

CALENDAR OF RITUALS & LITURGIES

FOR THE YAMIM NORA'IM/DAYS OF AWE AT CONGREGATION BEIT TIKVAH, 5768/2007

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:30 PM The season begins with *Selihot*. This late evening service offers a preview of the soaring melodies and peaceful chants of the services ahead, with an opportunity for communal and personal spiritual preparation. Prior to the service, Rabbi Bolton, Gail Rosen, and William Gilcher will present their collaborative work, *For Tomorrow/Ich Hoff Auf Morgen...* Poetry, Music and the Story of Hilda Stern Cohen. For more information, see www.Hildastory.org.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

7:30 PM We greet 5768 together on *Erev Rosh Hashanah* with an evening service that includes inspirational messages, and a taste of apples and honey.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

9:30 AM The first day of *Rosh Hashanah*, the Jewish New Year, we encounter familiar prayers and new readings, and listen to voices of our community reflecting on the New Year's themes of *Malhuyot*/sovereignty, *Zihronot*/memory, and *Shofarot*/calling, with the special sounds of the shofar, the Torah reading, melodies dramatic and soothing, followed by the ritual of *Tashlikh*, the casting of crumbs into the water, at nearby Robert E. Lee Park at 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:30 AM On the second day of *Rosh Hashanah*, we repeat the activities of the first day in a more intimate setting, which allows more time for discussion and reflection.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6 PM We enter the evening of *Yom Kippur* with the light of memorial candles reflected in our white garments and tallit/prayer shawls. The day is still light as we encounter the solemnity of *Kol Nidre*, sounded by instrument and voice. (Only) those who are able begin their fast from life-sustaining food and drink.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:30 AM *Yom Kippur* morning, which includes the *Yizkor* service, continues the themes of repentance and reflection, including another opportunity for the physical engagement of the Grand Aleynu, the full, physical bowing only experienced at this season.

4 PM We reconvene on *Yom Kippur* afternoon, beginning with the *Minhah Torah* service, featuring the reading of the Book of Jonah, and followed by our always challenging and creative engagement with the traditional themes of the *Avodah* and Martyrology services.

Finally, *Ne'ilah* beckons us through song and silence, before the open ark or at our seats, toward the final great blast of the shofar and the conclusion of our day with Havdallah. We share a communal break fast immediately following.