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From Our Family to Our Family of Families by Laurie Werner

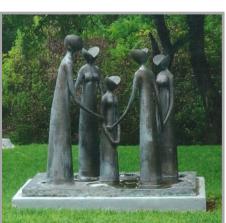
Years ago, Lou and Madlyn Barnett, on one of their many trips to Israel, purchased a small work of art by Gedalia Ben

Zvi. As was their custom, they asked to meet the artist. Thus began a lifelong friendship and many more purchases of his art, none more meaningful than the beautiful Family sculpture, now gracing our Synagogue.

Ben Zvi was an artist who worked in many mediums expressing the meaning of

life and his love of family. He is one of the renowned Israeli artists who founded the artists' colony of Ein Hod. A Holocaust survivor who gave testimony against Adolph Eichmann at the Nuremberg trials, Ben Zvi used his life experiences and his artistic creativity to approach different media, including a number of large bronze sculptures in the Ein Hod Sculpture Garden as well as locations across the globe.

This large sculpture was enjoyed for many years by the Barnetts in the backyard of their home. It was the wish of both Madlyn and Lou that their Synagogue family enjoy its message of love for many years to come.





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Tickets:

As in years past, tickets are required to attend High Holy Day Services and are available for all current CAS members in good standing. If you need additional tickets for guests, please contact the office by phone (817-731-4721) or email (info@ahavathsholom.org) with their name(s).

Tickets will <u>not</u> be mailed this year. If you are attending in person, please pick up your tickets at the reception table <u>before</u> entering the sanctuary.

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Dear Friends,

May God grant all of us a good and healthy New Year. May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life. As I write this article, the High Holy Days are right around the

corner. It seems that just yesterday summer started, but alas, its waning days are upon us. This causes me to think of the past year and what I hope and pray for the upcoming year. In the quiet moments of solitude that I find for reflection, I often look back towards the prayer in the Zikhronot (God remembers) part of our service, recited during Musaf (the service after the returning of the Torahs to the Ark) on Rosh Hashanah.

The prayer is as follows: "A man cannot find redemption until he sees the flaws in his soul and tries to efface them. Nor can a person be redeemed until it sees the flaws in its soul and tries to efface them. But whether it be a man or a people, whoever shuts out the realization of his flaws is shutting out redemption. We can be redeemed only to the extent to which we see ourselves." The question for me which first arose when reading this prayer years ago was, "I thought that the Messiah was going to redeem us?"

For during our daily prayers in the Amidah, we, after all, ask that God should, "Bring to flower the shoot of Your servant David. Hasten the advent of the Messianic redemption; Each and every day we hope for Your deliverance. Praised are You, O Lord, who assures our deliverance." While this prayer asks for the Messiah to come, in my view, it does not detract from the prayer we say on Rosh Hashanah; rather it enhances it. For the Messiah that we all hope will come one day and thus bring peace to the world can only arrive once each and every one of us as individuals bring peace to our souls.

How do we do this? Well, first of all, the prayer during Rosh Hashanah talks about realizing our flaws? While we all know that Jewish Mothers around the world often repeat the same saying, "My child is perfect, there is not a thing that I would change about him or her," we all know this not to be true. So, if this is not true, what sort of flaws should we look for inside of us all during this High Holy Day period?

I suggest four flaws that every one of us, without exception, is guilty of in some manner or another.

The first flaw that we must look for within ourselves I would call: "Outward Grandeur vs. Internal emptiness." I mean that we project outwardly towards those around us an appearance of honorability, piety, and charity when in essence, we know that inside, we are only putting on a mask for everyone else. Jewish folklore describes this as someone who has the key to the inner chamber of the gold depository but not the key to the outside room. To fix this flaw, we must strive to improve ourselves from within.

