

HAMIGDALOR

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September 2026

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Rabbi's Words



This tends to be a favorite time of year for me in many regards. We get the last heat-waves of the summer, as I write this today, it's a balmy 108 degrees in the far west San Fernando Valley. But even as the heat beats down, August is winding down and with it summer. Labor Day looms before us and schools have started again. Is it just me, or do the young people go back earlier to school than ever? Major League Baseball is down to its last 30 or so games. Barring the strange and unusual (given its the Dodgers, both are possible), the boys in Blue, should make the playoffs in quest of a rare 3-peat.

On the other side of the coin, it is for a rabbi, a crazy time of year. Talking to my rabbinic colleagues, looking at various rabbinical list-serves, the big topics are "what are you talking about for the High Holidays" and "are you done"? One can see from the calendar included in this month's Migdalar, with Rosh Hashanah, then Yom Kippur and then Sukkot, September and Tishrei are a very busy month. Please look at the calendar and join us for welcoming in the year 5787. I'm looking forward to being joined by Rabbi Light again this year and we need you to make services complete. High Holiday services for me are a blend of worship, learning, sharing experiences together, mixed with a blend of awe, joy and fear. It is alot in a short time and I look forward to sharing and observing the Days of Awe with you. I say again, look at the calendar for both service date and time, for our wonderful communal meals and our annual Tashlik ceremony.

A teaching I have that I'll share over and over, because it's so important is, 'what are the 2 hardest things to say to someone and mean'?? The answers are: **I love you and I'm sorry.** Yom Kippur is not so much about making amends with G!d. In so many ways, that's actually easy. The doorway to G!d is always open and he is always ready to receive us. What is hard is making amends with those in our lives. It is hard to turn to a loved one and say, "I'm

sorry. I transgressed, I missed the mark and I'm sorry. Can you forgive me"? And let's be honest, as hard as it is to ask for forgiveness, granting it and meaning it, are just as hard. In my thinking, this is why Yom Kippur is given to us as a blessing. The holy-day has been granted us to give us space to ask for and to receive forgiveness. Some of the hardest tasks in the human experience. Unless it's absolutely necessary, asking for forgiveness via Text or Email hit me as misguided. It is best to do so in person or at least on the phone. A posting on Social Media asking for forgiveness is also misguided and at best impersonal. As we enter the season of repentance, let's all work at finding those we need to address and make our best efforts at making amends.

My friends, Judy joins me in wishing everyone שנה טובה ומתוקה a happy and sweet year!!

Rabbi Ron



Message From Brenda Rich



Greetings: The month is finally here. S'lichot, Rosh HaShanah, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot. Rabbi Ron, Rabbi Light and member volunteers have worked countless hours to bring you meaningful and enjoyable services. Do not ignore them!!! You can be at CAH in person, live stream them.

No excuses.

There is so much information in this issue of the Migdalor and on our website at www.congregationamhayam.com that you must read and see. Still time to send in some sort of payment to show you want to remain a member, sending in the form for when you will be attending services, sending in your reservation for the Rosh HaShanah lunch and/or Break the Fast, and names you want to be in the Book of Memories.

Remember there are **no services live at CAH, live streamed or on Zoom on September 4, 5, 18 or 19.**

There will be a S'lichot service on Zoom at 7 p.m. on SATURDAY, September 5. **Easy to join. So be there!!!**

Please make special note of the Erev Sukkot service live and live streamed on Friday September 25th at 7:30 p.m and the service on Saturday September 26th **at TBT.** More information will be coming.

I must mention what a wonderful installation was held for Rabbi Ron. Rabbi Lisa Hochbwrg-Miller did a very moving tribute and meaningful prayers, all under aa chupah, to Rabbi Ron along with musical entertainment by Hazzan Mike Stein. Food was wonderful and thanks to all our volunteers for their help.

Members will be receiving their apples and honey bags which we hope will help you have a sweet year.

Much love to you all.

