

*Emanuel Synagogue*



*Bulletin*





## SERVICE TIMES

Join us on Zoom, using the same link as all services: <https://zoom.us/j/6574911810>.

Please remember that we still have Evening Minyan Sundays through Thursdays at 8:00 pm, and Morning Minyan every Thursday at 8:30 am.



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## THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

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Erev Rosh Hashana Sept 15  
Erev Yom Kippur Sept 24  
Erev Sukkot Sept 29

## Good & Welfare Announcements

Please send any G&W announcements to [bethryanmd@att.net](mailto:bethryanmd@att.net).

## **Go to Nineveh**

In memory of Al Cohen

Howard F. Stein

From the month of Elul through Yom Kippur, we are called upon to make personal atonement to fellow human beings we have wronged as well as to G-d, and to atone as a group for hurt we have inflicted upon people as a group. For instance, we chant group confession multiple times on Yom Kippur in the Viddui (Confession, which begins with Ashamnu, Bogadnu, Gozalnu, Dibarnu Dofi. . .), and at the very beginning of Kol Nidre on Yom Kippur eve, the cantor asks for forgiveness for the entire congregation of Israel and for the stranger in our midst, because “l’chol ha-am bishgagah,” all the people have transgressed unwittingly.

Confession, repentance, and atonement, individual and group, are the central focus of the entire month of Elul, the two days of Rosh haShanah and Yom Kippur, and the days between them, Yomim Nora'im, the Days of Awe. By the time we reach Mincha on Yom Kippur, followed by a single, long final N'Ilah service, supplication to G-d for forgiveness for our sins to our own People Israel and to haGer haGor b'Sochom, the stranger in our midst, has reached a peak of fervor and exhaustion.

Then what? Rather than diminishing the intensity, Mincha increases the earnestness and even further expands its geographic and human scope. Through the character of “minor” prophet Jonah, we are asked to implore other people beyond the boundary of the House of Israel, even into the enemy camp of the dread Assyrians, to repent of their sins, to return (Teshuvah) to G-d, and be forgiven and spared annihilation. The G-d of Israel is the G-d of all humankind, and the Day of Judgment (Yom haDin) reaches to the ends of the earth. So, through the character of the Prophet Jonah, we are called upon to urge Teshuvah from all people, irrespective of their religious affiliation.

I can fantasize that at the beginning of Mincha, many Jews turn to G-d and protest with something like, “Enough already! We don't need the example of Jonah to expand even more the compass of T'shuvah.” And then perhaps, G-d, with lovingkindness, would reply that all humankind is his Creation and are his children, and that on Yom Kippur, all life on earth is judged. The People Israel might be the “Am Kodosh/ Goy Kadosh,” a Holy People set apart, but G-d also claims all people as His People.

So . . . when we arrive at Mincha on Yom Kippur, we might think of Jonah not only as a Hebrew prophet of a remote past, but perhaps also as ourselves, who wish to flee from what G-d asks of us.

In all literatures it is a truism that whatever characteristics heroes, villains, and fools possess, characters first created in the minds of the authors, they are also attributes of us, the reader. Even in the sacred literatures of world religions, we humans in praying, chanting,

studying, also identify with, read ourselves into, the characters. We project ourselves onto (into) them, and we take them into ourselves.

Jonah, then, is not only a historical person, a prophet in Nineveh before Assyria conquered Israel's Northern Kingdom. He is also a mental representation reworked and amplified by people over time. Jonah has become inside as well as outside. We, too, are the Jonah that the haftarah reader chants from the pulpit. Strange as it may seem, we are also called by G-d, flee from our sacred assignments, have a change of heart, and perform our duty to fulfill G-d's demand.

Although we are not prophets, each of us is addressed to do what He asks of us – even if it is to go against “common sense” and enter into the camp of our sworn enemies. The question immediately arises: Are there exceptions? Each of us must decide, I think, what boundaries there are to what we will do. Over the millennia, many Jews have died in Kiddush haShem.

Jonah's saga is, I think, widely regarded among many Jews as a matter of ancient history. It was included in canonical Tanach and is read during the Mincha service on Yom Kippur, as a reminder of the power of repentance, Teshuvah, and Divine forgiveness, even for one's adversary.

Perhaps reading the Book of Jonah is more than an obligatory part of the Yom Kippur service. Maybe it is both warning and beacon for us. I wonder: Because so much is at stake in our world, could the Book of Jonah be even more urgent for us in the present and far into the future? What if G-d, despairing and weeping over the precarious state of His earth, called out to us “Go to Nineveh” and deliver His message? There are many kinds of “Ninevehs” in this life.

