



HIGH HOLY DAYS 5784/2023

L'SHANA TOVA! May you and your family be blessed with a New Year filled with joy, insight, health, prosperity, and love. We look forward to your participation in our High Holy Day services, and to welcoming 5784 together through the joyous and meaningful services led by Rabbi Michael Barclay, Cantor David McGarry, Cantor Benny Lipson, Musical Director Mat Gurman, and special guests.

Please review this entire packet for detailed information on High Holidays as well as other programs and opportunities at Temple Ner Simcha.

All services will be held at the

Canyon Club: 28912 Roadside Dr., Agoura Hills, CA 91301

with the exception of the **Tashlich** service which will be held at the **lake at the Westlake Village Inn.**

Free parking is available on site at the Canyon Club.

ROSH HASHANA SERVICES

Friday Sept. 15 – 7:30 pm

Saturday Sept. 16 – 9:00 am

Saturday Sept. 16 – 4:30 pm - Tashlich

at Westlake Village Inn

Sunday Sept. 17 – 9:00 am

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Sunday Sept. 24 – 7:30 pm - Kol Nidre

Monday Sept. 25 – 9:00 am

Monday Sept. 25 – 12:00 pm - Yizkor

TICKET INFORMATION: Orders may be placed on our website, or via US Mail using the enclosed High Holy Day Ticket Request form. Please complete and return to:

Temple Ner Simcha, 5737 Kanan Rd. #176, Agoura Hills, CA 91301.

High Holiday Ticket Requests should be received by August 25, 2023 and High Holiday tickets will be mailed out by September 1, 2023.

For Security Purposes, everyone MUST have their own ticket, and tickets must be reserved via the attached forms or through our website, www.NerSimcha.org. There are never any required fees to attend any service or event at Temple Ner Simcha, but please consider making a donation to the community when reserving your tickets so that we can continue to thrive and grow as a community."

SEATING: is on a first come, first served basis. There is no reserved seating, however, seating for the physically challenged will be available.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING: A special room with supervised activities and opportunities for children will be available to those children who are pre-registered.



TEMPLE NER SIMCHA

HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICE SCHEDULE 5784/2023

All services listed below will be held at the Canyon Club except for Tashlich services
which will be held at the Westlake Village Inn

ROSH HASHANA

Friday September 15	Canyon Club 7:30pm	Main Service
Saturday September 16	Canyon Club 9:00am 10:00am 4:30pm	Shacharit Service *** Torah Service *** Westlake Village Inn Tashlich Service
Sunday September 17	Canyon Club 9:00am 10:00am	Shacharit Service Torah Service

YOM KIPPUR

Sunday September 24	Canyon Club 7:30pm	Kol Nidre ***
Monday September 25	Canyon Club 9:00am 10:00am 12:00pm 3:00pm 4:30pm	Shacharit *** Torah Service *** Yizkor Service *** Special Concert with Conejo Valley Youth Symphony Mincha & Neilah Service

****Children's Programming will be provided during these service times*



TEMPLE NER SIMCHA PROGRAMS

Shabbat Under the Stars

Celebrate the beauty of the Sabbath in the beautiful setting of Deer Hills Community Park as we welcome the Sabbath Queen in the glory of nature. With special music by Cantor Benny Lipson, Mat Gurman, and other special musical guests; these are always insightful and meaningful services. Bring a picnic dinner beforehand and spend time with your community as Shabbat is celebrated in the beauty of nature.

Judaism 101: An Overview of All of Judaism in 6 months

This weekly series of classes takes you through every aspect of our tradition from the very beginnings of our theology through the 21st century; and includes topics such as Torah, Tanakh, Talmud, Mysticism, the Gaonic Period, Holidays and Liturgical Practices, Medieval Commentators, Kabbalah and Meditation, Origins and Practices of Anti-Semitism, the Enlightenment and Reformation, Hasidism, Mussar, Zionism, the Denominational Movements, Modern Israel, and Judaism today. By the end of the series, you will know more than most graduate students in Jewish Studies; and have a deeper understanding and relationship with Judaism. This class can also be used for conversion and for those contemplating conversion.