The second flaw that we must consider is materialism as the bread of our souls instead of using what we have to bring bread to those less fortunate. Here we must ask ourselves what is more important - another piece of clothing or furniture - or helping others overcome their daily struggles. We know that Judaism teaches us that "all of Israel is responsible towards one another." We must use these High Holy Days to ask if we are truly responsible towards each other.

The third flaw that we must search deep within ourselves to see where we stand is: Do we confuse religious affiliations for religious beliefs? Here we must ask ourselves, "How deep are our beliefs and how committed am I to Klal Yisrael (Greater Israel), and not just one of the many local Jewish institutions that might be in my particular area."

The fourth and final flaw that I would like to suggest is directly related to the High Holy Days: Do we see the High Holy Days as only an opportunity to appease our conscious, or do we use these few days as an opportunity to purify our souls? The path toward purification begins by looking inside of us and actually seeing our strengths and weaknesses, thus allowing ourselves to enhance our strengths and fight off any weaknesses that we may have. Having come to know this community, I do not doubt that we will be doing the latter and not the former.

If we can look within ourselves to change and grow, this High Holy Day period will not only usher in a new year but also new and improved individuals.

Michal, Daniel, Maya, Lia, Rocky, and I would like to wish each one of you a Shanah Tovah and Gmar Hatimah Tovah (A good year, and may you be inscribed in the Book of Life).

Yours in Friendship, Rabbi Andrew Bloom

Rabbi Bloom's Education Classes Resume Tuesday, October 12, 2021 10:30 AM For Women Only & 6:30 PM Adult Education

FROM OUR HAZZAN



As we approach the upcoming High Holy Days, we tend to think about things we have done in the past year, are currently doing, and will for the year to come. That is one explanation for why we recite Kol Nidre 3 times. Instead of thinking about those serious things, let's look a little beyond the High Holy Days. Just a few days after Yom Kippur, we continue to

the next week of some seemingly strange rituals during the festival of Sukkot.

On Sukkot, we (aside from building a Sukkah in which to sit, eat, and sometimes even to sleep) have some other rituals which bring us a bit closer to nature as well. As part of our ritual, we hold on to a bunch of plants and fruit and wave them around. To the onlooker, it must seem strange.

We hold the Lulav and the Etrog and wave them around in a specific manner during part of our daily services. But what exactly are the Lulav and Etrog, and why do we use them? The Lulav is three different branches that are held together: the Lulav, Hadas, and Aravah. We grasp the Etrog in the opposite hand.

In the words of Rabbi Menachem Mendel Scheerson, we can find an explanation of the traditional movement of the Four Species:

Our sages point out that the Four Species, each having different combinations of taste and smell, represent the four different types of people that make up our nation:

- The Lulav (date tree frond), which has a sweet taste (dates) but no particular smell, represents the Jewish scholar, who is dedicated to internalizing knowledge (taste) but does not distinguish himself by his good deeds.
- 2. The Hadas (myrtle branch), which has a pleasant smell and no taste, represents the one who is outstanding in his performance of good deeds, which positively affect one's environment - like a "good smell", but lacks outstanding Torah scholarship.
- 3. The Etrog (citrus fruit), which has both a good taste and a good smell, represents one that excels both in Torah study and in good deeds.
- 4. The Aravah (willow branch), which has no special smell or taste, represents the person who does not excel in either of the aforementioned qualities.

The idea of combining these plants is to unite the various individuals into one indivisible unit. I would suggest, even though we have been going through a rough time regarding not being able to be physically together in a "normal" manner, we should keep each other in our minds and hearts, and consider every person as a part of ourselves. We don't always have to agree, but we should all be respectful of each other. We are all pieces of a puzzle, cogs in a machine, which we call Mankind. We all have something to offer. Together we are the Lulav. We may get shaken around a bit, but we are all in it together.

Hazzan Weber

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Pandemic has caused many major shifts in the behavior of our American way of life. It is unbelievable that after 17 months, we continue to cope with this through all parts of our daily experiences. Our "cocooning" or "nesting" has created closeness within our homes. We are all too comfortable with these many virtual gatherings. Whether for dining, viewing films, or celebrations, we have found



ways to carry on without relying on "normal" venues to satisfy our needs.

