



September/October 2023/5784



THE REPORTER

SELICHOS SCHEDULE

Monday morning 9/11 until Thursday morning 9/14 – 7:30 AM followed by Shacharis
Friday, 9/15 (Erev Rosh Hashana) – 6:30 AM ~ Monday 9/18 (Tzom Gedalia) until Friday 9/22 – 7:15 AM
Sunday 9/24 (Erev Yom Kippur) – 8 AM

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES - YOMIM NOROIM – 5784/תשפ"ד

EREV ROSH HASHANAH FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, EREV SHABBOS

Light Candles: 6:45 PM
Mincha: 6:55 PM
Maariv: 7:45 PM

FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH SHABBOS, SEPTEMBER 16

Shacharis: 8:00 AM
Mincha: 6:25 pm
Maariv: 7:45 PM
Light Candles: after 7:54 PM

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Shacharis: 8:00 AM
Mincha following Musaf
Tashlich
Second Shofar Blowing at 6:00 PM
(see below for more details)
Maariv: 7:47 PM
Yom Tov concludes 7:52 PM

The second shofar blowing will take place in Corlears Hook Park 397 F.D.R. Drive (on Cherry Street on the way to Tashlich) at 6:00 PM. Please arrive on time!

TZOM GEDALIA MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Fast begins 5:06 AM & concludes 7:46 PM

EREV SHABBOS, SEPTEMBER 22

Light Candles: 6:33 PM
Mincha: 6:43 PM

SHABBOS SHUVA, SEPTEMBER 23

Shacharis: 9:00 AM
Mincha: 6:15 PM
Followed by Shabbos Shuva Drosha
(in main shul)
Maariv: 7:37 PM
Shabbos Ends: 7:42 PM

EREV YOM KIPPUR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Mincha: in Main Synagogue 1:30 PM
Light Candles: 6:30 PM
Kol Nidre: 6:40 PM

YOM KIPPUR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Shacharis: 8:00 AM
Yizkor
Fast concludes and Maariv: 7:39 PM

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES SUCCOS, HOSHANA RABBAH, SHMINI ATZERES & SIMCHAS TORAH

EREV SUCCOS, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Light Candles: 6:21 PM
Mincha: 6:31 PM
Maariv: 7:10 PM

Note: One cannot make kiddush or eat a “kzais” the first night until 7:30 PM.

SUCCOS – FIRST DAY SHABBOS, SEPTEMBER 30

Shacharis: 9:00 AM
Mincha: 6:10 PM
Maariv: 7:30 PM
Light Candles: not before 7:31 PM

SUCCOS – SECOND DAY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

Shacharis: 9:00 AM
Mincha: 6:15 PM
Maariv: 7:24 PM
Yom Tov concludes: 7:29 PM

HOSHANA RABBAH FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

Shacharis – Time to be announced
Candle Lighting: 6:10 PM
Mincha: 6:20 / Maariv: 6:55 PM

Note: Those who do not eat in the Succah on Shemini Atzeres should **not** make kiddush before **7:11 PM**. Those who do eat in the Succah should not make kiddush before that time either.

SHEMINI ATZERES
SHABBOS, OCTOBER 7

Shacharis: 9:00 AM

Yizkor

Mincha: 6:02 PM

Maariv: 7:14 PM

Candle Lighting: not before 7:19 PM

HAKOFOS begin at 7:35 PM in the Main Shul

We go outside at 8:30 PM, weather permitting

SIMCHAS TORAH
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Shacharis: 9:00 AM

followed by Hakofos at 10 AM

Kiddush following aliyos

**Kol Hanarim, Choson Torah, Choson Bereishis
and Musaf after kiddush**

Mincha: after Musaf

Maariv: 7:12 PM

Yom Tov ends: 7:17 PM

KOL NIDRE APPEAL

Our annual Kol Nidre/Yizkor appeal will be conducted in Shul this year. However, in order to streamline this process we are requesting that you reply in advance of the actual appeal date by emailing your pledge to yim225@aol.com. Pledges will be announced on Kol Nidre night, Sunday, September 24th. Of course, if you prefer, you still will be able to respond the night of the appeal. The money collected from this appeal will go towards the operating budget of our shul. As we usually operate at a yearly budget deficit, we hope that you will contribute generously. Checks can be mailed to: Young Israel of Manhattan, c/o Erez, 413 Grand Street, Apt. F701, New York, NY 10002

HALACHICALLY SPEAKING

"Where Are You?"

"Ayeka?" *"Where are you?"* - the question asked of *Odom Harishon*, the first man, after eating fruit from the forbidden tree of knowledge, resounds through the ages. It is asked of every individual in every generation; it is asked of every person every year, even every day. The question becomes most pertinent, however, in these last few days of Elul before a New Year begins and our future is once more "on the line." It is a question that most of us shy away from most of the time except under the duress of the demand for an answer. The demand is made to each and every one of us by the *Ribbono Shel Olam*, the King of the Universe, as we stand in judgment before Him and recite the powerful *"Unesane Tokef"* prayer.

The overall experience brings to mind the scenario which occurs as we approach an annual physical examination. Every person feels a certain amount of trepidation, particularly if something specific is bothering him/her. When the physician pronounces a clean bill of health, we breathe a sigh of relief - another year of health is forecast. If only we would relate the physical exam which pales in relationship to the 'spiritual assessment', there would be no room for lightheartedness in our approach to the *Yomim Noroim*.

The Jews of old truly felt the awe of the *Yomim Noroim*, the approaching judgment, the preparation, even the trepidation. I vividly remember an elderly aunt who maintained the old custom of not even verbalizing the name *Yom Kippur* - she called it *Yom Hakodesh* - the Holy Day. Unfortunately that feeling among our people today is rare.

Why in these days does the awesome *Yomim Noroim* period not elicit deep emotion from us? Perhaps because we, *Boruch Hashem*, in comparison with earlier generations are so well off. Most of us today do not suffer the hardships of previous generations, not the material and not the spiritual difficulties which our grandparents and their parents were forced to endure. In short, today we are living in times of undreamed of material luxury and unimagined spiritual opportunities. If not we, certainly the younger generation, has become accustomed to all sorts of entitlements.

Thank G-d for all of the above. But we are easily lulled into a feeling of self-satisfaction, sometimes even smugness. We don't hear the question *"Ayeka?"* - *Where are you?* being asked, and so we don't feel a need to reply. Our main concerns on these days of awe become - How long will the *davening* last? How long will the break be? How fast will the *chazzan daven*? And when will we eat?

Only when faced with some crisis in our lives, *chas v'sholom*, - sickness, loss of livelihood, personal problems, etc. - do we wake up. If only we realized that what will transpire in the coming year is being determined in these very days. Not only our livelihood for the coming year is determined on *Rosh Hashanah*, but also our losses- if only we realized!

We are now facing our "Annual Check-up" and the question is again being asked: *"Ayeka?"*. The response is up to us. Our future is in our own hands. Let's make the most of it. Let's make it good by utilizing every opportunity available to us in these coming days. And then when we are asked *"Ayeka"*, we will be ready with our response.

May each and every one of us, together with all of *K'lal Yisroel*, be blessed with a *K'siva V'chasima Tova*, a happy, healthy and meaningful year to all.