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# The Roslyn Synagogue

## Newsletter

Rosh Hashana 5772

### Schedule of Services

**Monday to Friday morning:**  
Shacharit: 6:30am  
(except Rosh Chodesh 6:20am)

**Sunday morning:**  
Shacharit: 8:30am

**Sunday evening:**  
Mincha/Ma'ariv at the previous Friday's candle lighting time.

**Erev Shabbat:**  
Mincha and Kabbalat Shabbat at candlelighting time

**Shabbat morning:**  
Shacharit: 9:00am

**Saturday evening:**  
Shiur 40 minutes before the previous Friday's candle lighting time.

**Mincha:** Ten minutes before previous Friday's candle lighting time, followed by Seudat Shlishit, Ma'ariv and Havdalah.

Check shul website or online calendar for updated news, schedules and davening times.

### Message from the Rabbi

DURING THE HIGH HOLIDAY SEASON, WE TRADITIONALLY GREET one another by saying "shana tova", or in English, "Happy New Year". Do we ever realize that these two greetings are not the same? The translation of shana tova is 'good year', not happy year.

Can it be that we don't wish our fellow Jews happiness? Does Judaism frown on being happy? Isn't it good to be happy? The answer, as we all know, is yes. Judaism sees happiness as an important aspect of life.

Interestingly, Hashem uses the word "good" during "shayshet yemay berayshit", the six days of creation. 'Vayar elokim ki tov', "and God saw that it was good". And at the end of the creation, He says, "vayar elokim et kol asher asa, veheenay tov me'od", "and God saw all that He had done, and it was very good" (Berayshit 1:31). Nothing about God being happy with what he'd done, and nothing about His creations being happy.

Being 'good' and being 'happy' are not always the same, and even though happiness is a goal to pursue, sometimes we must choose between what makes us happy and what is right and good.

Since it is the responsibility of all Jews to endeavor to emulate God, or "to walk in His ways"—"Vehalachta bidrachav" (Dvarim, 28:9), may the coming year bring us all the wisdom to make the right choices, *good* choices.

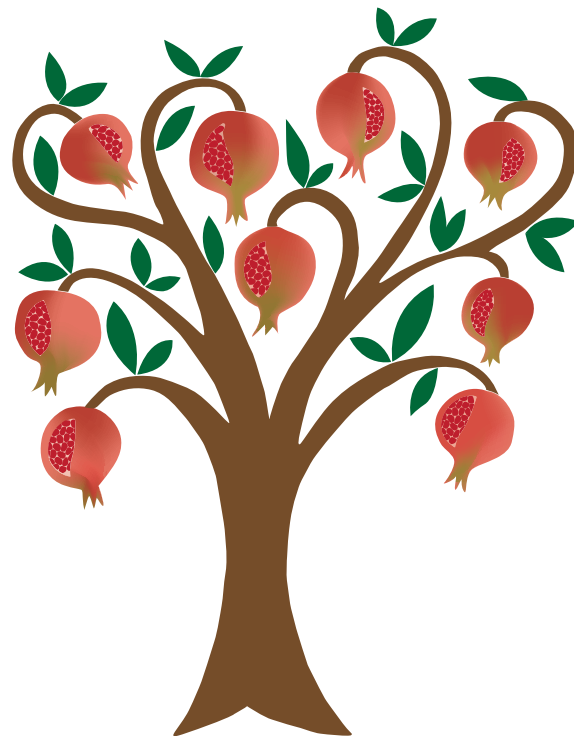
So it is that we wish one another a 'good' year, not a 'happy' year.

One word can speak volumes.

Beile joins me in wishing our entire Roslyn Synagogue family Shana Tova, a *good* year, one filled with health, joy, contentment and peace.

Rabbi Robert D. Block

To order your lulavim and esrogim for sukkot, contact rabbi block at [rabbi.roslyn-synagogue.org@gmail.com](mailto:rabbi.roslyn-synagogue.org@gmail.com).



## Message from the President

AS BELIEVING AND PRACTICING JEWS, WE KNOW THAT WE can reach out to G-d throughout the year and hope that our prayers will be heard and answered. The midrash states “Rabbi Anan said: The gates of prayer are never closed.” (Devarim Rabbah 2:12) Still the “days of awe” the days beginning with Rosh Hashanah and ending with Yom Kippur are considered a special and unique time to reach out to the Almighty in prayer and teshuvah (repentance or return).

Chazal, the sages of the Talmud, made a very subtle and important change to our prayers during this period. The third blessing of Amida, the Shemoneh Esreh, is changed to conclude with the words “Hamelech Hakodesh” instead of “Hael Hakodesh”. So important is this change that the Shulchan Aruch rules that if one forgets to use the proper phrase the entire Shemoneh Esreh needs to be repeated. What is it about this subtle change that has so much significance? G-d as Hael Hakodesh, the holy G-d, is a reference to G-d and the preeminent, supreme, the Almighty; G-d as Hamelech Hakodesh, the Holy King is a reference to G-d as our personal king. A king must have subjects and this refers to G-d’s presence in this world and in our lives.

As we join together on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur let us hope that all our prayers, as individuals and as a community are fulfilled for the coming year. As always, we look forward to meaningful and inspiring davening on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, during the Yamin Noraim, and throughout the year led by Rabbi Block.

Wishing you, L’shanah tovah tikatevu v’taykhataymu,

Marc Yunis  
President



## Sisterhood News

Please join us on  
**Monday October 24th at 7:30pm**  
at the shul for a pizza dinner and opening meeting. Please rsvp so we know how much food to order.



