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Reflections

By Eddie Rosenberg

Rosh HaShanah is an important time for one to think about the coming year, and making real steps towards improving one's spiritual and worldly standing. Interestingly, our new year is not only the beginning of a year, but the end of a year, as well. It seems that the way to improve the coming year is to use the events of the past year as a figurative springboard. To that effort, I find it important to try to recall some of our community's past events.

Coffee Talks: In the past year or so, we had laymen lead three community coffee talks on various secular subjects such as the fuel crisis, tax preparation, and literature. These were well-attended, and there has been quite a bit of feedback requesting more of these in the coming year. This is a great outreach tool, so if you have a topic about which you would like to lead a discussion, or have friends you can bring into the shul through this style, contact the office.

Chanukah/Purim Parties: As always, these events were well-attended, filling the shul to standing-room-only capacity. The food was delicious, and the entertainment was hilarious, especially the hypnotist on Purim. It is beautiful to consider how far-reaching our community's influence extends as various people from throughout San Diego come to catch a spark from the radiance we project.

Shavuot Night: We had a delicious, gourmet meal at an unbelievably bargain price. Afterwards an unprecedented
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Rabbi's Message

By: Rabbi Chaim Hollander

The Haftara for the first day of Rosh HaShanah tells of the story of the birth of Samuel the Prophet. His mother, Chana, was one of the two wives Elkanah, an extremely righteous Levite. Chana was married to Elkanah for many years, but remained childless. Elkanah's other wife, Penina, had ten children. Penina felt that if Chana would but pray with greater fervor, she would be blessed with children. She decided to accomplish this goal by teasing Chana. She asked her question like, "Did you buy new clothes for your children?" and "Did you prepare supper for your kids?" all the while knowing full-well that Chana had no children. This caused Chana so much pain, that she truly poured out her heart to G-d and B"H was answered when she conceived a child who became the great prophet, Samuel.

Penina certainly had good intentions and her plan worked, but she was nevertheless severely punished in losing her children. Since she had such pure intentions and, all the more so, since her plan worked why was she so severely punished?

According to Rabbi David Gross, the answer lies in understanding the severity of causing pain to another person. It is comparable to sticking your hand into a blazing fire. If you do this, even with the best intentions, you will burn yourself. Similarly, when you cause pain to another person even with the best intentions, the pain will burn like a fire. Therefore, Penina was punished so harshly because she caused pain to another person.

This is a strong message for us. How careful we must be in what we say to another! The pain we can cause that person can burn like a fire. Just as we wouldn't try to put that person's hand into a fire, so too we must be careful to not cause him pain through what we say.

In the merit of being careful in what we say to others, may we merit a Shana Tova U'Metukah.

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HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE (part 1 of 2)

Day	Event	Time
Saturday, Sept. 12	Pre-Selichot Warm-Up	9:30 PM
	Selichot	10:00 PM
Sept. 13-17	Selichot	After ma'ariv 8:15 pm
Monday, Sept. 14	Class: "Will We Really Atone on the Day of Atonement?"	7:15 PM

Rosh HaShanah

Friday, Sept. 18	Shabbat/ Candlelighting	6:33 PM
Sept. 18	Mincha	6:35 PM
Sept. 19	Shacharit	8:00 AM
Sept. 19	Latest Time for Shema	9:38 AM
Sept. 19	Latest Time for Amidah	10:40 PM
Sept. 19	Seudat Shelisheet (at home)	
Sept. 19	Mincha	6:10 PM
Sept. 19	Candlelighting	after 7:32 pm
Sept. 20	Shacharit	8:00 AM
	Shofar	11:00 AM
	Mincha	6:10 PM
	Holiday Ends	7:30 PM

Tzom Gedalya

Sept. 21	Fast Begins	5:24 AM
Sept. 21	Selichot	5:15 AM
Sept. 21	Shacharit	6:00 AM
Sept. 21	Mincha	6:15 PM
Sept. 21	Fast ends	7:29 PM
Sept. 21	Selichot	8:15 PM
Sept. 22-24	Selichot	After ma'ariv 8:15 pm

Day	Event	Time
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Shabbat Shuva

Friday, Sept. 25	Candlelighting	6:24 PM
Sept. 25	Mincha	6:25 PM
Sept. 26	Shacharit	8:45 AM
Sept. 26	Latest Time for Shema	9:39 AM
Sept. 26	Latest Time for Amidah	10:39 PM
Sept. 26	Shabbat Shuva Drasha	5:40 PM
Sept. 26	Mincha	6:10 PM
Sept. 26	Shabbat Ends	7:22 PM

Yom Kippur

Sunday, Sept. 27	Shacharit	8:00 AM
Sept. 27	Kapparot	
Sept. 27	Mincha	2:00 PM
Sept. 27	Candlelighting	6:21 PM
Sept. 27	Kol Nidre	6:25 PM
Sept. 28	Shacharit	8:00 AM
Sept. 28	Yizkor	11:00 AM
Sept. 28	Mincha	5:00 PM
Sept. 28	Neilah	6:10 PM
Sept. 28	Holiday/Fast Ends	7:20 PM

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From our family to yours:

LeShanah Tovah to all our friends, and members of Young Israel Synagogue. May you be inscribed for a healthy, successful, and peaceful year.

