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A Letter from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

Last Monday, the first day of the Hebrew month of Elul, we began blowing the shofar – just one brief set of *tekiah-shevarim-teruah-tekiya* at the end of each weekday morning service. The major purpose of this practice is to remind us that Rosh Hashanah is quickly approaching and we must therefore begin the process of introspection and reconciliation – with ourselves, our associates, and with God - in preparation for the High Holy days.

This daily shofar-blowing custom has historical, commemorative significance as well. According to Biblical narrative tradition, Moses broke the tablets in response to the Golden Calf incident on the seventeenth of Tammuz. The narrative continues to inform us that Moses prayed for Israel's forgiveness for forty days after that tragic event. On the forty-first day, which fell on the first of Elul, God instructed Moses to re-ascend Mt. Sinai and receive the second set of tablets. Upon his ascent, a heavenly shofar was sounded, reminding the Israelites not to regress into idolatry during Moses' next forty day absence. During the next forty days, God re-taught Moses the Torah, and re-wrote the Ten Commandments. The fortieth day of this process was the tenth of Tishrei - Yom Kippur. On that first Yom Kippur, Moses descended with the second set of tablets, marking Israel's complete forgiveness reconciliation with God.

As we prepare ourselves during this awesome period, I want to stress a few points.

- 1- Our sins per se are not as important as the reasons and motivations which enable us to sin, such as, incorrect assumptions and inappropriate attitudes and priorities. The real challenge, I believe, is to struggle with these causes.
- 2- We are only able to repent of those behaviors which we ourselves (not our friends, spouses, or Rabbi) believe to be sinful. We must take ownership of our values if we are to honestly regret our deviation from them.
- 3- Authentic change may happen only if our goals are reasonable. We should not allow the long list of *Al Chayts* in our High Holy Day *Machzorim* trivialize the challenging self-improvement work in which that each of us must engage. I believe that ***one or two serious resolutions in one High Holiday season are reasonable.***

Marilyn and I look forward to greeting you on Rosh Hashanah (if not before!). May we, all of Israel, and all humanity merit Hashem's blessings for a ***Shana tova um'tuka.***

Sincerely,

Moshe Berger

Mark Your Calendar!

The High Holidays are quickly approaching. The request forms have already been sent out. Please return them to the office as soon as possible. If you have not received one and would like to purchase tickets, please call Fran at the office 765-0770.

Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur Schedule

11:00 pm Sept 20th S'Lichos refreshments & Social (set by committee)
 11:45 pm Sept 20th S'lichos address by Rabbi Berger
 12:00 am Sept. 20th/21st S"lichos Service
 6:20 am Sept 21st-26th S'lichos preceding morning minyan
 6:00 am Sept 29th S'lichos Erev RH preceding morning minyan
 7:00 pm Sept 29th Mincha Erev RH
 8:30 am Sept 30th & Oct 1st RH Shacharit
 6:30 pm Sept 30th Mincha RH1 with Tashlich
 7:00 pm Oct.1 Mincha RH2
 6:20 am Oct 2nd Shacharit - Tzom Gedalya
 6:20 am Oct.3rd, Oct 6th & Oct 7th S'lichos preceding morning minyan
 6:35 Oct. 8th s'lichos Erev YK preceding morning minyan
 4:00 pm Oct.8th Mincha Erev YK
 6:30 pm Oct 8th Kol Nidre
 8:30 am Oct 9th Shacharit YK
 No earlier than 10:30 am Oct 9th Yizkor on YK
 5:00 pm Oct 9th Mincha YK
 6:15 Oct 9th Ne'elah

Board Meeting

The Board will
 meet on
 September 21 ,
 2008 at Fuchs
 Mizrachi School

Mazel Tov!

***We would like to Welcome New Member *Renee Berry* to the Sinai Family.

August Birthdays

Haki Flores

Galya Loeb

Amanda Beder

****Happy Anniversary to Howard & Sherry Frum

****Happy 75th Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Robins

Yahrzeits for September / Elul

Elul 3– Nicholas Grunwald,
 Bertha Horwitz, Ellen Mandel

Elul 4 - Minnie Rosen

Elul 5– Adolph Zimmerman

Elul 6– Abraham Brenner,

Sarah Birnbaum,

Elul 8– Mary Mandel, Harry
 Rehmar, Hillel Turkel, Samuel Berkowitz

Elul 9– Mollie Schragger

Elul 10– Morris Cohen

Elul 11– Jennie Eger

Elul 12- Sarah Zychick, Irving Chanan, Sam
 Baker, Yente Werdeger

Vahrzeits for September/Elul

Elul 15– Essie Speser	Elul 23– Isadore Weitz, David Fink, Eva Abrahams
Elul 16– Martin Glaser, Frank Polster, Ida Yaged, Alex Pearl	Elul 24– Hanah Congress, Sarah Gendler
Elul 17– Sarah Frankel, Theodore Geller, Rose Minsk, Bernard Harris	Elul 25– Morris Berenson
Elul 18– Leah Dragin, Alex Eberlin, Israel Bloch	Elul 27– Walter Jaslow
Elul 19- Selma Weintraub	Elul 28 - Rabbi Isadore Pick- holtz
Elul 20—Rose Levin, Joseph Leib, Stanley Rabinowitz	
Elul 21– Bert Birnbaum, Fayge Leniower, Samuel Pintchuk	

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Leona Green– IHO Aaron Rabinowitz, IHO Miriam Levin’s new Grandchild, IHO Auerbachs daughter’s engagement.
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mervine– IHO of Aliyah after daughter’s wedding.
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Mrs. Wendy Shaw– IHO Rabbi and Mrs. Berger
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cohen– IHO Picholtz new granddaughter. IMO Yossi Pearl, and Refuah shlimah to Alex Hertz.

Refuah Shleimah

We wish a speedy recovery to, Albert Wasserman, Saittle Bas Chana, Hadasa bat Chaya, Beila bas Luba, Rena basBasya , Shmuel Richman and Shmuel ben Osher Anshel and Tzvi Hirsh ben Devorah

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Minyan

Monday thru Friday: 6:45 am

Rosh Chodesh : 6:30 am (September 30)

Candle Lighting for September:

Sept. 5 - Earliest C/L - 6:33pm ~ Latest C/L - 7:35pm Parsha– Shoftim

Sept. 12- Earliest C/L - 6:23pm ~ Latest C/L - 7:23 pm Parsha– Ki Tetze

Sept. 19 -Earliest C/L - 6:13 pm ~ Latest C/L - 7:11 pm Parsha– Ki Tavo

Sept. 26 -Earliest C/L - 6:02pm ~ Latest C/L - 6:59pm Parsha– Nitzavim

Important Dates

SEPTEMBER 29– EREV ROSH HASHANAH

SEPTEMBER 30– FIRST DAY ROSH HAHSANAH

OCTOBER 1– SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH