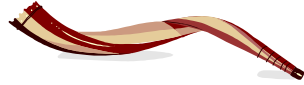




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# Ahavath Updates



## High Holiday Services Planned

*(Ed. Note: The following is the text of the article submitted to local papers for publication.)*

Ahavath Israel Congregation in Ewing Township has announced its plans for this year's High Holiday services. Returning to lead and chant services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will be Rabbi Daniel Aronson. Rabbi Aronson's enthusiasm and contemporary approach to services have delighted those in attendance over the past several years.

According to Ahavath's Ritual Chairperson, Richard Byer, "Rabbi Aronson's approach is a mix of contemporary and traditional Judaism. His sermons have been enlightening and topical for what is going on in the world and in the Jewish community. The Rabbi has made our High Holiday services more meaningful and understandable for all of our congregation." Having participants in the service develop a level of comfort has

helped increase understanding. Explanations of parts of the services are intertwined with prayers and commentary. "Rabbi Aronson is very comfortable with our multi-generational congregation. He has been embraced by our congregants and he has embraced them," said Byer. "We are indeed lucky to have Rabbi Aronson to lead our High Holiday services once again this year."

Assisting with services will be Ahavath's lay leaders, Rick Byer, current president Len Epstein, and Harold Goldmann. Other members of the Congregation will also be encouraged to assist with selected readings in English or Hebrew. New this year, will be the Congregation's use of a new High Holiday's prayerbook ("machzor" in Hebrew). Appropriately entitled The New Machzor (Machzor Hadash), the prayerbook features modernized translations, more English readings, and transliteration of the Hebrew prayers. Copies of The New Mahzor are

still awaiting sponsorship at \$18 per book.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services begin on Monday evening, October 3 at 7 PM. Services for the First and Second Days of Rosh Hashanah begin at 9 AM on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, respectively. A Tashlich Service, where participants symbolically cast away their sins of the past year into running water, will be held at the creek between Theresa Street and Terrace Boulevard on Lower Ferry Road, immediately following morning services on Tuesday, at approximately 12:30. Yom Kippur Services, with the Kol Nidre, will begin on Wednesday evening, October 12, at 5:45 PM. Yom Kippur Services for the Day of Atonement will begin at 9 AM on Thursday, October 13. A Havdallah Service and Break-the-Fast are scheduled following ending services at sundown. All participants are invited to attend.

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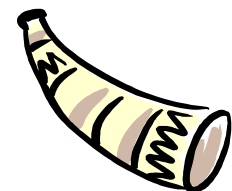
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### Reminders:

- You are always needed and welcome for Services to help make a Minyan. Bring a friend.
- BINGO needs your help. Call to volunteer.
- Check the enclosed flyer for High Holiday service times.
- Donations needed for the Kosher Food Pantry. Drop off in lobby.
- Your Marrazzo's Receipts are still needed. Drop off in lobby or mail slot.



*May you be inscribed for  
 a sweet new year.*

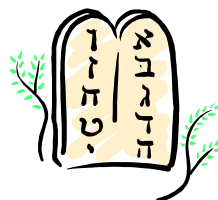
## High Holiday Tickets

Members of Ahavath Israel have received tickets for the High Holidays. If you should need additional tickets for family members for the High Holidays, they are available for \$75 per adult. The requested donation for tickets for non-members is \$150 per adult. Tickets include both days of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and all intermediary services. For non-members thinking of joining Ahavath, ticket donations are applicable toward membership dues. College students are admitted without charge with a current college ID. For additional tickets, please call the office at (609) 882-3092.

## Mitzvah Morning and Break the Fast

Your help is needed at the beginning and the end of the High Holidays. Before we can welcome the New Year, we need to be sure we are “ready for company,” so to speak. If you can spare some time on Sunday, October 2, we will gladly give you a job to do! Jobs to be done include: polishing the silver, dusting/polishing wood in sanctuary, painting, replacing loose floor tiles, washing windows, changing the paroches and mantels (drapes and Torah covers), putting out the newly dedicated new Machzors, and more. Please call if you can spare some time.

