

The Sinai Messenger

Temple Sinai

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September 2026

October 2026

Elul/Tishri 5786-87

Tishri/Cheshvan 5787



WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

September 2026

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Friday, September 4, 2026

Nitzavim – Va-yeilech

Torah: Deuteronomy 30:1 – 20

Haftarah: Isaiah 61:10 – 62:12, 63:1 – 9

Friday, October 2, 2026

6PM

Sukkot/Simchat Torah

Torah: Deuteronomy 34:1 – 12

Haftarah: Joshua 1:1 – 9

***Rabbi Sam Service**

Friday, September 11, 2026

6PM

Rosh Hashanah*See box below*

Torah: Genesis 22:1 – 19

Haftarah: Isaiah 55:1 – 13

***Rabbi Sam Service**

Friday, October 9, 2026

B'reishit

Torah: Genesis 4:1 – 16

Haftarah: Zechariah 7:8 – 8:15

Friday, September 18, 2026

Ha'azinu

Torah: Deuteronomy 32:19 – 29

Haftarah: Hosea 14:2 – 10; Micah 7:18 – 20; &

Joel 2:15 – 16

Friday, October 16, 2026

Noach

Torah: Genesis 11:1 – 9

Haftarah: 1 Kings 12:1 – 24

Friday, September 25, 2026

Torah: Leviticus 23:39 – 44

Haftarah: 1 Kings 8:22 – 30, 41 – 43

Friday, October 23, 2026

6PM

Lech L'cha

Torah: Genesis 17:1 – 21

Haftarah: Isaiah 59:1 – 22

***Rabbi Sam Service**

Sunday, September 20, 2026

7PM

Yom Kippur *See box below*

Friday, October 31, 2026

Va-yeira

Torah: Genesis 21:1 – 21

Haftarah: Isaiah 51:1 – 8

In-Person Services

High Holy Days

September 11 – 12, 2026

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September 20 – 21, 2026

HHD Schedule

Friday Evening:

Oct. 2, 2026 (6PM)

Oct. 23, 2026 (6PM)

Saturday Morning:

Oct. 3, 2026 (10AM)

Oct. 24, 2026 (10AM)

High Holy Days

5787-5788

Rosh HaShanah

Friday, September 11th

Evening service: **6:00PM**

Dinner following (with RSVP & Prepaid)

Saturday, September 12th

Morning service: **10:00AM**

Tashlich service: Immediately Following morning service

Bord Du Lac Park: 911 Memorial (bring bread if you desire)

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 20th

Erev Yom Kippur: **7:00PM**

Monday, September 21st

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**

Sukkot/Simchat Torah

Friday, October 2nd

6:00PM

Mazel Tov!

Mazel Tov to Skylar Lacombe, daughter of Kayla and Josh Singer, on her engagement to Nicholas Self.



September Anniversaries

None

October Anniversaries

- 7 Hydee & Ryan Kagan
- 13 Pattie & Marc Davidson
- 25 Mary Katherine & Aaron Ginsburgh

Kroger Reward Program

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. Birthdays:

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

Oct. Birthdays:

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

Message from the Rabbi:

Shanah Tovah! Happy New Year! This season is the most sacred time of the Jewish year. Currently, we are in the month of Elul. During the month of Elul we engage in *Cheshbon HaNefesh*, an accounting of our souls. We reflect on how we lived this past year and set our intentions for the year ahead. Then comes the month of Tishrei, during which we celebrate the Day of Remembrance, Rosh HaShanah, and the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur.

The typical greeting for Rosh HaShanah is *Shanah Tovah*, Happy New Year. But the full version of that greeting is *לשנה טובה תכתבו* *L'shanah Tovah Tikateivu*, "May you be inscribed for a good year." The greeting refers to the theological idea that on Rosh HaShanah our fates are written down in the Book of Life. And then on Yom Kippur our fates are sealed.

The imagery of the Book of Life and of our destiny inscribed seemingly clashes with another theological concept: the idea that we have free will. Judaism believes in both determinism and autonomy. The question is how these two contradictory ideas can coexist.

The answer is that we have the ability to shape our fates. On Rosh HaShanah we read the harrowing passage *Un'taneh Tokef*. The prayer tells us that on Rosh HaShanah our fates are written down, and on Yom Kippur they are sealed. Yet we are taught that repentance, prayer, and charity can influence the Divine decrees.

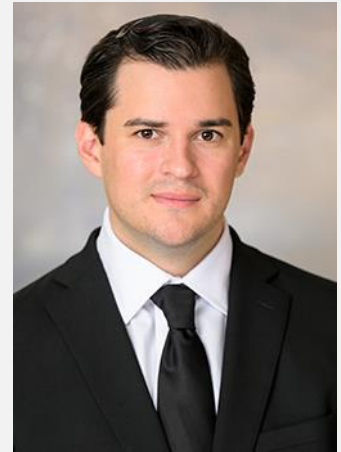
When we engage in repentance, we better ourselves as human beings. When we pray, we strengthen our connection with God and orient ourselves to perform mitzvot. And when we perform acts of charity, we help people in our community and make the world a better place.

Our fates may be set, but Judaism has given us the tools of repentance, prayer, and charity to shape our own futures. These three actions correspond to every type of relationship we have: our relationship with ourselves, our relationship with God, and our relationship with other people. When we engage in these three things, we write our own fate.

In this upcoming year, may all of us engage in these actions. May all of us become the people we aspire to be. And may it be God's will to inscribe us and seal us for blessing in the Book of Life.

לשנה טובה תכתבו May you be written for blessing in the Book of Life.

Rabbi Sam Rheins



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As we prepare to gather for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, I am reminded of what makes our congregation so special. We may be a small community, but there is tremendous strength, warmth, and heart in the connections we share.

