HIGH HOLY DAYS ONLINE ONLY

While Shabbat services continue to be in-person and online, all holiday services and events this month will be on Zoom and Facebook Live to ensure the safety of our larger audiences.



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him. The first is in Exodus after the catastrophe of the

Golden Calf, when he asks the Almighty for the privilege of looking at the Holy One directly. The second occurs in Deuteronomy, when he asks God to please reconsider the pronouncement that Moses not be allowed to enter the Promised Land. In both instances, the request is denied. Yet Moses does not give up, give in or give notice. Despite disappointment, his dedication

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Memories of High Holidays more meaningful with age

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Rich Ornstein

As we come closer to the end of each year, whether it be the Jewish or secular year, I always find myself reflecting on past occurrences and things I would have liked to have accomplished. I think of my work, social and family lives, and how those lives have integrated seamlessly into one life. And I think of my youth, and for today's purposes, family experiences at the High Holidays.

As a child, teenager and young adult, going to High Holidays services didn't thrill me. I didn't love school, but I would have preferred being in class over sitting in the morning service for another hour. At that age, I didn't understand the importance of attending High Holidays services. I just knew that I didn't like wearing a coat and tie. I didn't like sitting still

or being preached to from the bimah. I didn't understand, as I do now, that attending High Holidays services was part of what made me a Jew. I didn't understand how important it was to my parents and grandparents that I attended services.

What child thinks about the First Amendment to our Constitution? What child understands that freedom of religion is not a universal concept, that there are countries where freedom of worship does not exist, that my grandfathers did not have the same experience as boys in Germany during the 1930s that I did in the 1970s and 1980s in Louisville. To my parents and grandparents, the right to worship freely was — and is — a cornerstone of their lives. And now it is a cornerstone of mine.

I have a lot of High Holidays memories. But the one that comes to mind most often involved my dad's father. My paternal grandparents attended the same congregation we did. My grandfather, who I'm sure fasted on Yom Kippur during most of his life, could not fast as he got older due to health issues, and he could not sit at temple all day. So my granddaddy made a decision that upon the conclusion of the morning Yom Kippur service, we would do the

opposite of what so many Jews in our congregation did: We went out to lunch. Some people probably think that's a sacrilege; I don't. My grand-daddy loved family time. During the last part of his life, this became our tradition. All seven of us — my grand-parents, my parents and my sisters and me — went to lunch on Yom Kippur. It's something I've never forgotten and something I wish I could do one more time.

I've attended TAI High Holidays services for more than 20 years. I took in-person attendance for granted, just like the Yom Kippur lunches with my grandparents. Then Covid-19 hit, and last year we attended services from home. This year, we've had to make the painful decision to go virtual again. I miss celebrating Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with you in person. I miss all of us, rising as one, to recite the Shema. I miss seeing the Torah come out of the ark and being paraded throughout the sanctuary. I miss so many things related to in-person worship and will never take it for granted again.

As we say goodbye and, perhaps for some, good riddance to 5781, and look forward to our new year, I'd enjoy learning about your favorite High Holidays traditions or experience. Shoot me an email (rjornstein@gmail.com) and share your memories. I want to get to know you better, and I can't think of a better way to do that.

L'Shana Tova!

RABBI

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to service remains steadfast.

Kein Tehhye Lanu, so may it be for us. Of course, we should be grateful to have survived the pandemic so far. Dayenu, it should be enough. But at this season of confession, I admit to a more selfish wish. From the moment we went "virtual" for the last High Holy Days, the petition "Please, may we never have to do this again" has been part of our prayers. In a state, nation and world where far too many people have more pressing priorities, such as simply surviving, it seems a rather

self-centered prayer. It is with no small amount of embarrassment that I confess that I am wrestling with disappointment now.

With the help of TAI staff and volunteers, I had hoped, prayed and planned for at least a "hybrid" model of High Holy Day worship, where those who wished to could worship safely. Sadly, however, things reached a tipping point, and we were compelled to accept that the most prudent and responsible course of action was to prioritize safety of worshippers over the privilege of in-person worship. Therefore, I urge you to join with me in looking to *Moshe Rabeinu*, Moses our teacher,

as a role model for coping with not getting what we want. They are not the High Holy Days we hoped for, but they are the High Holy Days we have, and we should be grateful for them. I'm proud of the quality of worship we provided last year and am confident that this year will be even better. I ask for your support, cooperation, flexibility and generosity of spirit as we endeavor to overcome disappointment and dedicate ourselves to making these the most meaningful High Holy Days we possibly can.