This is relevant to our religious practices as well. Across America, we participate in spiritual life in our synagogues, mosques, and churches. We have great buildings and structures for worship, and they look different depending on where you are and what religion you practice. However, they are the heart of our community.

In my observation, we do not always seek the physical space, but the connection with being a part of our religious community. Our community here at CAS creates a special bond. It extends into our virtual connection; we know it remains strong. We continue to come together for prayer, celebrate joyful times, provide strength in the tougher times, observe Shabbat, and soon our High Holy Days, all the while working together for a common goal to help repair the world.

It is with that spirit I ask you to:

- Reconnect with each other.
- Refresh your dedication to CAS.
- Renew your financial commitment with your pledges and generosity.

We will RECONNECT, REFRESH AND RENEW together as we go forward in this new year.

L'shanah Tovah Tikatevu, Foster Owen, President



FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR



CAS has been on a roller coaster ride this summer. Fortunately, we have wonderful congregants who are strapped in for the ride!

With Becky Henning's resignation in July, Fani Kiselstein and Inbal Morris, long-time teachers in the LEC, have stepped up to serve as co-leaders while CAS searches for a new Principal. LEC

begins on September 12, which provides more planning and preparation time for our newly mobilized staff than August 22nd.

Just as CAS geared up to resume pre-COVID activities, the delta variant hit Tarrant County. Tarrant County is currently a "red zone," or high transmission area, and CAS has reinstated the masking policy for all individuals over the age of 2 years while inside our facility. I will continue to track cases and alert the President and Board of Directors when Tarrant's COVID transmission rate drops to a level where we can re-evaluate our masking policy (CDC recommends the level be below moderate).

In addition, the majority of our full congregation gatherings have been postponed to October. The lone exception was the SCN Safety and Security Training on August 22. The training, presented to CAS alone, was altered to educate all attendees of actions and alertness prior to the High Holy Days.

We are working in partnership with JEA/Lil Goldman School to update the overhead lighting in their wing. The fixtures are being retrofitted to LED fixtures at the cost of \$60 per fixture. (Lil Goldman is halving the cost with CAS.) Once the Lil Goldman project is complete, I hope to retrofit the lighting fixtures in the rest of the facility.

As a synagogue, we will continue to persevere in creating opportunities for faith and community development.

Pattie Wood, CAS Administrator

JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

WHAT JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES DOES

Jewish Family Services is a very important and busy part of the Jewish Federation. JFS provides adult counseling and a daily activity program for seniors. We also have a social worker/case manager who assists with many services including:

- Transportation for all types of medical appointments.
- Financial assistance for utility bills, groceries, and/or prescription co-pays, minor home repairs that improve safety and purchasing basic medical equipment.
- Visits and phone calls to isolated clients.
- Arranging in home health care, rehab programs, veteran's assistance, and long-term care insurance providers.
- Information about social security, Medicare, Medicaid, and different types of living communities.
 Referrals to other agencies who can assist our clients.

If you have a question about any type of care you might need, please call Lynell Bond, 817-528-6636 to see how we can help.



Please email lec@ahavathsholom.org for information. Enrollment can be completed online through the CAS Website or the registration links in the weekly email.

The Shafir and Engelhart families express their deep appreciation for the love and generous support given them by the entire Ahavath Sholom community and the Jewish Family Services after the passing of their beloved husband and father, Israel Shafir. We thank all the members who provided meals food catering during and the shivah period and all the members who generously made donations in Israel Shafir's memory.

Thank you, Bronislava Shafir Eva and Michael Engelhart



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UPDATE: HIGH HOLY DAY INFORMATION

Do you remember last year's High Holy Days? We had reservations required, temperatures checked, assigned seating, attendance sheets, and space between families. Although the Delta variant is concerning, CAS refuses to revert back to the crisis level we had to live last year. We do have precautions in effect, and we must have your cooperation to ensure we can continue to gather.