Our next book club meeting will be  
**Monday Nov. 7th at 8pm**  
We will be reading *State of Wonder*  
by Ann Patchett.



There’s a new and convenient way to help support the shul financially through Amazon. Amazon.com donates at least 4% of the purchase amount to the shul for any purchases made through The Roslyn Synagogue link. It’s a great way to raise money for the synagogue with purchases you would already make without any additional cost to you!

If you are going to make any type of purchase through Amazon online, those purchases can also generate a donation for the shul. You can find the search link at: [www.roslynsynagogue.org](http://www.roslynsynagogue.org). Click on Amazon on the left side and start shopping.

Shopping at Amazon through the synagogue’s referral link doesn’t cost anything extra and is an easy way to support the synagogue. It’s secure and private. Please encourage your friends and family who shop at Amazon.com to use the synagogue’s link to help raise money for The Roslyn Synagogue.

Please email [roslynwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:roslynwebmaster@gmail.com) with any questions about this program.

## Jews and the Far East: A Talk with Rabbi Tokayer

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ON SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 18, THE ROSLYN Synagogue was honored to host Rabbi Marvin Tokayer as a guest speaker. Rabbi Tokayer is a long-time friend of The Roslyn Synagogue, and we were thrilled to have him return to our shul once again. Following a delicious, “full-spread” breakfast, Rabbi Tokayer captivated the full-house in attendance with stories gleaned from his extensive experience living and working in the Far East. Rabbi Tokayer’s message was that there is a little-known but long-term and important history of Jews and Judaism in the Far East, which he is dedicated to revealing to those of us in America and the West. Among the stories told by Rabbi Tokayer were those of David Marshall, the first Prime Minister of Singapore and father of Singapore’s independence, and “Two Gun Cohen,” the almost unknown Jewish figure who played a crucial role in bringing about the UN vote in favor of the creation of the State of Israel. To no one’s surprise, the conclusion of Rabbi Tokayer’s talk left those in the audience asking to hear even more. We look forward, with Hashem’s help, to hosting Rabbi Tokayer in the future, and to many more days of learning, eating and celebrating together at The Roslyn Synagogue in the future.

## Welcome to our New Rabbinic Intern

DANI BAUER IS CURRENTLY IN HIS SECOND year of study in Yeshiva University’s rabbinic ordination program and also the teaching assistant for Rabbi Feldman’s Talmud class on Gemara Shabbat. This past academic year, Dani was the Youth Director in Congregation Bais Medrash of Bergenfield where he ran programming and groups for the youth department. Additionally, Dani is participating in a program at the DRS Yeshiva High School for Boys in Woodmere, where he will teach teens in both one on one and group settings. Dani studied for three years at Yeshivat Sha’alvim where he received a Bachelors in Talmudic Law degree.

Prior to his studies at Yeshiva University, Dani completed his Bachelors of Arts Degree in Psychology at Lander College for Men. During that time, he was involved in outreach through NCSY and worked as an NCSY advisor in the New York region for two years and the New Jersey region for one year. Dani has also contributed to NCSY summer programs, devoting four of his summers to teaching teens in Israel. He participated for three summers on NCSY Kollel, where he introduced teenagers to the Talmud, and one summer on The Jerusalem Journey, where he introduced unaffiliated teens to Judaism and their heritage.

Dani is looking greatly looking forward to becoming part of the Roslyn community.



# Shul News

MAZAL TOV to Sara and Danny Ambalu and on the birth of their son, Jonah.

MAZAL TOV to Paula Lester and Izchak Kohen on the birth of their son, Joshua Lester Kohen.

MAZAL TOV to Ellen and Alan Kaplan on the marriage of Ariella to Sam Nutis.

MAZAL TOV to Lewis Katz and family on his son Evan's honor from the Young Jewish Professional Hedge Fund & Private Equity Summit.



*Our sincere condolences to Menashe Neeman ("Adon Neeman") and family on the passing of his mother, Nosrat Kohanim.*

*Our sincere condolences to Frances Schor and family on the passing of her mother, Ruth Zysman.*

*Our sincere condolences to Shari Baker and family on the passing of her mother, Miriam Falk. Miriam and her husband Hy were amongst the founding members of the shul.*



WELCOME new members Omid Zareh and Carrie Silberman with their children Benjamin and Dalia.

WELCOME new members Melvin and Marilyn Hollander.

We thank Rabbi Robert and Beile Block for their 36 years of service to the Roslyn Synagogue and the Roslyn Jewish community.



Refuah shelaymah to Murray Dressler.

Refuah shelaymah to Paul Tolins.

## High Holiday Schedule of Services

### Selichot

*Saturday Night, September 24th*

Collation: 11:30

Services: 12:00 Midnight

### Rosh Hashanah

*Wednesday Eve September 28th*

Mincha-Ma'ariv: 6:25PM

*Thursday, September 29th*

Morning Services Shacharit: 8:00am

Sermon: 10:30am

Tashlich Services at Roslyn Pond Park:

5:00pm

Mincha-Ma'ariv Services: 6:25pm

*Friday, September 30th*

Morning Services Shacharit: 8:00am

Sermon: 10:30

Mincha-Ma'ariv Services: 6:25pm

### Yom Kippur

*Friday Eve, October 7th*

Kol Nidre: 6:10pm

*Saturday, October 8th*

Morning Services Shacharit: 8:00am

Sermon: 10:30am

Yizkor: 11:00am

Mincha: 4:00pm

Neilah: 5:30pm

Sounding of Shofar: 7:10pm