Your help is also needed at the end of the holidays for the “Break the Fast” which we traditionally hold at the end of Yom Kippur. Sponsors are still needed, as well as people to help prepare, set up, and clean up. The “Break the Fast” is open to everyone participating in High Holiday services. You do not need to be a sponsor to attend.



*Remember, there are many ways to memorialize or honor your loved ones. Seat Plaques, Leaves for the Tree of Life, Prayer Books, and Memorial Plaques are but a few examples. Call and we will gladly help with suggestions.*

## Schedule of Services for October

(See enclosed flyer for details of High Holiday services.)

Saturday, Oct. 1 – Shabbat Services—9 AM, followed by Kiddush

Monday, Oct. 3 – Erev Rosh Hashanah—7:00 PM

Tuesday, Oct. 4—Rosh Hashanah—Day 1—9:00 AM

Wednesday, Oct. 5—Rosh Hashanah—Day 2—9:00 AM

Saturday, Oct. 8—Shabbat Services—9:00 AM, followed by Kiddush

Wednesday, Oct. 12—Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre—5:45 PM

Thursday, Oct. 13—Yom Kippur—9:00AM

Saturday, Oct. 15—Shabbat Services—9:00 AM, followed by Special Kiddush

Monday, Oct. 17—Erev Sukkot—7:00 PM

Tuesday, Oct. 18—Sukkot, first day—9:00 AM

Saturday, Oct. 22—Shabbat Services—9:00 AM, followed by Kiddush Lunch in the Sukkah

Saturday, Oct. 29 Shabbat Services—9:00 AM, followed by Kiddush

*The schedule of High Holiday services is also available on our new website:  
[www.ahavathisrael.org](http://www.ahavathisrael.org)*

## A WORD (OR TWO) FROM PHYLLIS...

Dear Members,

For those of you who regularly attend our services and programs, you may be used to a reminder phone call from me every week or two. Because my responsibilities at the shul have more than doubled in the last year, I rarely have time to make these phone calls. Please be assured that you will be notified by mail for all of our special events. We trust that you

will read carefully all notices and bulletins from the shul. In the event that a program has not been publicized, or that a scheduled program must be cancelled, you WILL receive a phone call accordingly.

As always, if you have any questions about upcoming events, please leave a message on the answering machine at the shul. One of our board members will contact you as soon as possible. Also,

if you would like to be part of a telephone squad, please let us know.

We look forward to seeing all of our members at our services and programs.

See you soon!

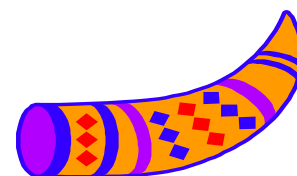
Phyllis E. Stern

## Fall Fundraiser ~ Avon Calling!!

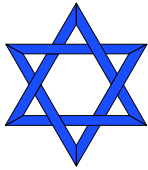
Avon catalogs are now available in the synagogue lobby for our Fall Fundraiser. Please place an Avon order for yourself or for gifts. A percentage of your order will be a donation to the synagogue! Take extra booklets for

friends, relatives, and co-workers. The more that is ordered, the more we will make! Please call the office if you cannot stop by to pick up a catalog, and we will be sure that you get one. Orders are due by Thursday, October 6.

Orders will be delivered to the synagogue and will be ready for pick up on Thursday, October 20. Your check, made payable to Ahavath Israel, should be enclosed with your order. We thank you for your support.



L'Shanah Tovah!



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Additional positions on the Board are available and are currently shared by the Executive Board Officers. If you are interested in joining the Board, please contact Len Epstein, if you are interested.

## Sukkot to Simchat Torah



Come help us to build and decorate Ahavath Israel's Sukkah and then join us for activities celebrating the holiday. Sukkah builders and decorators are invited to a Bagel Breakfast on Sunday, October 16 at 9 AM. Building and decorating will commence around 9:30.