L'Shanah Tovah,

Brenda

PROJECT ISAIAH

“There’s nothing in this house to eat!” We heard that a lot when the kids were growing up. The solution was simple. Get in the car and go to the store. That’s not an option for one in four families in Ventura County. They face food insecurity. Hunger.

Food Share Ventura works to fill that immediate need. Each year they provide meals to 250,000 people with the help of 200 partner organizations and 2,000 volunteers.

There are many ways to support Food Share’s work. We can volunteer packing produce, driving supermarket routes, inspecting donations, or filling emergency boxes.

If that’s not possible, we can bring non-perishable food to CAH to be picked up by Food Share after the High Holidays. We have bags with lists of needed supplies to be filled.

Our Jewish tradition admonishes us to *Tikkun Olam*. Project Isaiah answers that call, and as we do, we remember the guidance from Rabbi Tarfon, Pirkei Avot, 2:21:

“It is not your responsibility to finish the work of perfecting the world, but neither are you free to desist from it either.”



HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES 2026

Service	Date & Time
SELICHOT	
Selichot study and services (on Zoom)	Saturday, Sept. 05 7:00 p.m.
ROSH HASHANAH	
Erev Rosh HaShanah (First Evening)	Friday, Sept. 11 7:30 p.m.
Rosh HaShanah, First morning /Luncheon following	Saturday, Sept. 12 10:00 a.m.
Rosh HaShanah, Second morning	Sunday, Sept. 13 10:00 a.m.
Tashlich at home of Brenda Rich	Following Services
YOM KIPPUR	
Kol Nidre/Yom Kippur Evening Service	Sunday, Sept 20 6:30 p.m.
Yom Kippur Morning (through Musaf)	Monday, September 21 10:00a.m.
Yizkor (Remembrance of Loved Ones) Service (approximately)	11:30 a.m.
Study Session	4:30 p.m.
Minchah	6:00 p.m.
Ne'ilah (Concluding Service) & Maariv	6:30 p.m.
Havdallah & Final Shofar Blast	8:00 p.m.
Break Fast	following Shofar Blasts



Price for Both Events

\$36.00 Per Person

Price for
Rosh HaShanah
Luncheon

Only
\$22.00 per Person

Price for
Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast
Dinner

Only
\$22.50 Per Person

CELEBRATE THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

On Saturday September 12th, 2026

Rosh HaShanah Luncheon
after services at CAH

Tashlikh "casting of our sins"
will be at the home of Brenda Rich on Sunday
September 13th following the conclusion of
Services. No lunch being served. Bring
breadcrumbs.

All Ages Welcome

Community Yom Kippur Break-the-Fast Dinner
Monday, September 21st, 2026 at the
conclusion of the service at CAH

PLEASE R.S.V.P.

BY

September 3rd 2026

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AM HAYAM HIGH HOLY DAY SCHEDULE AND ATTENDANCE FORM, 2026

Dear Friends,

We are excited that the High Holy Days are soon upon us. We plan to host services in our CAH Home. In addition, we will be offering these services via livestream. We need to know when you will be attending services in person and when by livestream, for several reasons. We will be able to more effectively assign High Holy Day honors, and we will be able to send the link for live-streaming to those who will be using it.

Whether you attend in person or live-stream, please note that you will need a High Holy Day Machzor (prayer book) and our Additional Readings booklet. If you will be attending via livestream and need either or both of these, please let us know.

Please let us know if you wish to buy a Mahzor (\$45) or want us to loan you one.

Please complete this form and return it by SEPTEMBER 3 to:

Brenda Rich
4030 Nice Ct.
Oxnard, CA 93035

Name _____

Service	Date & Time	Number Attending in Person at CAH (Fill in)	Number Attending by Live-Stream
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Break Fast	following Shofar Blasts		

Please list yourself/ves and all immediate family members who will be attending our High Holy Day services and gatherings

Please list their names (with an Email address or phone number) below.

Name(s)	Email and/or Phone Number	Attending Live or by YouTube?

