



Stony Brook Hebrew Congregation Newsletter

This month's services schedule

Date: October	Candle lighting	Evening Service	Shacharit	Kriat Shema	Mincha/ Maariv	Shabbat Ends
2-3	6:14 pm	6:10 pm	9:30 am	9:46 am	6:00 pm	7:13 pm
9-10	6:03 pm	6:00 pm	9:30 am	9:48 am	5:50 pm	7:02 pm
16-17	5:52 pm	5:50 pm	9:30 am	9:51 am	5:40 pm	6:51 pm
23-24	5:42 pm	5:40 pm	9:30 am	9:55 am	5:30 pm	6:41 pm
30-31	5:32 pm	5:30 pm	9:30 am	9:59 am	5:20 pm	6:32 pm

Sukkot

Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah

<u>Friday, Oct 2nd</u>	<u>Friday, Oct 9th</u>
Mincha/Maariv 6:10 pm	Mincha/Maariv 6:00 pm
Candle lighting 6:14 pm	Candle lighting 6:03 pm
<u>Shabbos, Oct 3rd</u>	<u>Shabbos, Oct 10th</u>
Shacharit 9:30 am	Shacharit 9:30 am
Mincha/Maariv 6:00 pm	Mincha/Maariv 5:50 pm
Lighting Candles/ Start cooking 7:13 pm	Lighting Candles/ Start cooking 7:02 pm
<u>Sunday, Oct 4th</u>	<u>Sunday, Oct 11th</u>
Shacharit 9:30 am	Shacharit 9:30 am
Mincha/Maariv 6:00 pm	Mincha/Maariv 5:50 pm
Yom Tov ends 7:12 pm	Yom Tov ends 7:00 pm

Learning

Hebrew Reading Crash Course – Begins Thursday, Oct. 22nd, at 7:00 pm and continues for five weeks. Register by calling (631) 751-3289 or e-mailing SBHC@Verizon.net.

Talmud Class – Tuesdays at 8:00 pm in the Beit Midrash.

Special Events in October

Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan – From the night of Oct. 17th to the night of Oct. 19th.

Kiddush

Kiddush is sponsored by Dr. & Dr. Ira and Brigitte Rezak.

Nachas News

- Mazel Tov to Rabbi Moshe & Riva Roffman on the birth of Naftali.
- Happy Birthday to Bob Milch, David Ebin, David Zlochower, Lilly Strey, and Michelle Aluf-Medina.

Observing Yahrzeit

- Dr. Irving Linkoff for his mother Liba bas Yitzchak on the 21st of Tishrei, Oct. 9th.

Rabbi Roffman's Monthly Message

Throughout the works of our Sages, we find that the holiday of Sukkot is referred to as "Zman Simchaseinu," "The Time of our Happiness." As all holidays also create a link to the past, one must ask what joyous occasion does Sukkot commemorate? Furthermore, one could ask what connection is there between happiness and building a Sukkah booth?

The Vilna Gaon asks a different question that may also help us answer our questions. The Talmud states that the Sukkah booth is supposed to represent the Clouds of Glory that surrounded the Jewish people in the desert. We first received these clouds when we left Egypt in the month of Nissan, six months earlier than the holiday of Sukkot. Why do we not dwell in booths in the spring instead of the fall? The Gaon answers that after the sin of the golden calf, the clouds left the Jewish people. Even after Yom Kippur, the clouds did not return. Only five days later, when the Jewish people began construction of the Tabernacle, did the clouds return.

From this, we see that we are celebrating not just the gift of the protective clouds, but the full restoration of the Jewish people that the return of the clouds represented. After achieving atonement on Yom Kippur, one has been forgiven and given a clean slate. But just being clean of sin is not enough; we must also begin to serve G-d anew. G-d gave us many mitzvot on the Holiday of Sukkot so that we would immediately have an opportunity to actively bring G-d into our lives, just as he gave the generation of the desert the mitzvah of building the Tabernacle. Hence, our joy of starting a new beginning is connected to the return of the clouds in the desert.

Chag Sameach!