



## ROSH HASHANAH

### Wednesday night, 12th September

Light the Yom Tov candles before **7.08p.m.** and recite the following two blessings:

*"Barooch atah Adonye Eloheינו melech ha'olam, asher kiddshanoo b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel Yom Tov."*

*"Barooch atah Adonye Eloheינו melech ha'olam she'hecheyanoo, vekiyemanoo, vehigianoo lazman hazeh."*

Prior to lighting the candles, it is important to light a twenty-five hour candle e.g. a Yahrzeit candle, so that one can transfer the flame from the twenty-five hour candle to a new candle in order to light the Yom Tov candles on the second night of Yom Tov

### Services in the Synagogue commence at 7.00p.m

Following services, and your return home, make Yom Tov Kiddush, then wash hands ritually and make the blessing over the challah. The challot for Rosh Hashanah are traditionally round and represent continuity and wholeness. After eating some challah, dipped in honey, we take an apple and dip a piece in honey and say the following prior to eating it:

*"Barooch atah Adonye Eloheינו melech ha'olam, Borei Peri Haeitz"*

After eating it recite the following:

*"Yehi ratzon milfanecha Adonye Eloheינו veilohei avoteינו, she'techadesh aleינו Shana Tova oometooko"*

*"May it be your will. O Lord our Gd and Gd of our forefathers that this year will be a happy and sweet year for us."*

### Thursday 13th September

Shacharit services begin at 8.00a.m.

It is important for every man, woman and child to hear the blowing of the Shofar which commences at approximately 10.00a.m. It is important to hear the blessings recited by the Ba'al Tekiah (the one who actually blows), and to answer "Amein" to each of the three blessings. Then, during the course of the morning, we are obliged to hear one hundred blasts of the Shofar.

It is forbidden to talk from the time one hears the first note of the 100, right up until the last one.

In the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah, we will return to the Synagogue at **4.45p.m.** to walk together towards the Serpentine for the traditional Tashlich Service at **5.15 p.m.** at the Peter Pan Statue. This is performed by reciting several prayers at a source of water. Afterwards, the pockets are symbolically emptied as if a person is shaking off his sins and casting them into the water. As a source for this ceremony the verses in Michah are often quoted:

*"He will again have compassion upon us; He will subdue our iniquities; and Thou will cast all our sins into the depth of the sea ...."*

We then return to the Synagogue for Mincha and Ma'ariv at **7.00p.m.**

### **Thursday night 13th September**

We usher in the second day of Rosh Hashanah by lighting the Yom Tov candles as soon as possible after **8.07p.m.** We do this by transferring the flame from the existing flame which was lit before the first night Rosh Hashanah began (see above) and then reciting the two blessings. Since there is a doubt about whether we should recite the *She'hecheyanu* Beracha on the second night, it is traditional to have on the table a new fruit that one has not eaten yet that year, while one makes the blessings over the candles. Alternatively one can wear a new item of clothing. However, if one does not have a new fruit or a new item of clothing, one still makes both blessings including "*She'hecheyanu*".

### **Friday 14th September**

Shacharit services begin at 8.00a.m.

Shabbat commences and candles should be lit by **7.03p.m.**  
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat will be read at **7.00p.m.**

## **SHABBAT SHUVA**

### **Saturday 15th October**

Shacharit will be at **9.15 a.m.** and will be followed by Rabbi Shisler's Shabbat Shuva Lilmod  
Mincha and Ma'ariv at **7.00p.m.**  
Shabbat ends at **8.03p.m.**

## **THE FAST OF GEDALIAH**

### **Sunday 16th September**

The day after Rosh Hashanah is observed as a fast day, in memory of Gedaliah ben Achikam. This year it is observed two days after Rosh Hashanah.

Gedaliah had been appointed Governor of Judea by Nebuchadnezzar, after the destruction of the first Temple in 586 BCE. He had been charged with the responsibility of rebuilding Jewish life among the remnant of the Jews still in the Holy Land.

As a result of internal strife among the people, Gedaliah was assassinated and, many of those Jews who had remained in Judea, fled to Egypt. Since this represented the final stage of the destruction of Jerusalem, it is observed as a fast day, when we recite special Selichot prayers.