And a very special and heartfelt Mazel Tov to Rabbi Hollander and family on their new twin grandchildren.

**From the Seitel's and Fields,
Miriam, Avri, Shaina Rachel, Batia, and Tikvah Seitel
Avraham, Tania, Alyssa, Isaac, and Aaron Fields**

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE (part 2)

Sukkot

Friday, Oct. 2	Shabbat/ Candlelighting	6:14 PM
Oct. 2	Mincha	6:15 PM
Oct. 3	Shacharit	8:45 AM
Oct. 3	Latest Time for Shema	9:40 AM
Oct. 3	Latest Time for Amidah	10:40 PM
Oct. 3	Seudat Shelisheet (at home)	
Oct. 3	Mincha	6:00 PM
Oct. 3	Candlelighting	After 7:13 pm
Oct. 4	Shacharit	8:45 AM
Oct. 4	Mincha	6:10 PM
Oct. 4	Holiday Ends	7:12 PM

Chol HaMoed

Oct. 5-8	Shacharit	6:00 AM
Oct. 5-8	Mincha	6:10 PM

Hosahana Raba

Oct. 9	Shacharit	6:00 AM
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Shemini Atzeret

Friday, Oct. 9	Shabbat/ Candlelighting	6:05 PM
Oct. 9	Mincha	6:10 PM
Oct. 10	Shacharit	8:45 AM
Oct. 10	Latest Time for Shema	9:42 AM
Oct. 10	Latest Time for Amidah	10:40 PM
Oct. 10	Yizkor	10:30 AM
Oct. 10	Mincha	5:50 PM

Simchat Torah

Saturday Oct. 10	Candlelighting/ Maariv	After 7:04 pm
Oct. 10	Hakafot	7:15 PM
Oct. 11	Shacharit	8:45 AM
Oct. 11	Hakafot	10:00 AM
Oct. 11	Mincha and Neilat HaChag	6:00 PM
Oct. 11	Holiday Ends	7:03 PM

Upcoming Events

October 8- Kugler Ice Cream Social
 November Shabbaton
 December 13- Chanukah Party
 January 31- Tu B'Shvat Hike

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Robert Sigal

During my state of the shul speech on Yom Kippur (5769), I spoke about growing the shul through donations, volunteer effort, and chesed. As you can see from the "REFLECTIONS" article, we have made impressive strides since last year. Even more impressive is that we made these strides in the worst economic conditions I have seen in my lifetime. This was an amazing accomplishment for our entire community.

When I travel for business all over the US, I am amazed at how many people have heard of our Rabbi, and the chesed of our community. If we can continue these accomplishments, we are on the verge of something really wonderful. Wishing you and all of your loved ones a very sweet new year.

Robert Sigal

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unprecedented number of people actively participated in the learning program, invigorating the three-hour discussion with original insights and personal perspectives. This is what Torah study is supposed to look like—a living discourse based on holy text and in search of true understanding. The night was genuinely inspiring for me.

Annual Banquet: Beautifully planned, our 20th Anniversary Banquet fittingly honored the Goodwin family. Friends and family from across the country and spanning the shul's history made an appearance to wish use continued success. Robert Sigal's plans for the future of Young Israel and Richard Goodwin's memories of the shul's past served as fitting bookends to the Torah expressed by Young Israel's former and present rabbis.

Overall, it has been a busy year. I left out plenty of events for the sake of time and space. On reflection, I see real potential for growth in our community. As more and more younger people are beginning to attend services and classes, we have the opportunity to flourish in a way that would have seemed impossible just a few years ago. I must emphasize that, despite our past difficulties, we have what to be proud of. After all, people are attracted to the magnetic pull of the truth and love at the foundation of Young Israel of San Diego—a foundation we built and sustain together.

Announcements

Welcome to our new members, the Hillman family.
 Welcome to our new members, the Radashkevich family.
 Mazel Tov to the Hollander family on the births of twin grandchildren.
 Mazel Tov to the Goodwin family on the Bat Mitzvah of Shaindle.
 Mazel Tov to the Shaitrit family on the Bat Mitzvah of Maya

Best wishes for a Happy, Healthy and prosperous New Year to all friends and members of YISD

Helen Dover

L'Shanah Tovah to the Young Israel of San Diego community.

From the Sigal Family

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