Mommy & Me for Little Mensches

Join with other little ones and their parents in our children’s library for stories, games, crafts, and Jewish fun. Held two mornings per week, this is a great opportunity to spend time with other young Jewish families as the children develop that important love for Judaism in a playful setting.

Great Thinkers Lecture Series

Partake in the wisdom and have dialogue with some of the great scholars, authors, artists, and theologians of our generation. Some past and future guests include Eyal Tiberger, CEO of World Maccabi; Professor Zev Garber; Dr. Amir Hussein; Reb Avraham Greenbaum; Rabbi Shlomo Shwartz z”l; Dr. Jeff Siker; Dr. Maureen Hoyt; Lazer Lloyd; and the producers of “Never Again is Now” among others. These are rare opportunities to personally experience and learn with some of the greatest minds of our time, and should not be missed.

Introduction to Jewish Meditation and Mysticism

Based on the class that Rabbi Barclay taught at American Jewish University, this 6 week series of classes between Passover and Shavuot gives participants an awareness of Jewish mystical beliefs and practices. Each class will be composed of both lecture material and practical experience; and will give students a personal taste of the power of the mystical and meditative aspects of our tradition.

Talmud & Tobacco, sponsored by the TNS Men’s Club

Come learn a variety of topics on a monthly basis as we enjoy the wisdom of our Sages and appreciate the rich smoke of premium cigars, provided by the Men’s Club. Held the first Wednesday of every month at The Westlake Village Inn; these sessions are always lively and enlightening; and are a testament to the wisdom that can be found when a group of people come together in a relaxed setting to study the teachings of Judaism. Although cigars are provided, there is also a non-smoking section for those who wish to study and be part of the comradery without the aroma of the cigars.

Liturgy: How we Pray, and What does it Mean?

This four week series of classes takes participants through the Jewish liturgy, explaining not only the basic concepts of how and what to do, but the deeper meanings of the prayers that we say. Learn why, how, and what to do with the prayers in the synagogue so that you are more comfortable with services, and have them become deeper and more meaningful on a personal level.

Sisters of Simcha: Guest Speakers, Mah Jong, Book Club, Community Building, & More!

The Sisters of Simcha is our amazing women’s group, and sponsors speakers and musical acts for the enjoyment of the entire community. They additionally have regular Mah Jong evenings, monthly book club gatherings, and are constantly creating fun events for women, families, and the entire Conejo Valley.

Jewish Community. Adult Bnei Mitzvah Program

This weekly class teaches participants basic Hebrew; prayer and liturgy skills; and Torah chanting in preparation for a group Bnei Mitzvah. The program takes approximately 8 months to complete, and no prior knowledge of Hebrew or prayers is necessary...so come participate in the ritual your soul has been aching for.

TNS Men’s Club

Our Men’s Club is always exploring new ways to do good deeds and simultaneously have fun together. From serving the Conejo Valley community at large with blanket drives for the homeless and adopt-a-pet days to “fun & fundraising” events for the temple; this group of men constantly support each other in times of pain, joy, and all the moments of life.

Mussar: A Deep Personal Awakening

This six week series will delve into the powerful teachings of Mussar; the Jewish psycho/ethical practices of self awareness. Participants will use traditional Mussar texts to take a deeper look at themselves, and how to enhance the quality of every aspect of their life. This series requires each individual to have the personal courage to look deeply within, and can be truly life changing in the best of ways.



Temple Ner Simcha

“No Fee Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program and Religious School”

Temple Ner Simcha believes that no family should have to decide between making a car payment and giving their child a Jewish education, and so we offer Religious School and all Bar and Bat Mitzvahs at ***NO MANDATORY FINANCIAL COST***. There is no additional fee for the service, classes, and training...so there is no longer any excuse to let your child pass their 13th birthday without participating in this ancient and important ritual.

We recognize that all too often, a Bar/Bat Mitzvah becomes a financial hardship on Jewish families; and as a result, many families do not participate in this important ceremony. Studies have demonstrated that sadly, the lack of a Bar/Bat Mitzvah often leads to the young person stepping away from Judaism throughout their life: not being involved in Hillel during college, and having no connection to Judaism as they become adults. This program is designed to eliminate all obstacles so that every Jewish family is able to participate.

