

The Sinai Messenger

Temple Sinai

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September 2025
October 2025

Elul 5785 / Tishrei 5786
Tishrei / Cheshvan 5786



WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 2025

Elul – Tishrei

October 2025

Tishrei – Cheshvan

Friday, September 5

Ki Tetze

Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1 – 10

Friday, September 12

Ki Tavo

Deuteronomy 26:1 – 29:8
Haftarah: Isaiah 60:1 – 22

Friday, September 19

Nitzavim

Deuteronomy 29:9 – 30:20
Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10 – 63:9

Friday, September 26

Va Yelekh

Deuteronomy 31:1 – 30
Haftarah: Hosea 14:2 – 10

**Please see page 2 for times and locations
of High Holy Day Services.**

Friday, October 3

Ha'azinu

Deuteronomy 32:1 – 52
Haftarah: 2 Samuel 22:1 – 51

Friday, October 10 @ 6:00PM

Sukkot Shabbat

Exodus 33:12 – 34:26
Haftarah: Numbers 29:23 – 28

Friday, October 17

Bereshit

Genesis 1:1 – 6:8
Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5 – 43:10

Friday, October 24

Noach

Genesis 6:9 – 11:32
Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1 – 55:5

Friday, October 31 @ 6:00PM

Lekh Lekha

Genesis 12:1 – 17:27
Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27 – 41:16

TEMPLE SINAI SERVICE SCHEDULE: HIGH HOLY DAYS

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 22nd Evening service: 8:00PM

Tuesday, September 23rd Morning service: 10:00AM

Tashlich Service: 3:00PM: Location TBD

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, October 1st Erev Yom Kippur: 8:00PM

Thursday, October 2nd Morning service: 10:00AM

Conversation w/Rabbi Sam: 2:00PM

Afternoon Service: 3:00PM

Yizkor Memorial service: 4:00PM

Neilah Closing service: 5:00PM

Break Fast: 6:00PM

Cemetery Service

Friday, October 10th: 5:30PM

Sukkot

Friday, October 10th: 6:00PM

Simchat Torah

Friday, October 17th: 6:00PM

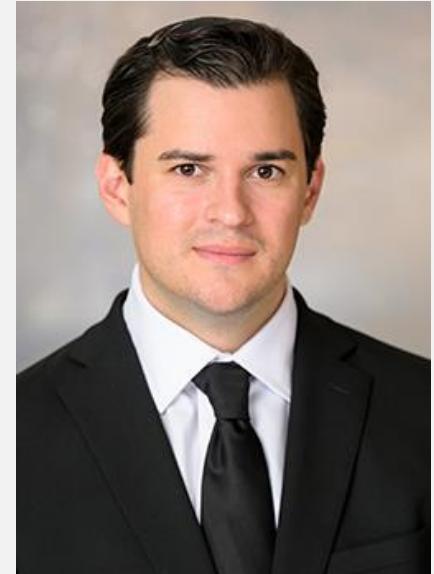
Chris Blevins: Lay Leader

Message from the Rabbi:

Last week we entered into the final month of the Hebrew calendar, the month of Elul. Elul signals that the High Holy Days are right around the corner. In the span of just a few weeks, we celebrate Rosh Hashanah, the Ten Days of Awe, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, Simchat Torah, and a few Shabbats as well. It's quite a lot! We prepare ourselves both physically and spiritually for the holidays. We rush to the grocery store to buy apples and honey. We bake delicious round challot and honey cakes. For Yom Kippur, we prepare lavish break-the-fasts. For Sukkot, we construct beautiful sukkot and prepare our lulavim and etrogim. Alongside the physical preparations, we also prepare spiritually. We engage in the process of teshuvah (repentance) to right past wrongs and set personal goals for the year ahead. The High Holy Days are truly a whirlwind of excitement, tradition, meaning, and preparation.

However, the High Holy Days can also be stressful. It is easy to feel overwhelmed by the sheer amount of physical preparation and spiritual reflection. We put so much pressure on ourselves to make these holy days perfect that sometimes we feel guilty for not having prepared the way we would have liked to.

