Welcome Back Cantor Goldberg

We are once again delighted to welcome Cantor Shlomo Goldberg of Braamfontein, a spiritual leader at Ohev Shalom for this year’s High Holy Days!

Those who have heard him will certainly agree that Cantor Goldberg is a delight to daven with. His engaging style and obvious love of the liturgy enhance the spirituality of Ohev Shalom’s High Holy Days.

We are looking forward to our services with him, and to enjoying his use of familiar melodies (nusachim) and perhaps to some new ones as well.

We remain deeply grateful to all the donors who continue to make bringing the Cantor back possible. Their generosity is much appreciated.

Cantor Goldberg is a true shalich tzibbur, not a performer, but a leader. His heimisch spirit is contagious!

We look forward to High Holy Days together with him and with all of you!

Selichot Service

Selichot, the annual late night prayer service held prior to Rosh Hashanah, is a wonderful way to prepare inwardly for the High Holy Days.

This year, our Selichot service will be held at Ohev Shalom, and we will be joined by members of Temple Israel and Agudat Achim for the program and taped services.

We will gather at 9:30 pm on Saturday evening, September 1 for Havdalah, a film and discussion on forgiveness.

The Selichot service will begin at 11 pm.

Youth Programming

Rosh Hashanah Days 1 & 2

Monday, 9/10 and Tuesday, 9/11 @ 10:30 am
- Shanaah Torah Tots - Kolbo Room w/ Bracha Louz (children must have an adult present at all times)
- Grades K-3 - Room 12 upstairs w/ Lisa Gallay on Monday; Tuesday Leader, TBA
- Grades 4-7 - Chapel w/ Elana Pollack, Monday;
- Althea Pestine-Stevens, Tuesday
- Grades 8-12 Discussion - Room 13 upstairs w/ Stephanie Fisher Monday and Ruth Malka Tuesday

Yom Kippur, Wednesday, 9/19 @ 10:30 am
- Shanaah Torah Tots - Kolbo w/ Bracha Louz (children must have an adult present)
- Breishet - Room 12 upstairs w/ Lisa Gallay
- Grades 4-7 - Chapel w/ Elana Pollack
- Grades 8-12 Discussion - Room 13 upstairs w/ Amie Adler

Saturday, September 8

We Remember Them

Holiday times can be particularly poignant for those who have recently lost a loved one. It is a Jewish tradition, prior to the High Holy Days season, to remember family and friends who are no longer physically with us. On Saturday, September 8, the Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah, Ohev will follow our longstanding custom of reading the names of congregants and family members who have died during the past year.

Those who have lost loved ones during the past year, and those who wish to support them, will gather in the chapel for a brief ceremony about a half hour after the conclusion of morning services. After we read the names of individuals who died during the past year, we will chant a memorial prayer in front of the ark. All are welcome to participate, as we honor the memory of our family members and friends.

Meditative Musaf

Ohev will hold its annual creative Meditative Musaf prayer service in the Chapel at approximately 11:45 am, parallel to our traditional Musaf service that is held in our main sanctuary. This creative service includes a blend of inspirational chanting, meditation, selected prayers, storytelling and the blasts of the shofar. This program is intended for adults and older children from all backgrounds.

Please bring a copy of the Mahzor with you.

Saturday, September 15 & September 23

Lulav and Etrog Sets for Sukkot

Lulav & Etrog Sets: $45.00 per regular set; $50 per Deluxe set

Using the lulav and etrog (four species) can be one of the most beautiful ways to celebrate Sukkot, our Fall harvest holiday. All orders must be received by Monday, September 17. The Lulav and Etrog sets will be available for pick up on Sunday September 23 between the hours of 10 am and 12 pm. The sets can also be picked up during Yom Tov services, but not on Shabbat. (Please see the Days of Awe calendar insert in the DASH or on our website.) If you have any questions, please call Cecelia Soloviev in the office at 589-489-4700 x 10.

Please note that NO late orders can be accepted!

Saturday, September 19

Shana Tova Tiktecher!

May you be inscribed for a sweet year filled with good health, prosperity and peace.

Wednesday, September 19, Yom Kippur Day

Vizkor and Martyrology

The Yom Kippur Martyrology service at approximately 11:30 am recalls and mourns Jewish martyrs throughout history, beginning with the great sages of Rabbinic times who were murdered by the Romans, and continuing to the present.

This year we will once again celebrate the Martyrology prayers into Yizkor on Yom Kippur, as is consistent with traditional Jewish practice. Our hope is that reciting these prayers as part of Yizkor will enhance our remembrance of Jewish martyrs throughout history. May their memories be a blessing.

Annual Yom Kippur Contemplative Space

We will join together on Yom Kippur after Friday service on September 19 at 3:30 pm for ninety minutes of peaceful meditation, chanting, discussion and introspection as we prepare to bring Yom Kippur to a close. Led by Lynna Schaefer, this Yom Kippur afternoon program gives us an opportunity to reflect deeply upon the meaning of leshuvah (return and repentance) as well as achieving self renewal.

Wednesday, September 19 @ 7:40 pm

6th Annual Breaking of the Fast

Please join us at Ohev Shalom for our 6th annual communal Breaking of the Fast, sponsored by the Ohev Shalom Board of Trustees. The dairy dinner will take place immediately following the Neilah services at the end of Yom Kippur at approximately 7:40 pm, Wednesday, September 19.

This communal event is a beautiful way to introduce our theme, “Many Voices, One People.” We look forward to joining you to Break the Fast.

While this meal is underwritten by members of Ohev’s Board of Trustees, there is additional support from our members, especially those who attend, is always welcome. Please RSVP by Friday, August 31, 2018.

Thursday, October 2

Hakafot - Dancing with the Torahs!

8:45am - Our annual ‘shacharit’ followed by Hakafot and Torah readings. This year, we honor Steve Levy as Hattan Torah and Marcia Galinkin as Kallah (Bride) for our October 2 Torah Honorees. (see article on page 9)

‘Musar Madness’ with Rabbi Beverly Magidson will take place later that morning. We hope you will join us!

Thank You to Our Wonderful Rabbi

We are so fortunate to have Rabbi Dan Orinstein and Rabbi Rena Kiev as our spiritual leaders at Ohev Shalom.

Their constant care, their knowledge, wisdom, menschlichkeit, humor and sensitivity give our shul its culture and make the High Holy Days (and the rest of the year) especially meaningful for us all.

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