

Ha Shavuah B' Sha'arey Israel

September 17 – September 24, 2009

28 Elul 5769 – 6 Tishri 5770



Candle lighting time 7:20 pm
Friday September 18

Friday Evening Kabbalat Shabbat Services begin at 6:00 pm
Saturday morning Shabbat Services begin at 9:00 am

Rosh Hashanah

Torah: Genesis 21:1 - 34
Maftir: Numbers 29:1 - 6
I Samuel 1:1 - 2:10

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu!



We wish a Happy Birthday this week to:

Jason Piers, Joshua Carter, Gloria Brody and Marty Koplin

Happy Anniversary this week to:

Sandra & Richard Singer and Amalie & Dolph Proskauer

This week we remember the Yahrzeit of:

Ida Fixel Davidson, Esther Berkman Kaplan, Anne Tucker Cole, Bernhardt Goldgar, Joseph Max Macey, Eva C. Wolf, Julia Glyck Snyder, Sally Massel, George Levin

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES 2009/5770

Erev Rosh Hashanah Friday evening, September 18	Candle lighting	7:20 p.m. 6:00 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah I Saturday morning, September 19 Youth Service – Grades 2 & up (in Chapel)	Candle lighting	8:13 p.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.
Rosh Hashanah II Sunday morning, September 20		9:00 a.m.
Tashlich Sunday afternoon, September 20 Spring Street Bridge Meet at 5:00 p.m. at Synagogue or Meet at 5:30 p.m. at Spring St. Bridge		5:30 p.m.

Shabbat Shuvah/Ha'azinu	Candle lighting	7:10 p.m.
Friday evening, September 25		6:15 p.m.
Saturday morning, September 26		9:30 a.m.
Kol Nidre	Candle lighting	7:07 p.m.
Sunday evening, September 27 – Mincha		6:30 p.m.
Sunday evening, September 27 – Musical Interlude		6:45 p.m.
Sunday evening, September 27 – Kol Nidre		7:00 p.m.
Yom Kippur/Yizkor		
Monday morning, September 28		9:00 a.m.
Youth Service – Grades 2 & up (in Chapel)		10:00 a.m.
YIZKOR (During Torah Service)		
Mincha		6:00 p.m.
Ne'ilah/Ma'ariv		6:45 p.m.
Break-the-Fast		8:00 p.m.
Erev Sukkot	Candle lighting	7:01 p.m.
Erev Sukkot		
Friday evening, October 2		6:15 p.m.
<i>Supper in the Sukkah</i>		
Sukkot I	Candle lighting	7:54 p.m.
Saturday morning, October 3		9:00 a.m.
Sukkot II		
Sunday morning, October 4		9:00 a.m.
Hoshanah Rabbah	Candle lighting	6:52 p.m.
Friday evening, October 9		6:15 p.m.
Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor		
Saturday morning, October 10		9:00 a.m.
Simchat Torah	Candle lighting Saturday evening	7:45 p.m.
Saturday evening, October 10		6:15 p.m.
Family Night Dinner and Ma'ariv Service		
Sunday morning, October 11		9:00 a.m.

**Torah service will start approximately 1½ hours after beginning of each service.

**REMEMBER PROJECT ISAIAH
PLEASE BRING YOUR FOOD BAGS**

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*Please be sure to pick up your CSI 2009-2010 Directory!  
They are in the foyer facing the courtyard.*

### *Save these dates!!*

**Warner Robins Sukkah Hop - Tuesday, October 6 - 6:00 PM**

**Home of Lynn & Jay Freedman in Bonaire**

Food All Kosher: Hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, veggie-burgers, salmon, cole-slaw, salads and drinks. If you really want to bring something, please call Lynn (923-0765) to coordinate drinks, fruit salad, veggie salad, etc. (Parve contents only, please!) We'll have plenty of food available, so please bring yourselves...and YES, we will be enjoying SLIVOVITZ to celebrate life. Please simply come and enjoy. ~ Lynn & Jay Freedman

**Macon Sukkah Hop - Wednesday, October 7 - 6:30 PM**

**Home of Anne & Scott Bayme**

Dairy Covered Dish Dinner and Dessert

RSVP to Anne 474-0063 or [abayme5@gmail.com](mailto:abayme5@gmail.com)

**Milledgeville Sukkah Hop - Thursday, October 8 - 6:30 PM**

**Home of Vickie Brown**

RSVP to Vickie: 478-968-7094 or [vickiebrown@windstream.net](mailto:vickiebrown@windstream.net)

### ***CSI 5770 Campaign***

**There are still some members who have not made a commitment to the CSI Campaign. This synagogue belongs to all of us and we encourage everyone to be a part of this campaign in whatever way you are able.**

### ***Important Notes ~***

We have updated the End of Life Questionnaire. You will receive one in the mail as well as by email. Please fill it out and return them to the CSI office.