In today's wilderness of cell phone text messaging, computer games, and deafening music, would G-d's voice be listened to, or even be heard? Could we live up to Jonah, even though at first, he refused G-d assignment and fled? Would we go to Nineveh?

### **B'Ezras haShem**

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From Kol Nidre, beginning:

וְנִסְלַח לְכָל עֲדַת בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל וְלַגֵּר הָגֵר בְּתוֹכָם, כִּי לְכָל הָעָם בִּשְׁגָגָה.

V'nislach l'chol adat b'nei yisra-eil v'lageir hagar b'tocham, **ki l'chol ha-am bishgagah.**

May forgiveness be granted to the whole congregation of Israel and to the stranger who dwells in their midst, because all the people have transgressed unwittingly. (Numbers 15:26)



## Principal's Podium



Dear Bloom Family School Families,

We hope that our students are enjoying Hebrew Lab and Sunday Hebrew School as well as their Hebrew Tutoring (whether in person or online). September will bring us to the month of Tishrei and to the High Holidays.

### **WEDNESDAY HEBREW LAB**

Our early childhood introduction to Hebrew and Judaism runs Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00 PM. This month of September we will be focusing on learning, preparing and decorating for Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur and the Sukkot holidays just around the corner.

**Wednesdays 6,13 & 27.**

### **REVERSE TASHLICH**

Our Bloom Family School will be participating in our Annual Reverse Tashlich and Picnic on

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER**

**20th.** We will be sending specifics closer to the event. We need our Hebrew Schoolers to keep our national record for the largest REVERSE TASHLICH in the country.

### **SUNDAY HEBREW SCHOOL**

There will be NO Sunday Hebrew School on **Labor Day (September 3)** and on the **eve of Yom Kippur (September 24)**.

### **September 10th (10am-12pm): Pre-Rosh Hashanah Boot Camp**

We will be prepping for Rosh Hashana baking our own round challas and cooking for our Rosh Hashanah Seder next week.

**September 17th (10am-12pm):  
Rosh Hashanah Services and  
Hebrew School Rosh Hashanah  
Seder**

While the adults are in the big service, our Hebrew Schoolers will get together for a Rosh Hashanah feast cooked by themselves with the traditional blessings for the new year. (This activity will be run by Hebrew School as part of Rosh Hashanah Services).

If you have any question please reach out to me.

May you be inscribed and sealed  
for a sweet year of learning.  
Leshanah tovah tikatevu  
vetechatemu,

Rabbi Juan Mejia

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## SEPTEMBER AT A GLANCE

	Sunday	September 3	LABOR DAY WEEKEND- No School
	Wednesda	September 6	Hebrew Lab (ages 3-7)
4	Sunday	September 10	Sunday Hebrew School (3-13)
	Wednesda	September 13	Sunday Hebrew School (3-13)
5	Sunday	September 17	ROSH HASHANA !!
	Wednesda	September 20	SHS @Reverse Tashlich
	Sunday	September 24	EREV YOM KIPPUR - No School
	Wednesda	September 27	Hebrew Lab (ages 3-7)



Ma Koreh? September 2023

Dear Emanuel Family,

Coming this year to the synagogue is SOFASH (sew-Fash)! What is SOFASH? Is Sofash the new hit DJ from Israel? Is it a new and improved laundry detergent? Could it be the popular Shabbos game sweeping the Jewish camping world? No to all of those!

SOFASH is the contraction of two Hebrew words Sof (End) and Shavua (Week) which loosely translates to "The Weekend." SOFASH refers to more than Shabbos during a weekend. Of course, you can have a SHABBAT SHALOM and SOFASH together, as once a month the youth weekends together will be more than just SHABBAT.

SOFASH will be special, monthly

youth weekends filled with activities and events throughout the year. SOFASH Saturdays beginning at 11:30 will include Kiddush lunch for the youth, games, activities, and special snacks and desserts. SOFASH Sundays will begin at 9:30 AM with breakfast and fun games before Hebrew School. I hope after school, the youth group can have lunch and support friends at their plays, recitals, sporting events, competitions, or special acknowledgements.

#### SOFASH DATES:

OCTOBER 14/15  
NOVEMBER 18/19  
DECEMBER 9/10  
JANUARY 6/7  
FEBRUARY 10/11  
MARCH 9/10  
APRIL 6/7  
MAY 4/5

See you around our wonderful shul!

Jeff Goss  
ES Youth Director





# ISREAL'S BEST BURGERS IN OKC

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>

**SOONER IS COOKING UP A PARTY ON THE PATIO**

On Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00 PM celebrate togetherness under the Synagogue Sukkah

Adults - \$18

Children - \$5

RSVP by Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at [jsgoss99@gmail.com](mailto:jsgoss99@gmail.com)

Max \$50 per family with reservation.

