

## Rabbi's Perspective

It is curious to note that Yom Kippur begins by welcoming the sinners into our midst. At the outset of the holiest day of the year, when we rise to the level of angels, we make a point of including the perpetual sinner, the person who throughout the year took no part in communal activities and remained indifferent if not antagonistic to our communal values. Why must we begin Yom Kippur by welcoming this Jew? Couldn't there be a more inspiring person to include?

It seems that we must begin Yom Kippur by inviting the sinner in, because without the presence of the sinner the body fabric of *klal yisrael* is incomplete, we are not fully unified. In order to properly experience Yom Kippur, unity of all Jews is essential.

This can help explain the two major themes of Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur is a part of the ten days of Teshuva which are focused on proclaiming *malchut Hashem*, the majesty of Hashem. As we are taught in *Parshat V'zot HaBeracha* (*Devarim* 33:5) only when there is unity of all Jews is Hashem truly declared to be our King.

The second theme of Yom Kippur is also connected to unity. Rabbi Eliyahu Dessler in his *Michtav Me'Eliyahu* (vol. 1 page 264) notes that this is why we place so much emphasis on asking those who we may have wronged for forgiveness before Yom Kippur. When we sin to our friends we construct barriers that separate us. In effect we are causing divisions within the Jewish people. Only by breaking down these barriers are we able to attain the *kapara*, the forgiveness of our sins that we so desire. In fact, there are authorities who maintain that without asking our friends for forgiveness, not only do our interpersonal sins remain un-atoned for, but even the sins *bein adam Lamakom*, that we committed against Hashem, go without forgiveness. (See *Teshuvot Yechave Daat* vol. 5 #44 and *Michtav Me'Eliyahu* there).

I believe that Yom Kippur is an appropriate time for us to reflect upon what still needs to be done to further unite our community. In this merit may we all achieve a *Gmar Chatima Tova* - a final judgment for a year of peace, personal and communal achievement, happiness, health and wealth.

**Rabbi Ezra Schwartz** assumed the rabbinic helm of Mt. Sinai just a few weeks ago. For even more insight and inspiration, he can be reached at [rabbi@mtsinaishul.com](mailto:rabbi@mtsinaishul.com).

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# The Mount Sinai Keshar

Sept 25-28, 2009 • 8-10 Tishrei, 5770 • Parashat Ha'azinu • Shabbat Shuva • Yom Kippur

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## Shabbat Parashat Ha'azinu

Candle Lighting	6:29 p.m.
Mincha	6:34 p.m.
Sephardic Maariv (Arbit)	6:50 p.m.
Shacharit	7:00, 9:00 a.m.
Kri'at Shema before	9:47 a.m.
Early Mincha (BM)	2:15 p.m.
<b>Shabbat Shuva Derasha</b>	5:05 p.m.
Mincha	6:05 p.m.
<i>Seuda Shlishit following Mincha</i>	
Maariv/Shabbat Ends	7:33 p.m.
Yahrtzeit shiur by Sefi Kraut	9:30 p.m.

## Yom Kippur Schedule

### Sunday - Erev Yom Kippur

Selichot	7:15, 8:15, 8:45 a.m.
Shacharit	7:30, 8:30, 9:00 a.m.
Mincha	2:00, 4:00 p.m.
Candles/Kol Nidre	6:26 p.m.

### Monday - Yom Kippur

Shacharit	8:00 a.m.
Yizkor (approximately)	11:30 a.m.
Mincha	4:30 p.m.
Ne'ilah	6:05 p.m.
Shofar/Maariv	7:29 p.m.

## Tefillah Schedule Tuesday 9/29 - Friday 10/2

<i>Shacharit</i>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:55, 7:25, 7:55 a.m.</b>
Wednesday, Friday	7:00, 7:30, 8:00 a.m.
Thursday	6:45, 7:20, 8:00 a.m.
<i>Mincha/Maariv</i>	
Tuesday-Thursday	6:25 p.m.
<i>Next Shabbat, Sukkot I</i>	
Candles	6:18 p.m.
Mincha	6:23 p.m.