Please check the appropriate box below:

☐	I need a High Holy Day prayer book	☐	I do not need a High Holy Day prayer book
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HIGH HOLY DAY TICKET REQUEST FORM, 2026

Our current policy grants each Family membership two free tickets when dues for the coming year are paid, in full or in part. Singles receive one ticket. In addition, we offer free tickets to newly married couples, members of armed forces, high school and college students, and honorary members (including dependent children living with you in all categories listed above).

Tickets for additional relatives, guests, Associate Members and their family members are **\$125.00 each**. Payment should be mailed on or before **SEPTEMBER 3**.

Please list any additional relatives and guests who need tickets. Associate Members should list themselves as well:

Nonmember/s, Relatives, Guests, Associate Member/s	# of Tickets	Email	Phone Number	Amount (\$125 per ticket/person)
TOTAL				

Please return this form with payment by September 3 to:

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COMING SOON!
**ANI V'ATA—
TOGETHER WE WILL
CHANGE THE WORLD**



**LEARNING ABOUT ANTISEMITISM TO TAKE ACTION IN A CORNER OF
THE WORLD**

A program to explore and learn together about when anti-Zionism is racism and when is it not? And a speaker/ workshop on an action component supporting Jewish students on local college campuses as they navigate college life.

This is made possible by a grant from the **Pacific Southwest Region of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism**

Mussar: Deepening Our Character

Mussar classes continue in October.

Come join us as we continue our exploration of middot/ soul traits. Each week we gain insight into the meaning of various middot and how to better balance the role each can play in our daily interaction.

No previous knowledge of Hebrew or text study required, just a desire to learn and make sense of our lives. You can join us even if you have not been able to attend the previous classes.

For more information, please contact Fran Lande, Life-Long learning chair at fblande@gmail.com or for links to class president@CongregationAmHaYam.com



WHAT DO YOU PUT IN YOUR RECYCLE BIN ?

If you are putting newspapers, magazines, shredded mail, frozen meal containers and glass in your bin for the city to pick up that is great. **If you are still putting in soda cans and water bottles, please consider saving them for CAH.**

Soda cans are recyclable. Plastic water bottles, both plain and flavored can be recycled. From the small 4 ounce to the large half gallon bottles can bring money in to CAH.

If you think a few cents doesn't matter, I can tell you a small income on a regular basis adds up. Since we started in 2014 CAH has earned \$ 1,173.32. You can bring the recycles to services or you can save them in 13 or 33 gallon bags and I will be happy to pick them up.

There are lots of holiday parties coming up between now and New Years Eve. You might ask neighbors to save them.

Call me for any questions or to pick up. You can call me at home or leave a message on the temple phone at 805-644-2899.

Thank you so much.

Ruth Resnick



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TRAVEL OR FOR ENTERTAINMENT**

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RESTAURANT, STORE (INCLUDING MARKETS), GAS
STATIONS AND/OR MOVIE THEATERS, ENTERTAINMENT
VENUES AND MORE.**

**YOU GET DOLLAR FOR DOLLAR VALUE FOR
WHATEVER YOU PURCHASE, WHILE AM HAYAM GETS A
PERCENTAGE.**



Click picture above for link to retailer list.

September: Get in on All the Excitement Here at CAH!

Here at CAH we offer an extensive set of ongoing, recurring events.

Brenda sends out the link for the Zoom or YouTube link ahead of time, so that it will be towards the top of your Email inbox. Services are coordinated by Rabbi Goldberg; all other events are coordinated by our Life-Long Learning Chair, Fran Lande. If you have questions about our non-service offerings or have suggestions for other events, please contact Fran. Please contact fblande@gmail.com

EVENT	LEADER	DAY and TIME	DATES
SEE HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE ON PAGE 5			
No Zoom or In Person Services September 4-5			
No Zoom or in Person Services September 18-29			
Erev Shabbat/Sukkot at CAH	Rabbi Ron Goldberg	Friday, 7:30p at CAH and Streaming	September 25
Shabbat/Sukkot in the Sukkah at TBT	Rabbi Lisa Hochberg-Miller/Rabbi Ron Goldberg	Saturday, 10a Temple Beth Torah	September 26
Mussar	Fran Lande	Will Return in October	
Jewish Lifecycle Events and Rituals	Rabbi Ron	Will Return in October	