No reservations - \$25/per person at door no maximum

Impossible Burgers will be available

All proceeds benefit the ES Pilgrimage Fund and our children's free trip to Israel.



# SUKKOT UNDER THE STARS

## Sleepover in the Sukkah! Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> Following Burgers Bar

Bring your favorite stuffy, pj's, sleeping bag, air mattress or pad, and change of clothes and enjoy a great night with friends. After a night under the stars, we will enjoy a delicious breakfast followed by a family friendly Shabbat service.

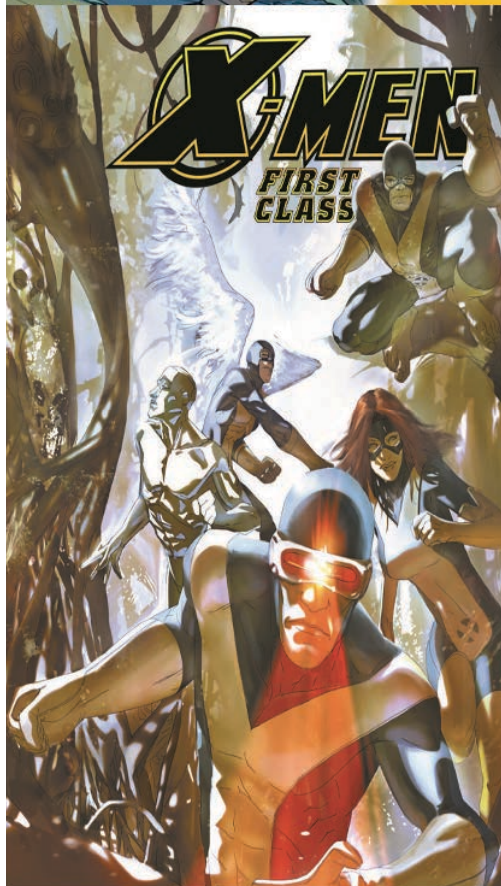
Although reservations are not required, you may reserve an air mattress. Shake your lulav and contact Jeff, at (405) 245-6496 to reserve your spot in the Sukkah.







**COMICBOOK  
DEBATE**



**MARVEL**

**ROAD TRIPS**  
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**POW! WOW! SUPER! AMAZING! DYNAMITE!**

**High Holiday Youth Chats  
Jewish Identity & Comic  
Book Superheroes**

WOW! Each day during the High Holidays in the Youth Lounge, Michelle Goss will lead the discussion and games promoting Superhero Jewish Identity. The POWERful discussions will be from 11 AM until noon for all 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders.

AMAZING snacks, BAMtastic prizes, and SUPER free graphic novels and comic books for those who attend and participate

Don't Miss the Excitement!!!

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Thank to all of you who came for our August Ladies' Day Out Spa Facial & Glamour party! We had a such a fun time pampering ourselves with Mary Kay skincare and cosmetics, and indulging in wine and nosh! I always enjoy hanging out with my Sisterhood friends and fam, and connecting in fun ways. Can't wait for our next months event!

Heather Zarfati  
Sisterhood President



### Sisterhood Gift Shop

Buy your Bar & Bat Mitzvah, Wedding, and Baby Gifts. Plus, Yahrzeit and Shabbos candles, Jewelry, pottery and so much more.







Wish our Emanuel Synagogue family a "Shana tovah!"



For \$8.00 you can list your name on our High holiday greetings bookmark, which will be given at our Rosh Hashanah / High Holiday services.

- Payments can be made online on our website:  
<https://www.emanuelokc.org/high-holiday-greeting.html>
- or call the finance office to make a payment over the phone.
- or send a check payable to Emanuel sisterhood with your NAME and "Holiday Bookmark" clearly written on the memo line to: Emanuel Synagogue Sisterhood  
900 Northwest 47th street Oklahoma City, OK 73118
- The order deadline is September 1st!
- All contributions to our High Holiday bookmark fundraiser are greatly appreciated by the Sisterhood!





Fall 2023 events. Links for parking registration and Zoom will be forthcoming in event-specific emails.