The High Holy Days season is special. It is a beautiful time when we are intensely Jewish. While it is a mitzvah to treat these days with care and reverence, we do not need to cause ourselves undue stress in the process. During Ne'ilah, the concluding service of Yom Kippur, we pray with a sense of urgency as the Gates of Repentance begin to close. But what happens once the gates close? What if someone still needs to repent? Our tradition teaches that the Gates of Repentance are never closed:



Rabbi Shmuel bar Nachman said to Rabbi Hannina bar Papa: The gates of prayer are sometimes open and sometimes closed, but the gates of repentance are always open.... Just as a mikveh (ritual bath) is sometimes open and sometimes locked, so the gates of prayer are sometimes open and sometimes locked. But just as the sea is always open, so the hand of God is always open to accept penitents. (Devarim Rabbah 2:12)

As we prepare for the High Holy Days, let us remember that our celebration of Judaism—its culture, community, history, and heritage—is not limited to just a couple of weeks each fall. Just as the Gates of Repentance are always open, we can proudly and actively celebrate being Jewish all year long.

L'Shanah Tovah U'Metukah,

May you have a sweet and happy New Year 5786!

Rabbi Sam Rheins



RABBINIC SCHEDULE 2025-2026

DATE	NOTATION
11-12 Jul 2025	Shabbat
1-2 Aug 2025	Shabbat
29-30 Aug 2025	Shabbat
22-23 Sept 2025	Rosh Hashanah
1-2 Oct 2025	Yom Kippur
10-11 Oct 2025	Sukkot
31 Oct-1 Nov 2025	Shabbat
14-15 Nov 2025	Shabbat
12-14 Dec 2025	Shabbat/First Night of Chanukah
16-17 Jan 2026	Shabbat
6-7 Feb 2026	Shabbat
27-28 Feb 2026	Purim
20-21 Mar 2026	Shabbat w/David Scott
1-2 Apr 2025	Passover
24-25 Apr 2025	Shabbat w/David Scott
22-23 May 2025	Shavuot
12-13 Jun 2026	Shabbat
19-20 Jun 2026	Shabbat

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

As we prepare to usher in the New Year of 5786, we do so with hearts full of reflection, gratitude, and hope. Rosh Hashanah invites us to pause, to take measure of the year behind us, and to look ahead with renewed intention. For me, this season is especially poignant, as it marks the first yahrzeit of my Ghee's passing.



She was a source of strength in my life: steadfast in her love, generous in spirit, and deeply devoted to her family. Her memory is a blessing I carry with me every day, especially as I embark on a new season professionally and look ahead to the new year personally.

As a congregation, we also hold in collective memory the devastation of Hurricane Laura, which struck our community five years ago. The storm left scars—on our homes, our city, and our spirits—but it also revealed the enduring power of resilience. We remember the loss, yes, but also the outpouring of support, the rebuilding, and the strength we found in one another. That resilience lives on in the soul of our temple, in the prayers we sing together, and in every act of kindness we extend within and beyond our walls.

These personal and communal moments of loss remind us of our strength—not the kind that denies pain, but the kind that moves through it with grace, holding fast to hope.

As we stand on the threshold of 5786, I offer this prayer:

Eloheinu v'Elohei Avoteinu v'Imoteinu—

God of our ancestors,

As the shofar sounds and a new year dawns,

Help us remember those we have lost and honor the legacies they leave behind.

Strengthen our community with compassion, healing, and courage.

Bless those still rebuilding from storms past, both literal and personal.

May we enter this year with open hearts, guided by memory, faith, and love.

And may it be a year of peace, health, and sweet blessings for all.

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah—wishing you and your loved ones a good and sweet New Year.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Tevya

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Orange Grove - Grace Land Cemetery on Broad Street

Saturday, September 20th for a Weed Eating Party 6:00 am - 12:00 noon

Please let Joel Davidson know if you are able to join on Saturday, September 20th for a Weed Eating Party - no mowing just bring your weed eater! Fuel, line and refreshments will be provided.

Mazel Tov!



Joel Davidson for being selected as one of the top 10 producers for NAI in July.

Gail and Percy Johnson on the appointment of their granddaughter, Allie Nork, as student engagement manager at Tulane Hillel.



