

Shabbat Weekend with Rabbi Margalit: Days of Awe, Tzedakah, and Basic Hebrew

Thursday, August 13, 7-9 p.m.: This is Real and You are Completely Unprepared; Getting Ready for the High Holidays

We are just about to enter the month of Elul, the last month before Rosh Hashanah. Traditionally, this month has been used as a time of spiritual preparation for the coming Days of Awe. We'll look at some excerpts from Rabbi Alan Lew's wonderful book, *This is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared*, which has become required reading for many people during Elul, to help us start to think about ways we can prepare for this most intense and awe-some period of the Jewish calendar. The shul has several copies of the book if you'd like to take a look. Call to reserve a copy: 594-4523.

Friday, August 14, 7 p.m.: Shabbat Services, Dessert Oneg, and a Talk about Tzedakah

Open your hand and lend him sufficient for his needs [Deuteronomy 15:8].

We will discuss one of the central ideas of Judaism Tzedakah which is sometimes translated as Charity, but is more accurately translated as Justice. Come join in the discussion over a cup of tea and some sweet treats. Please bring a dessert to share.

Saturday, August 15, 10 a.m.: Shabbat Services with Rabbi Margalit, followed by Lunch Oneg and Discussion

Shabbat services will include the singing of Hallel in honor of Rosh Hodesh Elul (the new month of Elul). Shabbat Lunch Discussion: See! This week's Torah reading is called *Reeh*, or See! It asks us to look with clarity at our world and the choices that are set before us. We'll look at the contemporary meanings of this ancient challenge. A delicious lunch oneg will be sponsored by Barbara and Joel Fishman.

Hebrew For Fun: Saturday, August 15, approximately 2 p.m.

Beginning at around 2 p.m., we'll embark upon an informal, intuitive and fun study of Hebrew for beginners and experts alike. We'll start with the letters and their ancient, pictographic meanings. For instance Aleph, the first letter in the Aleph-Bet, was originally depicted as an ox with horns. Bet is a house. Whether you went to Hebrew school or not, you'll get a new perspective on this foreign yet familiar language.

All are welcome to any and all of these offerings. Call or email for more info. Please come and bring a friend!

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