The CDC in currently recommending use of masks for ALL persons indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Congregation Ahavath Sholom is taking a stronger stand on masking: we REQUIRE masks in all common areas, including the entry, Sanctuary, restrooms, and hallways for ALL PERSONS over the age of 2 years old. We also continue to encourage social distancing (6 ft from those living outside your household) while indoors.

Your health and safety are of primary concern for us, and one of the best ways we can do that short of closing the building is to create mandatory policies for entry to the building.

Here is the procedure to attend the High Holy Day Services:

- As you enter the building, you will be required to be masked. Masks cover both nose and mouth. If you do not have a mask, we will provide one for you. If you remain unmasked, we will ask that you mask or exit the building.
- You will stop at the tables to pick up your ticket(s). If you have guests attending with you, please be sure to contact the office ASAP. We will have tickets waiting for your guests as well.
- On the days following your first HHD attendance, please stop by the tables to check in.**
- All services will be held in the Barnett Sanctuary. Certain rows are closed. Please do not remove the yellow tape to open rows that need to remain closed!
- We have not assigned seating. As adults who understand the implications of distancing at this point in our COVID journey, I choose to trust you to make the best seating choices for your and your friends.
- REMEMBER TO STAY MASKED WHILE IN YOUR SEATS, THE HALLWAYS, THE RESTROOMS, AND OTHERWISE INDOORS.
- We want you to visit with your friends and wish them a happy new year. The best place to do that is out-doors.

At this time, we do not require proof of vaccination. You may want to have your vaccination card with you in case something changes!

****** It is important that you check in and pick up your tickets. Equally important is checking in the SECOND day you attend services.

Student Absence Excuses:

Parents of school-age children attending services may request a Student Absence Excuse. The deadline to request an absence excuse for the 1st and 2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah is Friday, September 3rd. The letters will be available for pick up at services on Tuesday, September 7th and 8th. **The deadline for excuses for students attending Yom Kippur services is Friday, September 10th.** The letters may be picked up at services on Thursday, September 16th. Please call (817-731-4721) or email (info@ahavathsholom.org) the CAS office to request a Student Absence Excuse.

Reciprocity Letters:

We hope that you will join us for services this year. However, if you will be attending services at another synagogue, you may need to provide a Reciprocity Letter. Again, please contact the office with your request.

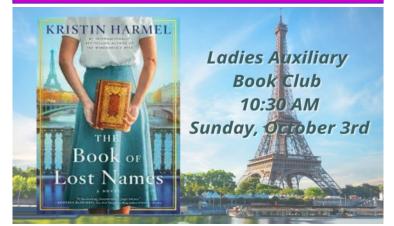
Project Isaiah:

Last year we were not able to take part in Project Isaiah (collecting food for the local food bank) due to COVID. This year we are looking forward to continuing the tradition of helping others in need. At Kol Nidre service (Wednesday, September 15th), empty bags will be available for those who want to participate in Project Isaiah. We will collect the donations of non-perishable food starting on Yom Kippur (Thursday, September 16th) and will discontinue collections Wednesday, September 23rd. All collected items will be donated to a local food bank.

We are glad to have you back in person for services and activities. Know how much we value you and the community we share.



LADIES' AUXILIARY



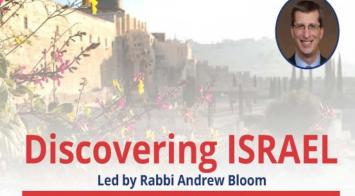
Ladies' Auxiliary Book Club Join the Book Club for their next event on Sunday, October 3rd at 10:30 AM. Zoom Meeting Information will be made available in the CAS Weekly Email closer to the event date.