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## Mazel Tov!



- Shuli and Ben Sandler on the birth of a daughter
- Rabbi Yehuda and Mrs. Chani Hilewitz on the birth of a grandson

### This Week at Mt. Sinai

#### Tuesday:

Women's Basketball, 8:30 p.m. Contact: Elie Appleson, elie.appleson@gmail.com.

#### Wednesday:

Men's Basketball, 8:00 p.m. Contact: Gilad Halevy, ghalevy@chipwiz.com.

Class with Rabbi Schwartz, 8:45 p.m. Topic: "A Home Away from Home: The Mitzvah of Dwelling in the Sukkah."

### Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah 5770

- The **sukkah** is up and will be available to use. Anyone wishing to use it during the chag — especially Yom Tov — should notify the office as soon as possible, specifying how many seats they will need and when.
- If anyone is interested in **decorating the shul sukkah**, they will be doing so on Sunday morning. If you are interested in helping out, please see R' Hilewitz, Yoni Ray, or Akiva Stechler.
- **Simchat Beit Hashoevah - Tuesday Evening, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 – 9:15 PM.** Featuring Live Music and Dinner catered by Chickies! Cost: \$12 for Members, \$15 for non-Members. Deadline: Thursday Oct 1st at 12 Noon. After the deadline there will be a \$5.00 late fee until the event closes out. Sign up online, and contact Rebecca Saidlower at [events@mtsinaishul.com](mailto:events@mtsinaishul.com) with questions.
- **Annual Shemini Atzeret Chinese Food Dinner - Friday Evening October 9<sup>th</sup>.** Cost: \$20 for members / \$25 for non-members. Deadline: Monday, October 5th at 5 PM; After the deadline there will be a \$7 late fee. Late registration is accepted (space permitting) until Wednesday the 7th at midnight. Free admission for children 8 years old and younger but all children require seat reservations. Sign up online and contact Sefi Kraut at [events@mtsinaishul.com](mailto:events@mtsinaishul.com) with questions.
- The **ANNUAL AUCTION on Simchat Torah Night** before Hakafot (around 7:30 PM)! Start getting your bids together for the various kibbudim being auctioned off! This is a great way to contribute to the shul, and a great way to begin Simchat Torah. Don't miss it! For questions, comments, or more information, contact Yoni Ray.
- **Simchat Torah Shiurim** - Friday Night between Mincha and Maariv by Rabbi Schwartz; Simchat Torah Night by Ezra Frazer; Simchat Torah day during leining by Rebecca Winter.



### High Holidays 5770

- Last call! You can still purchase your **Yom Kippur seats**. Tickets can be purchased in the office or online.
- Mt. Sinai is once again conducting our annual silent **Kol Nidre Appeal**. To contribute, please see our website or the office.

### This Week... Rabbi Schwartz's Office Hours

Wednesday: 9:30-10:30 (approximately, following 8:45 p.m. shiur)

### Holocaust Library Hours

Sunday: 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
Tuesday: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

### Please Contact Yoni Ray If...

- You would like to give the Dvar Halakha between Mincha and Ma'ariv during the week.
- You will be around for the first days of Sukkot and would be willing to help out with the davening or Gabbaut.

### Welcome New Members

Dashiell Ferguson  
Zvi Friedman  
Motti Hoffnung  
Nechama Kornblum  
Jessica Lipsitt  
Joseph Pincus



### Babysitting

Babysitting will be available free of charge in the MPR and gym during Yom Kippur davening from 10 am-2:30 pm and 4:30-7:45 pm. Light snacks will be available but parents are asked to bring diapers, wipes, bottles and sippy cups if necessary. Please pick up your child(ren) promptly after davening. For more information, contact [familylife@mtsinaishul.com](mailto:familylife@mtsinaishul.com)

### Rabbi Schwartz's Gemara Shiur

Rabbi Schwartz's Shabbat afternoon gemara shiur will NOT meet this Shabbat, since Rabbi Schwartz will be giving his Shabbat Shuva Drasha 1 hour before Mincha, at 5:05 p.m. It will also not meet over Sukkot.

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