**September 6, Noon | Gould Hall 130**  
JuSt Lunch “Claiming My Egypt: Reflections on a Modern Jewish Diaspora” with Rhona Seidelman

**October 4, Noon | Dale Hall Tower Community Room**  
JuSt Lunch “Pilgrimage Souvenirs from the Holy Land” with Rangar Cline

**October 12, 7 p.m. | Dale Hall Tower Community Room**  
Film Screening #1 with Hadas Cohen  
*Sabaya* (2021)

**October 19, 7 p.m. | Dale Hall Tower Community Room**  
Film Screening #2 with Hadas Cohen  
*Promises* (2001)

**October 26, 7 p.m. | Bizzell Memorial Library LL118**  
Film Screening #3 with Hadas Cohen  
*Footnote* (2011)

**November 1, Noon | Dale Hall Tower Community Room**  
JuSt Lunch “Chanukah, Advent and Other Visitors to the Tabernacle” with Reid Heller

**December 6, Noon | Dale Hall Tower Community Room**  
JuSt Lunch | “The Public History of Eugenics” with Janet Ward

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### SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5 Donald & Debbie  
Nevard

10 Dr. Eli Reshef &  
Edie Roodman



### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Mark Bravo  
Richard Tannenbaum
- 2 Albie Buthman
- 3 Jeff Green  
Rachel Rose
- 4 Don Sterne
- 5 Gerry Hodge  
Laney Spear
- 6 Margo Nechtow  
Lisa Vegh
- 7 Ian Plunkett
- 8 Karin Kruger  
Lee Marrs
- 10 Shira Michael  
Dov Raizen
- 11 Nina Damitsian  
Jennifer Frieson
- 12 Julie Arvine
- 13 Michael Pollack
- 22 Anita Barlow
- 24 Joan Korenblit
- 25 Peter Landes
- 26 Bob Weiss
- 27 Rick Roby  
Dr. Rhona Seidelman
- 29 Jan Green





*In Memory  
Of Our Loved Ones*

**KATHERINE  
BAST**

Peter Armendariz

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Krasnow  
Elaine Weise

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**DEVORAH  
KURLENDER**

Anita Barlow

**DOROTHY  
KURLENDER**

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**PERL  
KURLENDER**

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**YOEL BAER  
KURLENDER**

Anita Barlow

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Joseph Anzelmo

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Levine

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Elaine Weise

**YOCHEVED  
WEISBAUM**

Anita Barlow

**PAUL WEISE**

Elaine Weise



## *With Affection We Recall...*



**Friday, September 1,  
15 Elul**

Deanna LaCerra  
Diana Muss

**Saturday, September 2,  
16 Elul**

Lena Bendorf  
Aaron Slutzky

**Monday, September 4,  
18 Elul**

Abe Cohen

**Tuesday, September 5,  
19 Elul**

Mary Stavinsky

**Wednesday, September  
6,**

**20 Elul**  
Bessie Slutzky

**Thursday, September 7,  
21 Elul**

Abraham Redlich

**Saturday, September 9,  
23 Elul**

Sam Wasserman

**Monday, September 11,  
25 Elul**

Albert Kurtz

**Tuesday, September 12,  
26 Elul**

Maureen Coleman  
Rowena Resman  
Netta G. Sandler  
Jack Trachtenberg

**Wednesday, September  
13,**

**27 Elul**  
Nathalie Schaefer

**Friday, September 15,  
29 Elul**

Akiva Reshef  
Thomas Stackhouse  
Charles Stackhouse Jr.

**Saturday, September 16,  
1 Tishrei**

Edna Grace Goldsberry  
Louis Kowaloff  
Roberta Wyant

**Sunday, September 17,  
2 Tishrei**

Ruth Bravo

**Monday, September 18,  
3 Tishrei**

Gary Kline  
Elkeh Shapiro

**Tuesday, September 19,  
4 Tishrei**

Bess Emmer  
Ada Fuqua

**Wednesday, September  
20,**

**5 Tishrei**  
Max Copel

**Thursday, September 21,  
6 Tishrei**

Max Furer

**Saturday, September 23,  
8 Tishrei**

Shimon Caplan

**Sunday, September 24,  
9 Tishrei**

Donald J. Kumm

**Monday, September 25,  
10 Tishrei**

Katherine Brown  
Sampson Brown  
Esther Gold  
Fannie Goldberg  
Bertha Miller  
Charles Rubin  
Ben Shanker

**Tuesday, September 26,  
11 Tishrei**

Evelyn Beasley  
Henry Black  
Mary Kushner  
Susan Colton

**Saturday, September 30,  
15 Tishrei**

Rabbi Benjamin  
Papermaster  
Charles Singer  
Rosemary Stackhouse



תודה

רבה

**TODA RABAH**

*Donation to Rabbi's  
Discretionary Fund*  
Shelley Savage

In honor of **Claire Boswell bat  
mitzvah**

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Hannah Grillot  
Steven Johnson

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Listing in our program and on website