MEN'S CLUB

If you or someone you know would like to become a member of the Men's Club, please, contact the Men's Club President, Dan Sturman for more information. Yearly membership dues are \$35 and Lifetime Membership is \$250. Membership forms are currently available online through the CAS website and at the synagogue.





June 12 - 23, 2022

Israel is a land of connections and reconnections. It is a place that both holds nostalgia and awaits rediscovery. Over the decades, so much in Israel has changed dramatically, yet the essence that draws us remains the same. Traveling together as a community, we will bond through our shared experiences and enhance our understanding of culture and archaeology religion and politics, ancient and modern, as we delve into Israel's millennia-old legacy as at the heart of the Jewish People

ON OUR JOURNEY WE WILL:

- Encounter Israel's "must do" experiences, including: Jordan River Rafting, Mount Herzl, Yad Vashem, Mystical Safed, The Golan Heights, and Masada.
- Discover the charm, delight and complexity of Jerusalem's Old City, including the Western Wall, the Jewish Quarter and a spectacular rooftop vista. Celebrate our B'nai Mitzvahs overlooking the walls of
- the Old city of Jerusalem. Sample local delicacies at Tel Aviv's Carmel Market,
- Jerusalem's Machane Yehudah, a Golan chocolate factory and an award-winning winery. Enjoy lunch and an unsinkable swim in the healing waters



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Dates to Remember:

September

							6th - Labor Day
Sunday 29	Monday ³⁰	J1	Wednesday 1 Birthdays: Bernice Sankary, Ken Sherwin, Chaz Morris Anniversary: Dr. Allen & Elaine Schuster 53 years	Thursday 2 Anniversaries: Scott & Jodi Berger 31 years, Mikhail & Tatyana Kisin 9 years	Friday 3 Anniversary: Michael & Amy Luskey 32 years	Saturday 4 Anniversary: Charles & Lynell Norman 10 years	Erev Rosh Hashanah 7th -8th - Rosh Hashanah 9th - 6:30 pm Executive Commit- tee Meeting 12th - 9:30 am LEC First Day of
5 Birthdays: John Hayden Anniversaries: Robert & Donna Chicotsky 45 years, Beau & Alana Tinnin 11 years	6 Birthdays: Debra Solomon Anniversary: Lon & Laurie Werner 45 years	7 Birthdays: Laurie Blum, Aaron Cohen	8 Birthdays: Jarrod Collins	9	10 Birthdays: Melissa Cohen	11 <i>Birthdays:</i> Will Kutler, Joyce Rovinsky	School 8:30 am Build the Sukkah 1:00 pm Kever Avot at CAS Ceme- tery 13th - 6:30 pm
12 Birthdays: David Saul	13 Birthdays: Howard Cole, Paul Kessler, Jayne Michel	14 Anniversary: Teddy & Shirry Knitel 17 years	15 <i>Birthdays:</i> James Owen	16 <i>Birthdays:</i> Jack Rubin, Edo Knitel	17 Birthdays: Brett Paul, Sara Schuster	18 Birthdays: Rosalyn Rosenthal Anniversary: Scott & Kathy Raffel 44 years	Board of Directors Meeting 15th - Kol Nidre 16th - Yom Kippur 20th - Erev Sukkot
19 <i>Birthdays:</i> Roni Kaikov	20 Birthdays: Jenesse Collins, Hazzan Jeffrey Weber	21	22 <i>Anniversary:</i> J.R. & Amber Faigin 2 years	23 Birthdays: Stephen Kaye, Mia Todd	24 Birthdays: Sheila Stocker, Jesse Morris	25 Birthdays: Idelle Luskey, Linda Moses, Rebekah Seiden	21st -27nd - Sukkot 27th - Hoshanah Rabbah
26 <i>Birthdays:</i> Marla Owen	27 Birthdays: Michael Herman, Isabel Oscherwitz, Kathy Raffel	28 Birthdays: Dr. Phillip Cohen	29 Birthdays: Harold Gernsbacher, Dr. Jennifer Ratner	30 <i>Birthdays:</i> Penny Brister	1	2	28th - Shemini Atzeret 29th - Simchat Torah