Shana Tova U'Metookah, Best wishes for a good and sweet new year.

2021 TAI HIGH HOLIDAYS SCHEDULE

MOST EVENTS AT TAI VIA ZOOM* OR FACEBOOK LIVE; OZS WILL LIVESTREAM

EREV ROSH HASHANA

Monday, Sept. 6
7 p.m.: Service

ROSH HASHANAH

Tuesday, Sept. 7
9:30 a.m.: Service

2 p.m.: Tashlich at Jacobson Park, Shelter #1

4:30 p.m.: Family service

Wednesday, Sept. 8

9:30 a.m.: Torah study for the second day of Rosh Hashanah. Please register for Zoom link or email the TAI office if you plan to attend in person. A minimum of 10 affirmative responses is required by Friday, Sept. 3, for the program to be held.

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, Sept. 10 7 p.m.: Service

KEVER AVOT

Sunday, Sept. 12

1 p.m.: Memorial service at Lexington

Cemetery

KOL NIDRE

Wednesday, Sept. 15

7 p.m.: Service

YOM KIPPUR

Thursday, Sept. 16
9:30 a.m.: Service

1:45 p.m.: Meditation and reflection pro-

gram

3 p.m.: Afternoon service **4:30 p.m.:** Family service **5:15 p.m.:** Yizkor service

5:45 p.m.: Ne'ilah

EREV SUKKOT**

Monday, Sept. 20

7 p.m.: Family gathering with teaching, songs and art projects on the TAI lawn; weather permitting

SUKKOT**

Tuesday, Sept. 21

10 a.m.: Service hosted by OZS

SUKKOT ON THE WATER

Sunday, Sept. 26

2 p.m.: Canoeing and kayaking on Elkhorn Creek; family friendly

FINAL DAY OF SUKKOT

Tuesday, Sept. 28

9:30 a.m.: Service with Yizkor hosted by OZS

SIMCHAT TORAH

Tuesday, Sept. 28

8 p.m.: Service hosted by OZS

^{*} If you will be joining us for the first time via Zoom, you must register with Zoom in advance; go to Bit.ly/ZoomTAI to do so. If you registered previously to watch Shabbat services and still have that Zoom link, it will work for the High Holidays. If you no longer have that link, you must register again.

^{**} To use TAI's Sukkah, call the office at 269-2979 to schedule a time.

TAI Fund for Food has big plates to fill after last year's success

60,560!

That's how many meals Temple Adath Israel enabled God's Pantry to provide after last year's first-ever High Holidays virtual food drive. The TAI Fund for Food took in \$7,570, far exceeding its goal of \$2,000.

This year's goal is \$5,000, but TAI would love to exceed last year's total, particularly since the Social Action Committee's focus for 2021-22 is hunger.

"Seeing that people are fed is a basic Jewish value and a longstanding value of TAI," said Rick Clewett, Social Action Committee chair. "Unfortunately, the problem of hunger is severe and worsening in Kentucky and in Lexington-Fayette County. According to a recent report from God's Pantry, one out of six Kentuckians is unsure where they will get their next meal, including many children and elderly. Given the



various effects of Covid-19, the percentage of our neighbors who will experience hunger tonight and during the year to come is almost certainly much higher."

To donate online with a credit card, go to 2021 fund for food. square. site. If you'd prefer to write a check, make it payable to Temple Adath Israel, indicate that the money is for our

virtual food drive, then put the check in the mail (124 N. Ashland Ave., 40502) or drop it by the office. All proceeds go to God's Pantry, which serves Fayette and 49 other counties in Central and Eastern Kentucky.

Please make donations by Thursday, Sept. 23, although we will accept donations for God's Pantry at any time.



Thanks to the generosity of the Wurmser Family Fund, Temple Adath Israel is offering Break the Fast order one box for each family to Go for Yom Kippur.

Each complimentary meal box will contain a challah roll, egg salad, Rose Rita Wurmser's famous kugel and a slice of honey cake. A limited number of gluten- and/or nut-free boxes will be available. There is no

dairy-free option because, well, kugel. at 269-2979.

