



FALL GATHERINGS AT JCOGS

Friday night services are held every week at 6 p.m. (unless otherwise noted).
For details on the following events, please see the September-October issue of the JCOGS Bulletin.

September

✦ **Saturday, Sept. 1 | 7:30 p.m. | Spiritual High Holy Day Prep: Selichot Services**

Get yourself in the High Holy Day frame of mind. Selichot means forgiveness. This service marks the theme of the season and the preparation for the High Holy Days: seeking forgiveness from G-d and from our fellow human beings. The evening includes havdalah, as we say goodbye to Shabbat.

✦ **Wednesday, Sept 5 | 3:45 p.m. | First day of Olam Chesed for grades 1 through 6**

Welcome to the New Year! We will start the month of holy days with community-building games, stories, songs, and preparing for the season of our joy. Our *morim*/teachers will lead us in exploring the familiar and learning about the new as we begin our theme, *What is holiness?*

✦ **Friday, Sept. 7 | 6 p.m. | Shabbat services with Visual Artist and Educator Benny Ferdman**

Our last Shabbat of 5778, we wind up the year with services led by Rabbi David and an experiential sermon given by artist Benny Ferdman, brother of JCOGS member Sara Tauben. Benny's work focuses on the reclamation and reworking of cultural and historical iconography.

✦ **Saturday, Sept. 8 | noon | Vermont Pride Parade in Burlington**

Join JCOGS and other Stowe-area faith-based organizations as we march together in the Vermont LGBTQ Pride Parade in Burlington. The parade extends from Church Street to Battery Park. Lineup is at 11:30 a.m. in the Hood Plant parking lot (on King Street, between Church St. and S. Winooski). Family-friendly festivities continue at Battery Park. Contact: Shoshana Frieden, s.k.frieden@gmail.com.

✦ **Sunday, Sept. 9 | 7:30 p.m. | Erev Rosh Hashanah**

An evening of story, prayer, and sweetness. Dessert oneg to follow service.

✦ **Monday, Sept. 10 | Rosh Hashanah, Day 1**

9:30 a.m., service begins

Marking the new year with great anticipation. Come for soaring music, words of wisdom, and deep connection.

10 a.m., family Holy Day experience begins

Families with young children (7 and younger) gather in the tent for song, prayer, and activities while older children are engaged in regular services with a special High Holy Day discovery guide.

11 a.m., children 8 and up meet on the lower level for an amazing T'shuvah Challenge! Supervision will be available for younger children on the playground (or in the tent if it rains).

12:45 p.m., Tashlich and potluck lunch

Grab your breadcrumbs and join us for JCOGS's Tashlich service on the Stowe Recreation Path behind JCOGS, followed by a vegetarian potluck picnic in the JCOGS tent.

✦ **Tuesday, Sept. 11 | Rosh Hashanah, Day 2**

9:30 a.m., service

An intimate day of prayer and music in which we come more deeply into the season. This day's *D'var Torah*/sermon will be given by JCOGS member Priscilla Minkin.

✦ **Friday, Sept. 14 | 6 p.m. | Shabbat Shuvah**

This is a special Shabbat between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Come for some added reflection and contemplation during these *Yamim Noraim*, Days of Awe, and stay for the oneg.

✦ **Sunday, Sept 16 | 9:30 a.m. | Latke Spuds Harvest at Sandiwood Farm and apple-picking**

JCOGS families gather on the farm to harvest the potatoes we planted in the spring for our Hanukkah latkes, then head to a nearby orchard to pick apples.

✦ **Sunday, Sept. 16 | 4-6:30 p.m. | Launch of Mitzvah!, our pre-b'nei mitzvah program for grades 7 and 8**

Parents and b'nei mitzvah gather for our first meeting. Light dinner will be served.

✦ **Tuesday, Sept. 18 | 7 p.m. | Kol Nidrei**

The height of the year: the ritual of forgiveness that brings us greater wholeness.

✦ **Wednesday, Sept. 19 | Yom Kippur**

9:30 a.m., Yom Kippur service

The heart of the day's prayers of reflection, forgiveness, and seeking a better life. Around 11:30 a.m., we will chant the private and public Yizkor prayers of our memorial service as we honor lost loved ones.

10 a.m., family Holy Day experience begins

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11 a.m., children 8 and up meet on the lower level for a thoughtful T'shuvah Challenge. Supervision will be available for younger children on the playground (or in the tent if it rains).

1:30 p.m., afternoon learning session

Talmudic Sources and the Message of the *Unetaneh Tokef*, with Guest Rabbi Lev Friedman.

The *Unetaneh Tokef* liturgy, perhaps the most central to the theme of repentance, is certainly one of the most stirring compositions in our liturgy for the Days of Awe. "Who will live and who will die?" Yet how is it possible that repentance, prayer, and charity might overturn G-d's decree? Do we have the ability to influence G-d?

In paired chevruta study and open discussion, take a look at Talmudic sources for this piyyut, as well as the ideas of two well-known modern Rabbis, and attempt to draw our own conclusions about what the piyyut is trying to teach us.

4 p.m., silent Musaf and meditation

Rabbi David will lead us in some quiet time of prayer.

4:30 p.m., yoga for Yom Kippur

Led by JCOGS member Jacquie Mauer, prepare yourself physically and spiritually for Ne'ilah. We will do simple poses beneficial while fasting, and contemplate what we want to let go of and forgive ourselves for. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat if you own one.

5:30 p.m., afternoon service (Mincha)

High Holy Day Guest Rabbi Rabbi Lev Friedman takes us on a spiritual journey, as we prepare for the gates to close.

6:15 p.m., closing service (Ne'ilah)

The final, intimate moments of community and prayer. We open our hearts and strengthen our resolve in stirring prayer, making our commitments for the coming year.

7:35 p.m., Havdalah & break-the-fast

Chef Sandi Schlosser's Vermont Harvest Catering staff prepare food in JCOGS's kosher kitchen. Please be sure to sign up on the JCOGS website for this sponsored community meal.

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For further details on events and programming, please review our bi-monthly Bulletin, visit our website at JCOGS.org, follow us on Facebook, and watch for your JCOGS weekly emails.