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Century-Old Mezuzah Rescued from Local Ruins by Hollace Ava Weiner, Fort Worth Jewish Archives

When a Cowtown couple began rehabbing a ramshackle, 100-year-old bungalow in the Fairmount Historic District, they realized a mezuzah was attached to a doorframe in the kitchen. They knew, from a title search, that the rundown house at 1717 Hurley Avenue (picture below) had once belonged to immigrant Russian cobbler Wolff Moses, who lived there from 1920 to 1948. His son, R.D. Moses, born in 1928 and a lifelong member of Ahavath Sholom,

had grown up in that two-story house.

To learn more about Wolff Moses, the new homeowners emailed me at the Fort Worth Jewish Archives. I contacted Arthur Moses, Wolff's grandson and the keeper of the Moses family's historic photos and documents.



Two days later Arthur and I met at the dilapidated dwelling. We had come to share family photos and recollections of the property, but mostly to retrieve the mezuzah that Arthur's grandfather had affixed to a doorpost a century ago.



Layers and layers of paint covered the slender, nearly-three-inch long mezuzah (shown left). A Catholic tenant who had lived in the home until last summer used to touch the mezuzah every time she walked through the doorway, because it made her "feel good."

Arthur had come equipped with a razor blade and a few small tools. Patiently he scraped away layers of

paint caked around the tiny object. Then he carefully pried it from the doorframe, and the two small nails that had held the mezuzah in place for 100 years gave way to new hands. Together, Arthur and I recited a Hebrew blessing and promised to bring the homeowners

a mezuzah of their choosing once the bungalow is refurbished.

The next day, using fine steel wool, Arthur cleaned the mezuzah, which weighs less than an ounce and is fashioned from tin. It glistened. He removed the klaf -- the parchment rolled up inside. Although faded, the handwritten text is clearly recognizable as the Shema Yisrael. However, the three raised Hebrew letters that once adorned the mezuzah's exterior - shin, dalet, yud — are hard to discern. The letters, which spell the Hebrew word "Almighty," have been worn down by people touching the talisman as they passed through the doorway. Dayenu!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tarrant County Jews Mobilize for Community Mitzvah Day by Jim Stanton

On Sunday October 3rd, congregants from Congregation Ahavath Sholom and the other five Tarrant County synagogues and Chabads, and the Jewish Federation, will work together to make a difference in our community.

Adult volunteers, Sunday school students, teachers, and parent volunteers will gather at CAS on Sunday morning, October 3 at 9:30 to work side-by-side on various meaningful projects. Because of COVID, the event will be held outdoors and masks may be required for participants.

There will be a wide range of hands-on projects like Habitat for Humanity, Knitting items for JPS Hospital babies, Bloodmobile, Gardening, and lots of children's activities, including making cards for seniors and first responders/ healthcare workers, decorating and stuffing Jewish holiday bags for Jewish seniors and Birthday bags for kids at The Women's Haven, creating patch blankets for homeless residents, bags for at risk elementary kids and decorating Tzedakah boxes.

Prior to Community Mitzvah Day each synagogue and Chabad will be collecting items for the event. **CAS will be collecting bottled water.** Other collection points include Congregation Beth Israel: Packaged rice and canned beans, Congregation Beth Shalom: Birthday in a Bag supplies, Beth -El Congregation: Elementary School supplies, Chabad of Fort Worth: Gently used children's books and Chabad of Southlake: Kids snacks. Items can be dropped off during Mitzvah Day or before.

To join others in volunteering a little of your time and for updated info visit the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County website: tarrantfederation.org.



THINK ABOUT YOUR HEALTH

According to the updated **CDC guidelines of August 13**, **2021**, to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an **area of substantial or high transmission**. Tarrant County is currently a high transmission area.

