze into our sukkah this year, so instead, Tim and I will be putting up a small "drive up" sukkah, big enough for shaking the *lulav* and having a meal to fulfill the mitzvah. Please stop by and put up some decorations, shake the *lulav*,

and have a meal with a loved one. Feel free to put your tributes to RBG in our Sukkah this year. Or consider the [“Leaf Project”](#) of the Vermont Holocaust Memorial

Sukkot reminds us that we are vulnerable to the elements, and that even as we celebrate the harvest, we also acknowledge that some are homeless, hungry, and profoundly dispirited or suffering from mental illness exacerbated by this time.

SHEMINI ATZERET/ SIMCHAT TORAH On Sunday, Oct 11, at 11 am we will celebrate with walking the Torah, and other activities weather permitting, but we also want to raise awareness about the toll of mental illness, and about the organization [NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness](#). More information will be forthcoming.

INTRO TO JUDAISM COURSE. Our next session of the URJ’s Introduction to Judaism course will take place on Sundays, from 4-6 pm, beginning on Nov 1 and ending just before Purim on March 7 (with weeks off for holidays). This 15-week course is great for Jews who want to learn about Judaism at a higher level than Hebrew school might have been, but also for interfaith couples, and people considering conversion. It is also just a great introduction for those interested in religion. All are welcome. The course will begin on ZOOM, and we will decide together when we feel comfortable meeting in person. The registration will open on October 15, but if you are interested, please email Stacie administrator@templesinaivt.org and we will remind you when registration opens. The course is free (other than books) for Sinai members, and costs \$50-100 sliding scale for all others. Scholarships are available.

May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for blessing. Thank you for being part of this community.

L’shana tova tikatevu –

David