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ALLIE NORK

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT MANAGER



Allie Nork is a connector, creates, and lifelong lover of Jewish community. She currently serves as the Student Engagement Manager at Tulane Hillel, where she builds meaningful relationships with students and curates experiences that are warm, inclusive, and joyfully Jewish. Allie began working in the hospitality industry at age 16, where she honed her people-first, creative skills for creating welcoming spaces. A lifelong camper and staff member at UP3 Heng-S Jacobs Camp, Allie most recently served as the Director of Marketing and Hospitality, where she developed a love for brand presence, storytelling, and strategic engagement. Her career path has always centered on bringing people together—whether through events, conversations, or community moments.

Originally from Crowley, Louisiana, Allie is thrilled to be in New Orleans, where she's surrounded by a thriving Jewish community (and an endless selection of great coffee shops). When she's not at Hillel, you can find her crafting, exploring new cafes, catching live music, or tuning into her favorite podcasts. She's always up for making a new friend and believes in the power of small interactions to spark big connections.

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Judy and Bruce Katz on the marriage of their son, Ben to Lacy Rubloff on August 24th in Washington DC.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September Birthdays:

- 5 David Reinauer
- 10 Sam Steirman
- 11 Rabbi Barry Weinstein
- 13 Jonathan Fuerst
- 14 William Levy
- 16 Madyson (Maddy) O'Quain
- 18 Joel Davidson
- 18 Nathan Dondis
- 21 Leah Fuerst Raley
- 21 Tim Blevins
- 22 Kai Reinauer
- 28 Gail Johnson

October Birthdays:

- 4 Carol St. Dizier
- 4 Wendy Parsons Yates
- 4 Hector Garcia
- 6 Jan Davidson
- 14 Steven Levy
- 15 Tootsie Helman Fournet



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

September 20
Jennifer & Dexter Sternberg

October

- 1 Lisa & Josh Green
- 7 Hydee & Ryan Kagan
- 13 Pattie & Marc Davidson
- 17 Chelsey & Joseph Davidson
- 25 Mary Katherine & Aaron
Ginsburgh



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Zichronam Livracha

May their memories be a blessing**September 5, 2025**

Jackie Jaffe Smith (Aug. 31)
 Louis Holtzman (Aug. 31)
 Florence W. Goldsmith (Sept. 1)
 Donald Seamons (1)
 Ruth Lewitter (2)
 Sarah Lindenbergs (3)
 Samuel Levy (4)
 Brian Wilbur (4)
 Abraham Goldman (5)
 Alton Hodnett (5)
 Ceil Milstein (5)

Mother-in-Law of Anna Silverstein
 Grandfather of Todd Holtzman
 Grandmother of Leslie Katz
 Father-in-Law of Pat Seamons
 Mother-in-Law of Kathy Steirman
 Mother of Ethel Love
 Grandfather of Lillie Ray Levy

Father of Michael Goldman
 Father of Terry Hodnett
 Grandmother of Jill Greenberg and Davidson Siblings

September 12, 2025

Morris C. Kleiman (7)
 Samuel Hudson (8)
 Adam Cormier, Sr. (9)
 Maxine Landsman (9)
 Roger Seamons (9)
 Lillian Bachrack (10)
 Bessie Katz (10)
 Isadore Horn (11)
 Alma Little (11)
 Simon Marx (11)
 Dora Madson (12)

Grandfather of Susan Arnold
 Father of Norma Levy
 Grandmother of Leslie Katz
 Husband of Pat Seamons
 Stepmother of Harold Bachrack
 Grandmother of Bruce & David Katz

Mother of Nancy Schwartzberg
 Grandmother of Lilly Ray Levy

September 19, 2025

Wayne Crigler (13)
 Dotty Sandler (13)
 Sam Goldsmith (14)
 Ezrael Kushner (14)
 Stanley Rosen (15)
 Harry Chozen (16)
 David Job Toerner (17)
 Jeanette Rosetta Clapham (18)
 Linda Holcomb (18)
 Sol Katz (18)

Father of Jennifer Sternberg
 Aunt of Brenda & Michael Goldman
 Great Uncle of Leslie Katz