The CDC in currently recommends the use of masks for ALL persons indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Congregation Ahavath Sholom is taking a stronger stand on masking: we REQUIRE masks in all common areas, including the entry, Sanctuary, restrooms, and hallways for ALL PERSONS over the age of 2 years old. CAS requires continued social distancing (6 ft from those outside your household).

Here are the guidelines to enter the building:

- No temperature check is required.
- All persons regardless of vaccination status are required to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth.
- Distancing is required indoors. We will continue to keep six feet from those living outside your household while you are indoors.
- We ask that you continue to sign in (according to current hallachick guidelines regarding the pandemic, Rabbi Bloom gives dispensation) so that we have contact tracing should a COVID case appear.

We are glad to have you back in person for services and activities. Know how much we value you and the community we share.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

Please remain home if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. Please use your best judgement in following the guidelines from the CDC. It is our responsibility to ensure the safety of all.

ON SITE SERVICES INFORMATION

We're looking forward to seeing everyone as we phase into in-person meetings at CAS. At the same time, we want to ensure that we do this as safely and cautiously as is needed to protect human life by not spreading COVID-19.



WHAT TO EXPECT

CLEANING: Cleaning and sanitizing will occur prior to and following Minyan and Shabbat services in the Barnett Sanctuary. Bathrooms will be cleaned daily with additional surface cleaning during Shabbat services.

FACE MASKS: You will be required to wear facial covering (covers both nose and mouth) in all common areas, including the entry, Sanctuary, restrooms, and hallways. This applies to ALL PERSONS over the age of 2 years old.



PEWS: Every other row is open. Please sit only as a household family unit with three seats between you and the next family unit.



ARRIVAL: When you arrive, please enter through the north doors. You will be provided a mask to wear if you do not have personal facial covering. You are asked to use hand sanitizer at the door. You will register your attendance (in case a COVID-

19 case arises). **EXITING:** Visiting with your friends and family is encouraged **OUTSIDE** the building.

List of Services (these are open to change based upon medical developments):

Schedule of Our Services					
In-Person and Online Services (Zoom, Facebook and CAS Website)	Time		In-Person and Online Services (Zoom, Facebook and CAS Website)	Time	
Monday—Friday Morning Minyan	6:55 am		Kabbalat Shabbat (Friday)	6:oo pm	
Monday—Thursday Evening Minyan	6:oo pm		Shabbat Morning (Saturday)	9:30 am	
Special Event Schedule					
Rosh Chodesh (New Month)	6:45 am		National Holidays	9:00 am	

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High Holy Day Service Schedule

vices	Selichot - Service Online Only	8:15 p.m.	Sat. Aug. 28	Sche
Schedule of Services • Schedule of Services • Schedule of Services	Erev Rosh Hashana	6:00 p.m.	Mon. Sep. 6 Tue. Sep. 7	Schedule
	1st Day Rosh Hashana	8:30 a.m.		of Services
	Tashlich	5:00 p.m.	Tue. Sep. 7	rvic
	Mincha/Maariv	6:00 p.m.	Tue. Sep. 7	•
	2nd Day Rosh Hashana	8:30 a.m.	Wed. Sep. 8	Schedule
	Mincha/Maariv	6:00 p.m.	Wed. Sep. 8	dule
	Kever Avot Cemetery Svc	1:00 p.m.	Sun. Sep. 12	of Services
	Kol Nidre	7:00 p.m.	Wed. Sep. 15	ervic
	Yom Kippur with Yizkor service	8:30 a.m.	Thu. Sep. 16	es •
	Additional Yizkor	5:30 p.m.	Thu. Sep. 16	Schedule
	Mincha/Neila	6:00 p.m.	Thu. Sep. 16	dule
	Sounding of the Shofar	8:00 p.m.	Thu. Sep. 16	of Services
	All Youth Services begin at 10:30 a.m. on both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur.			