Yahrzeit Notices - We will continue to mail out reminders for parents, siblings, spouses and children. If you wish to receive a Yahrzeit notice for any other relative, you will have to contact the CSI office.

You may now pay your Synagogue bill with a credit card and there will be a section on your statement for you to submit your credit card information or you may call it in to the CSI office.

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## **Torah Portion: Rosh Hashanah**

*This week's commentary is by Shlomo Riskin, chancellor of Ohr Torah Stone and chief rabbi of Efrat, Israel.*

We are approaching the formidable "festival" period which will last for more than three weeks beginning with Rosh HaShanah, the anniversary of the creation of the world, continuing with Yom Kippur, the Day of Forgiveness and Purity, and concluding with the glorious eight days of Sukkot and joyous Simchat Torah when we dance with the Torah Scrolls.

On each of the festivals, we read a Biblical passage that relates to the meaning of the day, so it's strange that on Rosh HaShanah we read stories from the early experiences of the first Jewish family, Abraham, Sarah, and the two boys; Ishmael and Isaac. Rosh HaShanah is the anniversary of the creation of the world, which makes it a natural time to read the majestic opening passage of the Torah, "In the beginning G-d created the heavens and the earth." And, given that in any case, we are now concluding the annual cycle of the reading of the Torah, wouldn't it make sense to start the year by recommencing the cycle of Torah readings from the beginning of Genesis?

In addition, in the middle of our holiday period, is the Yom Kippur fast, replete with the exhortation to "afflict our souls". And then, after this day of affliction, we rush to erect a virtually make-believe home, decorated with fragrant vegetation, a green garden roof, and wall hangings of Biblical personalities and Holy Temple scenes. What single idea connects these disparate sacred days?

I believe that the unifying scheme for the festival month of Tishrei is our mortality.

While declaring Rosh Hashanah a Yom Tov on which we wear our best clothes and enjoy sumptuous meals together with our families, the rabbis saw that there was also a more somber message. "Repent one day before you die," they said. Since none of us knows exactly when we will pass away, our sages felt that we should always take stock of our actions and repent for our misdeeds.

The Jewish New Year ushers in a period of repentance, introspection and re-examining of priorities. So while we may not know how long we will live, we can choose how best to spend the time we have. Only that which is finite and susceptible to decay and disappearance is truly valued and appreciated. So our mortality reminds us how precious every day of life really is

and the importance of making the most out of whatever time we have. The objects that we acquire in life are as vulnerable and temporal as we are, but the fruits of our loins, the next generation, have the potential to carry us along into the future towards eternity. Perhaps that is why on Rosh Hashanah, the Biblical readings focus on the first family of the people of Israel - Abraham, Sarah and Isaac - recording their tests and their triumphs, their satisfactions and their sacrifices, their rivalries and their victories.

For most of us, 'the world' centers on our own family, for Jews this includes our identity as members of the family of Israel.

Despite the fast, Yom Kippur is considered a major festival. Dressed in simple white garb, deprived of food, drink and ensconced for the entire day in the synagogue with prayer book, Bible and G-d, it is almost as if we have moved from the temporal world of the living to the eternal world of the Divine spirit. Yom Kippur is the day on which we are given the Divine gift of a fresh slate. Our Day of Atonement fortifies us with a sense of total renewal, together with the empowerment and self-confidence that comes at the end of the fast to realize that we can rise above our usual physical needs and instinctive drives. We can change our priorities and in the process even re-create ourselves.

Contemplating our mortality and re-examining our lives can be frightening - but it can also be uplifting and edifying. As a rabbi, I have visited many terminally ill patients; none of them regretted time not spent in the office, but almost all regretted time not spent with family or on behalf of community.

The climax of our festival season takes place when we leave our generally comfortable houses, taking up residence in small, fragile huts. Perhaps the message of these sukkot - these "halakhic homes" - is that the goal of Israel is not to be bigger and better than others, but rather to be wiser and holier.

The real strength and security of a home comes from our time-honored traditions and our eternal values. "One thing do I ask of the Lord, only this do I request: allow me to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to see the sweetness of the Lord and to visit in His tent."

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**For other commentaries on this week's Torah portion check out these sites:**

[Aish.com](http://Aish.com)

[ISJL Taste of Torah](http://ISJL Taste of Torah)

[JTS](http://JTS)

[MyJewishLearning.com](http://MyJewishLearning.com)

[USCJ Torah Sparks](http://USCJ Torah Sparks)

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Congregation Sha'arey Israel can make a little extra money...

1. visit [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) for your online searches. This won't cost you anything but CSI makes a penny each time you search.

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- [Jewish Telegraphic Agency \(JTA\)](#)
- [Israeli News Broadcast – in English](#)
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