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Shabbos Shuva parasha Ha'azinu

September 19, 2026 / 8th of Tishrei

Shabbos lik ner: **6:30 PM**

Shabbos Day

Shacharis **9:00 AM**

Latest Shema **9:33 AM**

Latest Tefilla **10:35 AM**

Mincha **6:25 PM**

Maariv **7:28/7:59 PM**

SUNDAY erev Yom Kippur Sept. 20

Shacharis **8:00 AM**

Mincha **3:50 PM**

Kol Nidre **6:28 PM**

Candle lighting 6:27 PM

MONDAY Yom Kippur Sept. 21

Shacharis: **8:30 AM**

Yizkor **10:30 AM – approximately**

Mincha **4:50 PM**

Neila **6:20 PM**

Maariv, Havdala, Fast ends **7:26 PM**

Shabbos Day at Young Israel

Mincha **6:00 PM**

Ma'ariv/Havdala **7:24/7:29 PM**

Weekday at YI

Mincha/Maariv **6:10 PM**

Shabbos Day at Chabad

Mincha **6:20 PM**

Ma'ariv **7:29 PM**

Weekday at Chabad

Mincha/Maariv **6:20 PM**

TORAH LEARNING

Rabbi Hartman's class will resume after the chagim.

Zoom ID: 903 917 1656

Password: 170 smain

SHMIRAS HALASHON class resumes 9-28-26.

Please contact Janis Monat: jbmonat@aol.com for the link.

DAF YOMI WEEKDAY ZOOM SCHEDULE

Via Zoom: Mon - Th 7:00 pm and Tu & Th 7:30 a.m.

Meeting ID: 822 979 966

Password: 727190

DAF YOMI LIVE SCHEDULE:

Shabbos mornings at shul, 8:00 a.m., one hour before shacharis;

Sunday mornings at shul, 7:00 a.m., one hour before shacharis.

Contact Melvyn Huff

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WELCOME RABBI MENDY ROSENFELD

We welcome our guest rabbi, *Rabbi Mendy Rosenfeld*, to lead us in Yom Kippur davening.,

A SIP OF TORAH THANKS

Thank you, Yoni Monat, for giving two shiurim, one on the first day of Rosh Hashana on **Why our Shofars are Silent on Shabbos** and this past Tuesday entitled **Yom Kippur: Moving Forward**.

MEZUZZAH CHECKING

Thank you, Yoni Monat, for having the shul's **mezzuzot** checked by the scribe, Rabbi Zirkind. They are determined to be kosher and good for 25 more years!

ETZ CHAIM BOARD MEETING

Our next monthly **board meeting** will be **Monday, October 5 at 5:00 p.m.** via Zoom. Please RSVP to Janis at jbmonat@aol.com if the link is needed.

ETZ CHAIM BOOK CLUB

Please join our group for our next read, *History of Love* by Nicole Krauss on Monday, **October 12** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The Sharon Public Library has them at the Circulation Desk. Just ask for the Etz Chaim Book Club book. Any questions or thoughts contact Merilee at melmaeir@gmail.com.

REFUAH SHELAIMA

Our prayers are for the healing of the wounded soldiers of the IDF, those who have been hurt in terrorist attacks, the Israeli survivors from 10/7/23 **and this Iran/Lebanon/Gaza War**. We pray for the healing of our congregation members: Heidi Goldblatt, Rachel Chana bas Menucha; Robert Dell, Tzila Pass, Tzila Chava bas Rachel; and Marve Rudenstein, Menachem Yitzchak ben Raitza;. May they all heal soon and fully!

LULAV & ESROG

Rabbi Barry Hartman is taking orders for etrogim and Lulavim with prices \$60.00, \$70.00, \$80.00, and \$90.00. Please phone him with your order at **508- 954-3320** or e-mail him at: RabbiBarry@aol.com

ROOM RENTAL

The Mathes Room, a large modern space, is available for holiday celebration rentals, shiva meals, sheva bracha meals, children's parties, etc. Please contact George Monat, etztreasurer@aol.com for more info!