Each congregant household may member. To ensure we have enough food, orders must be placed by Friday, Sept. 10. To order online (the preferred method), go to Bit.ly/3zoYVrb or use the link in the weekly email. If you are unable to order online, call the temple office

Pickup hours will be 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 15. Yom Kippur is Thursday, Sept. 16.

If you are homebound or if special circumstances make pickup impossible, we'll deliver locally. Please provide your address when requested on the order form.



At last year's popular Tashlich on the Creek, participants prepared to lauch their canoes and kayaks into Elkhorn Creek.

Join the crowd Sept. 26 to celebrate Sukkot on the Water

Last year it was Tashlich on the Creek; this year we're celebrating Sukkot on the Water. It gives a whole new meaning to live streaming.

Temple Adath Israel, along with Ohavay Zion Synagogue, is sponsoring a two- to three-hour fun float on Elkhorn Creek at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26. This family-friendly trip by canoe (up to three people) or kayak (one person) will include an opportunity to shake the lulay and etrog.

The cost is \$25 per person. To RSVP, email Mark Hoffman at markrhoffman@gmail.com by Monday, Sept. 13; after that, availability and rates could change.

This outing is booked through Canoe Kentucky in Peaks Mill, northeast of Frankfort, which provides the watercraft. Peaks Mill is a 40- to 60-minute drive from Lexington, and participants are expected to be on-site at least 20 minutes before the 2 p.m. start time. To learn more about the experience, visit Canoeky.com.



Prayer books available for loan

During our Zoom services, pages from the gold Rosh Hashanah and silver Yom Kippur prayer book will be onscreen and readable. But if you prefer to have an actual prayer book in hand, TAI will loan them as a set.

Pickup is 10 to 4 p.m. through Sept. 3, 5 to 7 p.m. Sept. 1, and 1 to 3 p.m. Sept. 6. Books must be returned by Sept. 23. The fee for lost books is \$35 each/\$70 per set.



Order your honey ASAP because it's almost gone

If you haven't placed your order yet with the TAI Rosh Hashanah Honey Sale, it might not be too late. At this writing, there were a few jars left as the Sept. 1 order deadline neared. To check availability, contact Kristen Hoffman at kristen@lextai.org.

All proceeds benefit our Religious School.

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Registration is required; go to Bit.ly/3jtfmxb.



Torah Talk

1:30 p.m. Thursdays. For more information, email Aylene Kovensky-Gard at aylenekg@gmail.com.

Emails and e-news

If you're not receiving our weekly Shabbat or "Beyond

the Bluegrass" emails, get on the list by contacting Daniel Baker at daniel@jewishlexington.org

Assistance requests

If you or someone you know needs help with housing, utilities, grocery shopping, picking up a prescription or transportation to a medical appointment, Jewish Family Services can help. Contact Paula Mertens, JFS director, at (859) 269-8244 or jfs@jewishlexington.org. She will get back to you as soon as possible.



FROM THE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Elissa Weinstein, Director

Shalom! I would like to introduce our Religious School staff for the 2021-22 school year. Temple Tots: Laura Schachman; pre-K/kindergarten: not yet filled (if you're interested, call me at (859) 619-5707); second grade: Faith McBride-Byrne, third/fourth grade: Abigail Miller; fifth grade: Jordan Brennan; sixth grade: Dan Isenstein and Diane Arnson-Svarlien (Hebrew); seventh/eighth grade: Mark Schachman; and ninth/10th grade: Rabbi Wirtschafter and visiting teachers. Sylvia Cerel-Suhl and Laura Schachman will lead our art class again, while Jo Stone and visiting congregants will be doing garden/social action activities with our students. This year we have a

new enrichment offering, cooking. Laura Schachman will be helping the kids create yummy treats that have a Jewish component. Nathan Palley, Laine Fine, Gloria Falach and Abe Nelson will be assisting our teachers and working with various classes. Our teachers gathered in August for a highly informative training at which we discussed the importance of social and emotional learning and how that will play a big role in Religious School this year.

We are very much looking forward to kicking the year off on Sept. 12. We also are looking forward to our Family Shabbat evenings that will begin in October with a welcome back service on the 15th. Family Shabbats will be the second Friday of each month (October's the exception). Each month a different class will lead the congregation in prayer.

If you have not registered for Religious School, there's still time. Registration is completely online. Please email me at elissa@lextai.org for a registration link or go to Lextai/org/religious-school.