Thank you to Bob Pearson for reconstructing the framework of Ahavath's Sukkah and to Sy Laskey for his assistance. This year's Sukkah is bound to be even better than ever! Decorators may help with some of our decorations or may bring some of their own. We are in need of pumpkins, gourds, cornstalks, flowering plants, any "fall" or "harvest" themed decorations, and solid colored plastic tablecloths. If you have something to donate, but cannot come to help, please call and we will arrange a pick-up. Later in the day a group will be going to Highland Park day to pick up lulavim and etrogim for the synagogue's Sukkah and for

anyone else needing them for their own Sukkot.

The Sukkah will be used for Sukkot services (See flyer for details) and also for a Kiddush Lunch on Saturday, October 22, following services.

If your family is building your own Sukkah, please let us know. We will let you know if we will be "Sukkah Hopping" this year. Stay tuned.

Join us for Erev Simchat Torah to "dance with the Torahs" and to "Rejoice in the Giving of the Law" (See flyer for details.) Bring the children and grandchildren to enjoy this tradition. Apples and flags will be provided.



### Disaster Relief Donations

In the wake of the disasters wrought by our current Hurricane Season, we urge you to be compassionate and generous to those so greatly in need. "Give time, give money, give blood" these suggestions come from the American Red Cross, just one of many organizations involved in helping victims of Katrina and other disasters.

## Keep Checking Our Website for Updates



Check out our new Ahavath website:

**[www.ahavathisrael.org](http://www.ahavathisrael.org)**

### Kosher Food Pantry Still in Need of Donations

Donations are still greatly needed! Our red shopping cart in the front corner of the lobby has been far from overflowing—often completely empty. If you are unable to donate nonperishable food items, please request donation coupons and make a monetary contribution. The food bank needs our help. All items marked as Kosher will be donated to the Kosher Food Bank. If any non-kosher items are donated they will go to the Ewing Food Pantry, so nothing will be wasted. Please help!

### Upcoming Events...

Sunday, Oct. 2—Mitzvah Morning—9:30 AM (Bagel Breakfast 9:00 AM)

Thursday, Oct. 6—Fall Fundraiser "AVON" orders due

Sunday, Oct. 16—Sukkah Building/Decorating—9:30 AM (Bagel Breakfast 9:00 AM)

Thursday, Oct. 20—Fall Fundraiser "AVON" orders ready for pick-up

Saturday, Oct. 22—Lunch in the Sukkah (following Shabbat services)

Also watch upcoming newsletters for information on adult education, speakers, and other programming.

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### 5766 High Holiday Services 2005

Rabbi Daniel Aronson

Selichot - Community Services	Saturday, Sept. 24	8:45 PM
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Monday, Oct. 3	7:00 PM
Rosh Hashanah, Day 1	Tuesday, Oct. 4	9:00 AM
Tashlich Service*	Tuesday, Oct. 4	~ 12:30 PM
Rosh Hashanah, Day 2	Wednesday, Oct. 5	9:00 AM
Shabbat Services	Saturday, Oct. 8	9:00 AM
Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre	Wednesday, Oct. 12	5:45 PM
Yom Kippur	Thursday, Oct. 13	9:00 AM
Yizkor Service	Thursday, Oct. 13	12 Noon
Mincha	Thursday, Oct. 13	5:00 PM
Neilah Service	Thursday, Oct. 13	6:30 PM
Maariv	Thursday, Oct. 13	7:15 PM
Break the Fast	Thursday, Oct. 13	~ 7:30 PM
Shabbat Services	Saturday, Oct. 15	9:00 AM
Sukkah Building/Decorating (Help needed!)	Sunday, Oct. 16	9:30 AM
Erev Sukkot	Monday, Oct. 17	7:00 PM
Sukkot (First Day)	Tuesday, Oct. 18	9:00 AM
Shabbat Services	Saturday, Oct. 22	9:00 AM
(Kiddush Lunch in the Sukkah will follow Shabbat Services)		
Shemini Atzeret (Yizkor)	Tuesday, Oct. 25	9:00 AM
Erev Simchat Torah	Tuesday, Oct. 25	7:00 PM

*\*Please note that Tashlich will be held immediately following the morning Musaf service on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. We will walk to the creek on Lower Ferry Road, between Terrace Blvd. and Theresa St. for the service. You may bring your own bread to symbolically cast your sins into the water.*