Husband of Laney Kleinman Rosen
 Husband of Ruth Chozen
 Uncle of Barbara Peck
 Grandmother of Deborah Darbonne
 Aunt of Matt Turner
 Father of Bruce & David Katz



Zichronam Livracha

May their memories be a blessing**September 26, 2025**

Abe Gold (20)
 Frank Gordon (20)
 Jack Sandler (21)
 Ethel Berwin (22)
 Dera Bates (24)
 Dan Wise (25)
 Sylvia Rich Kay (26)

Father of Maurice Gold
 Father-in-Law of Beverly Lowenthal
 Uncle of Brenda & Michael Goldman
 Mother of Val Whiting
 Father-in-Law of Maurice Gold
 Father of Carol St. Dizier
 Grandmother of Karen Kleinman

October 3, 2025

Lewis Rosenfeld (Sept. 27)
 John F. Wiegman (27)
 Edward Hoffman (28)
 Henry Austin (30)
 Joe Davidson (30)
 Carrie Frank (30)
 Ruth Reinauer Hoffman (30)
 Alfred Levine (Oct. 1)

Father of Karen Kleinman
 Cousin of Barbara Peck
 Uncle of David Reinauer
 Grandfather of Todd Holtzman
 Grandfather of Davidson Siblings

Aunt of David Reinauer
 Father of Barbara Maxey

October 10, 2025

Tyler Riff Ferguson (4)
 Albert Gordon (5)
 Jack DiBartolo (7)
 Marx M. Levy (7)
 Rebecca Kleiman (8)
 Goldie Goldsmith Ruskin (8)
 Florence Fuerst (9)
 Frank Harry Kleinman (10)

Grandson of Shirley Riff Billings
 Husband of Beverly Lowenthal
 Father of Tony DiBartolo
 Father of Lottie Riff

Mother of Randy Fuerst
 Grandfather of Harry Kleinman

October 17, 2025

Tena Davidson (11)
 Joseph Szell (11)
 Sol Riff (12)
 Lillian Weill (12)
 Cecil Alexander Berman (13)
 Ann Jeanette Cohen (13)
 Corene Milstein Davidson (13)
 Abraham Donn (13)

Grandmother of Davidson Siblings

Grandfather of Sol Riff
 Great-Grandmother of Susan Battestin
 Father of Leslie Berman
 Sister of Rose Stander
 Mother of Davidson Siblings
 Uncle of Bill Kushner



Zichronam Livracha

May their memories be a blessing**October 17, 2025, cont.**

Ples McManus (13)
Bernard G. Winner (14)

Brother of Barbara Peck
Uncle of Harry Kleinman

October 24, 2025

Alvin M. Coen (18)
Sol Spector (18)
Simon Wise (18)
Rae Packman (19)
Lillian Shapiro Sternberg (19)
Carolyn Bess (Betsy) Ecker (20)
Andrew John Hebert (20)
Florence Pearl Kushner (20)
Abraham Green (22)
Marvin Greenberg (22)
David Helman (22)
Irene B. Winner (22)
Jennie Greenberg (23)

Brother of Linda Weinstein
Father of Sammy Holtzman
Uncle of Carol St. Dizier

Grandmother of Dexter Sternberg
Wife of Jacob Ecker
Father of Barbara DiBartolo
Aunt of Bill Kushner

Brother-in-Law of Elizabeth Helman
Sister-in-Law of Jane Kleinman
Grandmother of Jill Greenberg

October 31, 2025

Ken Lewitter (25)
Brenda Bachrack (26)
Regina "Cootsy" Greenwald Bowsky (26)
Rose Unger (26)
Henry Jacobs (27)
Bertha Stoner (27)
Harry Marcus (30)
Ruth Lewitter (31)

Father of Joel Steirman
Mother of Bachrack Siblings
Grandmother of Gail Johnson
Grandmother of David Reinauer
Grandfather of Michael Schwartzberg
Mother of Barbara Peck
Father of Brenda Bachrack
Mother of Joel Steirman

As always, if you have any corrections or additions that need to be made to our Yahrzeit list, please send this information to Sandy Desadier at sdesadier@gmail.com.



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