Shacharit will be at **8.30am** and the Fast ends at **7.54pm**

## YOM KIPPUR

### Friday 21st September

#### Mincha

On Erev Yom Kippur, Friday 21st September, at **1.30p.m.** in the Synagogue, we will conduct the pre-Yom Kippur Mincha (afternoon) service, which includes the first of the ten times that we recite "Al-cheit" prayer (confession) throughout the day.

A festival meal on Erev Yom Kippur is a mitzvah (obligation) because one thereby reveals joy over the approach of his or her time of forgiveness. This meal is called the "seudat hamafseket" (meal of cessation). There is no Kiddush prior to this meal, but we do wash our hands ritually, make the "Hamotzi" (usually over a Challah) and say Grace after Meals.. The meal should be concluded well before **6.47p.m.**, allowing enough time to light candles and to get to the Synagogue in time.

The following Berachot are said over the candles:

*"Barooch atah Adonye Eloheינו melech ha'olam, asher kiddshanoo b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel Shabbat v'Yom HaKippoorim."*

*"Barooch atah Adonye Eloheינו melech ha'olam she'hecheyanoo, vekiyemanoo, vehigianoo lazman hazeh."*

#### Wearing Non-leather Shoes

It is forbidden for men, women and children to wear leather shoes on Yom Kippur.

#### Kol Nidrei

#### Services in the Synagogue commence at 7.05p.m.

The Yom Kippur prayers begin with the chanting of Kol Nidrei. We have to commence before sunset since this prayer is a form of the repealing of vows, and we are not permitted to repeal vows on Shabbat or Yom Tov..

### Saturday 22nd September

#### Shacharit commences at 9.30am

**Yizkor** on Yom Kippur Day will be at approximately **1.15pm**

If one's parents are still alive, it is permissible, but not essential, to leave the Synagogue during Yizkor. **However, it is our custom that we commence with a public Yizkor, which includes Memorial Prayers for the victims of the Holocaust and for Israel's fallen soldiers, for which everyone should remain in the Synagogue.** There will then be a short break to allow those who wish to leave to go out before we commence the private Yizkor.

The Fast ends at **7.46pm.**

## SUCCOT

### The Building of the Succah

If you haven't built a Succah before and intend to do so this year, the Rabbi will be very happy to advise on the requirements to ensure that it is Kasher.

It is a Mitzvah to decorate the Succah. If you are able to assist with the Shul's Succah, please contact the Synagogue office for details of when it will be done. Also please let us know if you are able to donate laurel branches, fruit etc.

### Dwelling in the Succah

It is a great Mitzvah to eat in the Succah. **The congregation is invited to join us for a festive dinner in our Shul Succah following services on Wednesday evening 26th September. Please make reservations at the Synagogue office on 020 7229 2631.**

### Kindling of the Lights

Lights are kindled on the first Yom Tov night in the Succah (if you have one - or else indoors) and two Berachot are said:

*"Barooch atah Adonye Eloheינו melech ha'olam, asher kiddshanoo b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neir shel Shabbat v'Yom Tov."*

*"Barooch atah Adonye Eloheינו melech ha'olam she'hecheyanoo, vekiyemanoo, vehigianoo lazman hazeh."*

Note that the same requirements regarding the 25 hour candle apply as they did for Rosh Hashanah.

### Four Species - The Lulav

The four species are taken hold of each of the seven festival days (except Shabbat) and a Berachah is said over them daily.

Anyone who wishes to have a set of lulav and etrog, please contact our Shammash Mr Eli Ballon in the Shul Office. Even if you do not have your own Lulav and Etrog there will be several sets in the Synagogue for your use.

## SIMCHAT TORAH

Please note that our annual Simchat Torah party will take place this year on **Thursday 4th October** following the evening service which commences at **7.30 p.m.** Please bring your children both on the Thursday night and Friday morning for Hakafot - there will also be a special Kiddush after the service on the Friday morning. This year's Chatan Torah will be Eli Ballon, and the Chatan Bereshit will be Jonathan Matheson. We wish the both a hearty *Mazal Tov*.