The High Holy Days invite us to pause—to look back on the year that has passed, consider where we have grown, acknowledge where we have fallen short, and think about how we want to move forward. They remind us that renewal is possible and that each new year offers us an opportunity to begin again.

For me, one of the most meaningful parts of these days is simply being together. We gather to hear familiar prayers and melodies, to reflect in silence, to laugh and share stories, to remember those who are no longer with us, and to welcome those who are joining us for the first time. In a small congregation, every person truly matters. Each voice, each presence, and each act of kindness helps shape who we are.

Our tradition teaches that we are responsible not only for ourselves but also for one another. During these sacred days, may we recommit ourselves to being a community that celebrates together in times of joy and stands together in times of sorrow. May we continue to offer support, compassion, friendship, and a welcoming place for all who seek connection.

As we enter this New Year, I hope we can carry with us a spirit of teshuvah—return and renewal, tzedakah—acts of justice and generosity, and chesed—loving kindness. May these values guide us not only during the High Holy Days, but throughout the year ahead.

I extend my heartfelt wishes to each of you and your families for a Shanah Tovah U'Metukah—a good and sweet New Year. May the year ahead bring us health, peace, meaningful connections, and many opportunities to celebrate the blessings of our community.

L'Shanah Tovah,

Jevya Turner

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MI SHEBERACH

Prayers for a complete healing for:

- *Lisa DiBartolo Garcia*
 - *Tony DiBartolo*
 - *Barbara DiBartolo*
 - *Ruth Wells, mother of Charlene Blevins*
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Zichronam Livracha May their memories be a blessing



September 4, 2026

Della Simona Montondon (Aug. 26)
 Sylvia D. Kushner (27)
 Harold Bachrack (29)
 Sarah Benjamin (29)
 Jennie Shavzin (29)
 Andrew Kenneth Strauss (29)
 Louis Holtzman (31)
 Jackie Jaffe Smith (31)
 Florence W. Goldsmith (Sept. 1)
 Donald Seamons (1)
 Ruth Lewitter (2)
 Sarah Lindenberg (3)
 Samuel Levy (4)
 Brian Willbur (4)

Friend of the DiBartolos
 Mother of Tony Kushner
 Husband of Brenda Bachrack
 Friend of the DiBartolos
 Mother of Ida Tankel
 Brother of Susan Battestin
 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

September 11, 2026

Abraham Goldman (5)
 Alton Hodnett (5)
 Ceil Milstein (5)
 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)

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

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

 Mother of Nancy Schwartzberg

September 18, 2026

Dora Madson (12)

Grandmother of Lilly Ray Levy



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September 18, 2026, cont.

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 Ruth Chozen
Uncle of Barbara Peck
Mother of Millie Mylander
Aunt of Matt Turner
Father of David & Bruce Katz

September 25, 2026

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

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

October 2, 2026

Sylvia Rich Kay (Sept. 26)
Lewis Rosenfeld (27)
John F. Wiegmann (27)
Edward Hoffman (28)
Henry Austin (30)
Joe Davidson (30)
Carrie Frank (30)
Ruth Reinauer Hoffman (30)
Alfred Levin (Oct. 1)

Grandmother of Karen Kleinman
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 9, 2026

Tyler Riff Ferguson (4)
Albert Gordon (5)

Grandson of Shirley Riff Billings
Husband of Beverly Lowenthal



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October 9, 2026, cont.

Jack DiBartolo (7)
Marx M. Levy (7)
Rebecca Kleiman (8)
Goldie Goldsmith Ruskin (8)
Florence Fuerst (9)

Father of Tony DiBartolo
Father of Lottie Riff

Mother of Randy Fuerst

October 16, 2026

Frank Harry Kleinman (10)
Tena Davidson (11)
Joseph Szell (11)
Sol Riff (12)
Lyllian Weill (12)
Cecil Alexander Berman (13)
Ann Jeanette Cohen (13)
Corene Milstein Davidson (13)
Abraham Donn (13)
Ples McManus (13)
Bernard G. Winner (14)

Grandfather of Harry Kleinman
Grandmother of the Davidson Siblings

Grandfather of Sol Riff
Great-Grandmother of Susan Battestin
Father of Leslie Berman
Sister of Rose Stander
Mother of the Davidson Siblings
Uncle of Bill Kushner
Brother of Barbara Peck
Uncle of Harry Kleinman

October 23, 2026

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



Zichronam Livracha
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October 30, 2026

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

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

November 6, 2026

William (Bill) Levy (Oct. 31)
Ruth Lewitter (31)
Frederick Berther (Nov. 1)
Chana Bernice Burns (1)
Charles Kushner (1)
Arthur K. Strauss (1)
Elaine Crigler (6)

Husband of Norma Levy
Mother of Joel Steirman
Great-Uncle of Barbara Peck
Friend of the DiBartolos
Brother of Claire Sorkow
Grandfather of Susan Battestin
Mother of Jennifer Sternberg

Condolences

Our heartfelt condolences go out to Sandy & Ronnie Desadier and their family on the passing of Ronnie's sister, Sandy D Fournet.

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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c/o Sandy Desadier
4310 Hearth St.
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In Memory of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

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In Healing for: Lisa Garcia

From: Norma Levy

In Memory of: Bill Levy

From: Karen & Harry Kleinman

In Memory of: Morele Rosenfeld & Marc Becker

From: Charlene Seamons

In Memory of: Sandy Desadier Fournet

From: Sandy Desadier

In Comfort & Healing for: Lisa Garcia

From: Charlene & Tim Blevins

From: Norma Levy

In Honor of: Norma & Bill Levy's love for Temple Sinai



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From: Charlene Seamons

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From: Barbara & Tony DiBartolo

In Memory of: Sandy Desadier Fournet

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