



Kehilla Announcements

Rosh Hashanah 2020/5781

SHANA TOVAH! This information is to enhance your experience of the High Holy Days, with more details available on our [website](#).

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES - Sunday, September 20, 9:30am: Experience a morning of sacred song and teachings, mindfulness, prayer, healing, and shared community experience led by Rabbi Chaya Gusfield and Buddhist teacher Eve Decker. Chanting, and settling in begins at 9:15 am

TASHLICH WITH JEWS ON OHLONE LAND - Sunday, September 20, 3:00pm: We'll meet at the West Berkeley Shellmound site and walk/bike/drive to the Berkeley Marina. Socially distanced; participants must wear masks. With Rabbi Dev, Ariel Luckey, Hazzan Shulamit and JYCA Youth. Check [Tashlich on Ohlone Land](#) for updates and details.

SHABBAT SHUVA & HEALING SERVICE - Saturday, September 26, 10:00am: Practice in the power of this single Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur – the Shabbat of Turning. Shabbat services are led by Howard Hamburger and Julie Nesnansky. Rabbi Elliot Kukla and Beth Dickinson lead the Healing Service, from 11:00-11:45 am, cosponsored with the Bay Area Jewish Healing Center.

ZOOM LINKS FOR YOM KIPPUR: Links for all of Kehilla's Yom Kippur services will be emailed during the upcoming week. If you were moved by Kehilla's Rosh Hashanah services and want to invite friends and family to join for Yom Kippur, send them [here](#) to register.

AL CHEIT FORMS: Part of the practice of Yom Kippur is looking at where we have missed the mark. Everyone is invited to fill in an anonymous Al Cheit form, [here](#). All forms are read by our Spiritual Leaders, and some will be read aloud during Yom Kippur services.

CONSIDER JOINING KEHILLA! We invite you to co-create our community as a Kehilla member. Join by November 15 and your High Holy Day contribution will be applied to your membership. Visit our [website](#) for details.

WANT YOUR MACHZOR (PRAYERBOOK)? If you received a machzor (prayerbook) in your High Holy Day gift bag and want to keep it, [please reimburse us \\$10-\\$20 here](#). Otherwise please return it to Kehilla by mid-October. Just drop it in the crate by the front door.

SIT IN THE KEHILLA SUKKAH - Friday, October 2 - Friday, October 9: Spend some time in a Kehilla sukkah. We are erecting two small sukkot and invite you to come and eat, study or hangout. Sign up for a time slot [here](#). One family unit/pod (up to 6 people) per Sukkah allowed.

SIMCHAT TORAH DANCE PARTY - Saturday, October 10, 7:00pm: Put on your dancing shoes and join us for a Jewish Renewal Community-wide online dance party to close out the High Holy Days. Hakafot/Dance circuits will be curated by dance leaders Bruce Bierman, Talia Copper, & Julie Emden. Evening culminates with a virtual performance by our own Klezmer Band, led by Mike Perlmutter.

BELONGING AND ALLYSHIP: To connect with Kehilla's ongoing Belonging and Allyship Racial Justice Initiative, including our Affinity Groups and upcoming Arc of Change process with Yavilah McCoy and Dimensions Consulting, click [here](#).

WANT MORE KEHILLA: Didn't get enough of Kehilla? Check out [Sukkah B'Makom](#), Kehilla's Shelter-in-Place Online Community to see an up-to-date listing of our services, programs and events.

Minhag HaMakom – Kehilla Customs

#SHOFARS4SHUUMI: Join us in our practice of Teshuvah as we pay [the Shuumi Land Tax](#) as Jews living on Ohlone Land. The Shuumi Land Tax supports the powerful work of [Sogorea Te' Land Trust](#) and the rematriation of Ohlone Land. This is a small step towards acknowledging the history of genocide on this land and contributing to its healing.

ACCESSIBILITY: We are committed to being as accessible as possible for people with disabilities. Live closed captioning will be available at all Main Services. If you have accessibility needs for Yom Kippur that we are not yet meeting, please [contact](#) Michael Saxe-Taller with specific information.

HINEINU CAMPAIGN - GIVING TZEDAKAH ON THE HIGH HOLY DAYS: Like a Havdalah candle, we in the Kehilla community are braided together. Now more than ever, we need to build our resilience. Please consider joining our Hineinu Campaign with a sustaining gift to Kehilla. Your contributions make it possible for us to house immigrants, support those who are struggling, care for our building, and sustain Kehilla's people. Please click [here](#) to make a donation to our Hineinu Campaign. Together, we can and will transform challenges into strengths.

FOOD DRIVE: Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, more people than ever need food. To be Covid-safe, the Alameda County Community Food Bank is collecting money to provide desperately needed food to our neighbors who are hungry in lieu of their usual High Holy Day Food Drive, they are. Please give [here](#).

Todah Rabah – Kehilla Thank You

It takes an enormous amount of work to put on Kehilla High Holy Day services and this unusual year has been no different. There are many people deserving of our thanks:

KEHILLA STAFF: Kehilla's staff has gone above and beyond under challenging circumstances. Thanks to Program and Communications Manager Elle Aviv Newton, Office Administrator Dee Ward, Executive Director Michael Saxe-Taller, Youth Program Coordinator Natalie Boskin, People of Color Organizer Ruthie Levin, Bookkeeper Molly Melamed and Custodian Fred Williamson. In addition, we were joined by High Holy Day Project Manager Maggie Grabmeier and Zoom Tech Erin Gibb, who have been invaluable in making these services happen.

KEHILLA VOLUNTEERS: Kehilla congregants helped out in many ways, including to distribute High Holy Day gift bags, do zoom tech and to lead Mishpacha Groups. Special thanks are in order for Rachel Bloch and Bracha Stone, who superbly coordinated the Mishpacha Group project, Neal Davis, who masterfully created the beautiful photo and video montages that you have seen during services, the Newfield/Riley family for generously sponsoring our gift bag project and Nicky Green for our beautiful High Holy Day graphic.

WHO'S ON THE BIMA?: Developing and leading our virtual services this High Holy Days, has been a special challenge. Deep thanks are due to Rabbi Dev, Hazzan Shulamit, Rabbi Gray, Rabbi David, Rabbi Burt, Howard Hamburger, Avi Rose, Sharon Grodin, Debbie Fier, Julie Nesnansky, Beth Dickenson, Jen Mirian and Alon Altman, Rabbi Chaya Gusfied, Eve Decker, Rabbi Elliot Kukla and Tonda Case, Lia Barrow, Satya Zamudio and the many others who spoke, read Torah and assisted in services.

Shanah tovah! May it be a sweet year of peace.