Trees for Israel

To Saman & Sasha Manesh
2 Trees IMO Lily Manesh
Beloved Mother From Alma Boronkay

To Elias Jacob Sina Manesh and family
2 trees planted in loving memory of Lily Manesh
From Alma Boronkay

In Memory of

Ruth Resnick IMO Roz Resnick
Dawn Kennedy IMO Roz Resnick
Brenda Rich & Mark Rich IMO David Finkel & Roz Resnick
Neal Abramson IMO Betty Abramson and Marvin Abramson

Rabbi Ron's Discretionary Fund

Donna Gustafson

Birthdays

Neal Abramson 9/16
Allan Teplinsky 9/19
Miriam Rubinstein 9/25
Josh Lampel 9/30

Get Well

Fil Barton

Alma Boronkay

Rick Newberger

Jerry Davis

Steven Goch

Fran Lande

Arlene Davis

Ron Freeman



YAHREZEIT

***Eugene Matlin, Father of Myra Matlin 9/6**

***Samuel Lebman, Father-in-Law of Lois Lebman z'l 9/8**

***Alfred Hirsch, Father of Eva Lowe 9/9**

***Frank Lowe, Husband of Eva Lowe 9/15**

***Frances Schonfield, Mother of Lois Lebman z'l 9/18**

***Edward-Isidore Seidenberg, D.D.S., Father of Mark Seidenberg 9/21**

***Henry Gustafson, Husband of Donna Gustafsonh 9/27**

May their memories be for a blessing

THE CAH GIFT SHOP IS OPEN!



Please visit the Congregation Am Hayam website to view our selection of Shabbat and Ritual items, Kippot, and Gifts, including items for Rosh Hashanah.

To purchase an item or browse our selection in person, please call Lynn Freeman 818-264-6157 or email cahgiftshop@gmail.com to schedule an appointment. We look forward to seeing you!

September 2026

Elul/Tishrei 5786/7

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 IMO Marvin Abramson IMO Bernard Winer	2	3	4 No in person or online Erev Shabbat services from CAH Light Shabbat Candles 7:01p IMO Lisa Widero Kadansky	5 No in person or online Shabbat Morning services from CAH Selichot Services on Zoom 7p Shabbat ends at 7:55p
6 IMO Eugene Matlin	7	8 IMO Samuel Lebman	9 IMO Alfred Hirsch	10	11 Erev Rosh HaShanah Services at CAH 7:30p Light Shabbat/Holiday Candles 6:51p	12 Rosh HaShanah Services at CAH 10a Light Holiday Candles 7:45p
13 Rosh HaShanah Services at CAH 10a Holiday Ends 7:54	14	15 IMO Frank Lowe	16 Neal Abramson B/D	17	18 No in person or online Erev Shabbat services from CAH Light Shabbat Candles 6:41p IMO Frances Schonfield	19 No in person or online Shabbat Morning services from CAH Shabbat ends at 7:35p Allan Teplinsky B/D
20 Erev Yom Kippur Services at CAH 6:30p Light Holiday Candles 6:39p	21 Yom Kippur day at CAH 10a. See page 5 for complete schedule. Holiday ends at 7:32 IMO Edward-Isidore Seidenberg	22	23	24	25 Erev Shabbat/Sukkot Services at CAH 7:30p Light Shabbat/Holiday Candles 6:31p Miriam Rubinstein B/D	26 Shabbat/Sukkot Services at TBT in the Sukkah 10a Light Holiday Candles 7:25p
27 IMO Henry Gustafson	28	29	30 Josh Lampel B/D			

**CAH was saddened to learn of the passing
of Isidro Lucero of Famous Caterers**

May his memory be for a blessing



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