A word from Nina Rogoff

People from five communities and 11 synagogues have come together as **one united community to remember and honor those who were killed on October 7, in captivity, or in battle since then**. This **Community-Wide October 7 Memorial Program** will be held at Temple Israel in Sharon on **Wednesday, October 7**. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m., and the program will run from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The flyer below contains a clickable link to the pre-registration form, as well as a QR code that also links directly to the form. **People must pre-register for safety reasons**. Any questions contact Nina Rogoff by e-mail, text or phone at 781-883-3764



[FLYER FOR OCT 7 MEMORIAL PROGRAM.pdf](#)

THOUGHTS on Ha'azinu, ch. 32:1-52 and Yom Kippur

By Janis Monat

Last week I suggested we “stretch our imaginations to connect some blessings in the Amida with what Chana was praying for”. Coincidentally I learned that the midrash Yalkut Shimoni explains that the words of Hannah’s prayer after Shmuel was born **connect to every single one of the blessings in the Amida!** One example was her belief that Hashem brought death and life, Shmuel Alef 2:2. That relates to the second blessing of the Amida “Michaiyai Hametim – **Who gives life to the dead**”. Each month her “dead” egg was sadly released. She was praying to Hashem to make one of her eggs become maritally fertilized to **bring life into this world**. Baruch Hashem, it happened. So may all of our prayers be heard and acted upon in our lifetimes.

During these Ten Days of Repentance we try to leave behind “**dead**” habits and mindsets and “**birth**” refreshed commitments to Hashem and each other, giving our neshamas a **new life**.

One way to do this is by listening to Moshe’s song, “Ha’azinu” given on the last day of his life. Heaven and earth were his everlasting witnesses to this. We are to, “**Remember, (zachor)** the days of old, of past generations, and listen to our forefathers and mothers’ teachings: Hashem found us in a desert land, made us a people, chose us as his own, gave us the Torah and bequeathed to us a bountiful land”, verse 7.

In the first few introductory verses of this song Hashem’s kindness to us is described. Then the song predicts that the people will eventually turn away from Hashem and the sad parts of Jewish history will follow.

The song closes on a positive note, that ultimately “the nations will cause Hashem’s nation to rejoice, for He will avenge the blood of his servants and atone His land and His nation”, ch. 32:43. It is a unique moment where the Gentile nations are called upon to join Israel in praising G-d, acknowledging His justice, vengeance against evil, and mercy toward His land and people.

Interestingly this song was sung by the Levites in the Holy Temple every shabbos when the Musaf offering was brought by the Kohanim. They would sing a section of Ha’azinu each week, completing the song every six weeks.

During weeks 1, 2, and 6 the theme was uplifting, life giving and inspiring. But weeks 3, 4, and 5 foretold the Jewish people’s tragedies. Why was this “song” picked to be sung each shabbos?

Chabad explains that the bitter parts of the song teach us how to overcome the tragic “stanzas” of our lives. The Levites instruct us to have patience as we allow the song of our history to unfold. When everything is going well, we might take life for granted. Ch.32: 15 alerts us, “Yeshurun grew fat and kicked/You have grown fat, thick and rotund. [He] forsook God who made him and scoffed at the Rock of his salvation.” Only when we survive a major challenge do we remember to have karas hatov, awareness of the good and be grateful for what we have is only from Hashem’s help. Joy, then, can truly be enhanced.

As we enter the New Year, let’s **remember, zachor**, that we are in the middle of a song, developing a strong relationship with Hashem and with our family/friends. When we “**zachor**” **remember now** and “**yizkor**” **as in we “will remember**”, in what we say on Yom Kippur, “let’s keep singing the music our ancestors taught us, keep playing the notes, and discover that there was music, an unbreakable bond, all along.”

L’Chaim! **To Life!**