Wishing everyone a sweet and healthy New Year and looking forward to the new adventures we will be able to share as a community in 5782.

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WORSHIP, STUDY SCHEDULE



Study groups now meet in person with a Zoom option.

Sept. 3

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Sept. 4

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Nitzavim — Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20

Sept. 10

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Sept. 11

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. VaYelekh — Deuteronomy 21:1-30 Schedule of services and other events for High Holidays, Sukkot and Simchat Torah on Page 3.

Sept. 17

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Sept. 18

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Ha'azinu — Deuteronomy 32:1-52

Sept. 24

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Sept. 25

Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m.
Parsha 11 a.m.
Sukkot — Exodus 33:12-34:26

Oct. 1

Shabbat 7 p.m.

Oct. 2

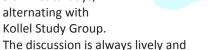
Jewish Texts/Kollel 9 a.m. Parsha 11 a.m. Bereshit — Genesis 1:1-6:8

KOLLEL STUDY GROUP

Kollel meets at 9 a.m.
Saturdays, alternating
with Jewish Texts. The
group explores cultural,
ethical and historical
aspects of our 4,000-year tradition. The
emphasis is on dialogue and exploration.
You may join the group any time.

JEWISH TEXTS STUDY

We will discuss selected readings in rabbinic literature at 9 a.m. Saturdays, alternating with Kollel Study Group.



informative, and you may join any time.



Executive Committee

Thursday, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m.* Thursday, Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m.

Board of Directors

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m.* Tuesday, Oct. 19, 6:30 p.m.

* one week earlier than usual due to holiday conflicts

PARSHA

Join us each Saturday morning at 11 as we take a look at the Torah portion for the week. Sessions are not held when there is a bar or bat mitzvah service.

Directory updates

Address, phone change:

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Temple Adath Israel is a Reform Jewish congregation linked to a tradition of welcoming those searching for a community committed to honoring the dignity we all share as children of the one God by embracing these enduring Jewish values: AVODAH (Worship); TALMUD TORAH (Torah Study); TZEDEK (Social Justice); and KEHILAH (Community). Our mission is to inspire our congregants' Jewish engagement and to ensure a vibrant Jewish present and future by nurturing the many generations of our community. We share a commitment to the Reform Jewish foundational beliefs of furthering individual and communal spiritual growth, while recognizing a range of personal philosophies, practices and needs. We are the community center through which our families can celebrate faith, justice, and the blessings of family lives present and future.



YAHRZEIT ... These we remember...



Sept. 3

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Sept. 10

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Sept. 17

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Sept. 24

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Oct. 1

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Travis Sims, son-in-law of Janet and Craig Chasen, brother-in-law of Laura and James Robinson, uncle of James, Emily, Natalile and Olivia Robinson

Wendy Worell, daughter of Judy Worell

May their memories be for a blessing

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Just follow these simple steps:

- 1. Go to **GiveBHG.com**.
- 2. Select a BHG Gift at the bottom of the page and click on it. Fill in the amount and choose "Temple Adath Israel" from the dropdown list where it says "Charity Option."

Your gift card will be sent in the mail within two business days, and TAI will receive 20 percent of the gift card amount. It couldn't be easier!

Who doesn't buy groceries?

Register your Kroger Plus card, designate TAI as your charity of choice, and the temple will receive money each quarter based on a percentage of spending.



If you already have an online Kroger account but haven't designated TAI as your

charity, go to Krogercommunityrewards.com and sign in. From the list of charity options, choose "Temple Adath Israel."

If you do not have a Kroger Plus card, you can get one at the customer service desk at any Kroger. Go to Krogercommunityrewards.com, then:

- 1. Click on Sign In/Register. Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the "New Customer?" box.
- 2. Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering ZIP code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions. You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- 3. Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- 4. Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card
- 5. Update or confirm your information.
- 6. Enter the NPO number (10073) for TAI or, from list of organizations, select and click on Temple Adath Israel and then click on confirm.

To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see TAI's name on the right side of your information page. Purchases will not count for TAI until your card is registered.

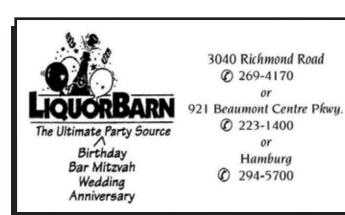
If you use your phone number at the register, call 1-800-576-4377, then select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number.

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