Your child will learn all the skills, prayers, and theology to complete their Bar/Bat Mitzvah... **without any transliteration**. The program is based on the foundation that the student has **no current knowledge of Hebrew**, prayers, or Judaism; but by the end of their training they will have the skills to not only complete their Bar/Bat Mitzvah ceremony; but will be able to be comfortable in synagogues for the rest of their life.

By the end of the program, the student will be able to read Hebrew; understand the simple and some of the deeper meanings of the prayers; chant their Torah portion; and develop their own Torah commentary based on their understanding of the text. Rabbi Barclay spends personal time with each Bar/Bat Mitzvah helping them develop a deeper understanding of their own relationship to the ritual, Torah, and Judaism. They will be able to function as a Jewish adult with regard to their knowledge and understanding of Jewish theology and prayer, and will have the foundation to explore their Judaism more thoroughly as they grow older and mature.

To be part of our Religious School or this ground breaking Bar/Bat Mitzvahs program, please contact Temple Ner Simcha via email at Education@NerSimcha.org or fill out and return the form on the back to the synagogue office.

Don't let your child go without this important ritual in their life. Take advantage of this unique and powerful training program, and let your child have the gift that will last a lifetime.

“No Fee Bar/Bat Mitzvah Program and Religious School”

Please complete and return the form below for more information about this unique and powerful training program.

Name of Student: _____

Student’s Birthday: _____

Name of Parent: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Address: _____

Student’s Knowledge of Hebrew: None Little Some Fluent

Student goes to: Some Services Jewish Camp Services on a regular basis Nothing

My child is too young for Bar/Bat Mitzvah training, but would like to attend the No Fee Religious School”

Name of Student: _____

Student’s Birthday: _____

Name of Parent: _____

Parent Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Address: _____

Student’s Knowledge of Hebrew: None Little Some Fluent

Student goes to: Some Services Jewish Camp Services on a regular basis Nothing



“Do Not Separate Yourself from The Community” - Rabbi Hillel

Temple Ner Simcha is an inclusive community for everyone, and offers all services, classes, and events, including High Holiday services without charge. No one is ever turned away because of finances, and there are no dues or charges of any sort.

Like any community, Temple Ner Simcha has financial needs; and we rely on the generosity of individuals like you so that we can continue to offer the outstanding programming we have become known for. Your charitable donation may be tax deductible, and we hope that you will support the community with your energy, participation, and financial contributions if you are able.

We therefore ask that you take the time to fill out and return this form with your registration.

Please check where appropriate:

- I prefer not to make a donation at this time
- Please contact me to help with High Holiday services and/or throughout the year
- Enclosed is my donation check to help support the community

I would like to make a monthly donation of:

- \$36 \$50 \$100 \$180
- \$360 \$500 \$1000 \$1800
- \$3600 \$5000 Other

I would like to make a weekly donation of:

- \$18 \$36 \$50

I would like to make a one time donation of:

- \$180 \$360 \$500 \$1000
- \$1800 \$2500 \$3600 \$5000
- \$10000 \$18000 \$36000 Other

- Please contact me via phone for my credit card information

- I am completing my credit card donation through the synagogue’s secure transaction site at **www.nersimcha.org**.

- Please let me know when my donation has been received.

Thank you for your kind and generous support of Temple Ner Simcha, and may you and your family always be blessed with health, joy, prosperity, love and peace.



HIGH HOLY DAYS TICKET REQUEST 2023

Please Complete Form and Mail to Synagogue Office By August 25, 2023

All Information must be Completed for Security Purposes and Community Building

Primary Household Contact:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____

Primary Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Spouse/Partner _____ Email: _____

How many Children under 12, attending Children’s Program _____ Ages: _____

Additional Household Members (every adult household member must have their own ticket... please register every adult in your party below):

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Email (if different than above): _____

Phone (if different than above): _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Email (if different than above): _____

Phone (if different than above): _____

(For Additional Ticket Requests, please continue filling out opposite side of page)

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Additional Household Members:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Email (if different than above): _____

Phone (if different than above): _____

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