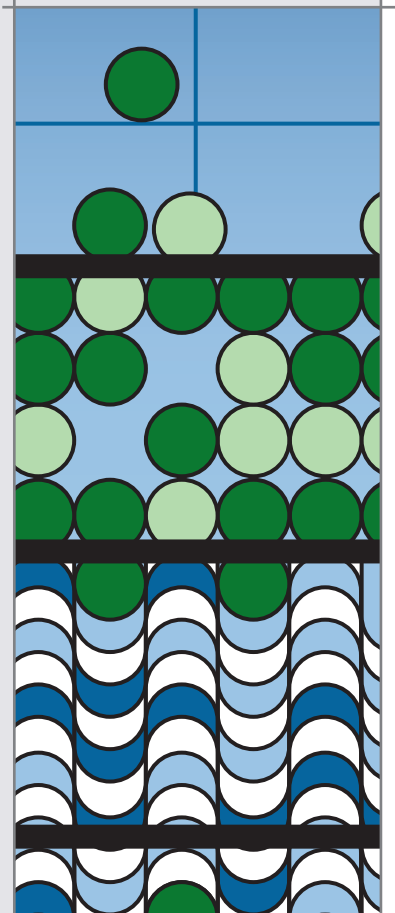


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FROM RABBI STERNFIELD

In an especially irreverent episode of “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” Larry David has a last-minute urge to attend High Holy Days Services, only to discover that the synagogue is sold out. Walking away dejected, he encounters a ticket scalper. “Are they good seats?” he asks. “They are the best. You’ll be sitting so close, the cantor will spit on you.” Unfortunately for Larry, he gets found out and ejected.

And this leads me to the point I wish to make. You may have noticed that at Sinai we do not sell High Holy Days seats. Rather, we issue Cards of Admission which you will receive soon. Some may find this to be merely euphemistic language; it is not. Tickets are what one purchases for a sporting event, a performance or concert. The High Holy Days services are none of these.

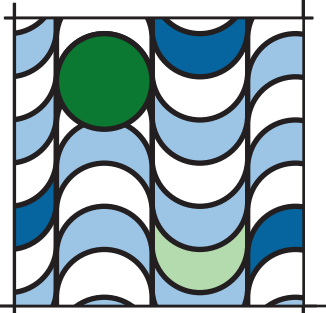
But there is an even more important reason why we do not call them tickets. Whether by way of your annual dues to the Temple or by way of a donation, those who contribute are supporting the essential purposes of the congregation, not just four days, but 365 days a year. I know that some people question the value of belonging when may they only attend these few days. To them I say two things: First, perhaps you would like to come more often! We’d love to see you. And second, “thank you.” Although you may not avail yourself of what the Temple has to offer very often, there are many who turn to us for a wide variety of needs, whether to affirm their Jewish commitment, to make friends, to feel comforted in times of distress, to learn more about their heritage, to teach their children or to celebrate the sacred times of their lives.

We never have turned anyone away when they need us, and we never will because this is one of the principles that makes Sinai a great congregation. So when you receive your Cards of Admission, please regard it not as a ticket but as a thank you note. Thanks to your support, we are a vibrant religious community, truly a house of prayer for all.

Although it is a little early, I wish you a happy and healthy New Year and look forward to greeting you at our 151st High Holy Days services.



Rabbi Michael P. Sternfield



ROSH HASHANAH EVE Wednesday, September 28

- 5:00 pm Early Service at Sinai will be conducted by Rabbi Sternfield; Rabbi Levinsky will deliver the sermon. (Highly recommended for families with children age 11+)
- 7:00 pm Evening Service at Sinai will be conducted by Rabbi Sternfield who will also deliver the sermon.
- 8:00 pm Community Service at Fourth Presbyterian Church will be conducted by Rabbi Levinsky; Rabbi Abrahamson will deliver the sermon.
- 9:00 pm Late Service at Sinai will be conducted by Rabbi Sternfield who will also deliver the sermon.

ROSH HASHANAH DAY Thursday, September 29

- 9:30 am Family Service at Sinai will be conducted by Rabbi Sternfield and Rabbi Levinsky.
 - 11:00 am Morning Service at Sinai for Early and Mid-Evening A Seating Groups will be conducted by Rabbi Abrahamson who will also deliver the sermon.
 - 11:00 am Morning Service and Community Service at Fourth Presbyterian Church for Mid-Evening B and Late Seating Groups will be conducted by Rabbi Sternfield; Rabbi Levinsky will deliver the sermon.
- Join us for a Rosh Hashanah Reception at the Temple immediately following the 11 am services. Reservations are not required.

KOL NIDRE EVE Friday, October 7

- 5:00 pm Early Service at Sinai will be conducted by Rabbi Levinsky; Rabbi Sternfield will deliver the sermon. (Highly recommended for families with children age 11+)
- 7:00 pm Evening Service at Sinai will be conducted by Rabbi Sternfield who will also deliver the sermon.
- 8:00 pm Community Service at Fourth Presbyterian Church will be conducted by Rabbi Abrahamson; Rabbi Levinsky will deliver the sermon.
- 9:00 pm Late Service at Sinai will be conducted by Rabbi Sternfield who will also deliver the sermon.

YOM KIPPUR Saturday, October 8

- 9:30 am Family Service at Sinai will be conducted by Rabbi Sternfield and Rabbi Levinsky.
- 11:00 am Morning Service at Sinai for Mid-Evening B and Late Seating Groups will be conducted by Rabbi Abrahamson who will also deliver the sermon.
- 11:00 am Morning Service and Community Service at Fourth Presbyterian Church for Early and Mid-Evening A Seating Groups will be conducted by Rabbi Levinsky; Rabbi Sternfield will deliver the sermon.
- 1:00 pm Memorial/Yizkor Service at Fourth Presbyterian Church. All are welcome.
- 2:30 pm Recital of classical music at Sinai.
- 3:30 pm Afternoon, Memorial/Yizkor and Concluding Services at Sinai. These services will be conducted by Rabbi Sternfield, Rabbi Levinsky and Rabbi Abrahamson; Rabbi Sternfield will give a *d'var Torah*.

**FOR SECURITY PURPOSES, CARDS OF ADMISSION ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL SERVICES.
NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT A CARD OF ADMISSION.**

We are pleased to offer three seating options for High Holy Days Services. Please select your first and second seating preference from the list below. If you choose one of the Mid-Evening Services (OPTION 2a or 2b) you **MUST** select either the Early 5:00 (OPTION 1) or Late 9:00 (OPTION 3) Service as your second seating choice. If you select only the Mid-Evening Services and space is not available, you will receive a Card of Admission for either the Early or Late Seating Group. Cards of Admission will be distributed on a first-come first-served basis.

Complete and return the Cards of Admission order form on page 9.

OPTION 1 Early Service Seating Group

- Rosh Hashanah Eve Service:** Wednesday, September 28, at 5:00 pm at Sinai (Rabbis Sternfield & Levinsky)
Rosh Hashanah Day Service: Thursday, September 29, at 11:00 am at Sinai (Rabbi Abrahamson)
Kol Nidre Service: Friday, October 7, at 5:00 pm at Sinai (Rabbis Sternfield & Levinsky)
Yom Kippur Service: Saturday, October 8, at 11:00 am at Fourth Presbyterian Church (Rabbis Levinsky & Sternfield)

OPTION 2a Mid-Evening A Service Seating Group

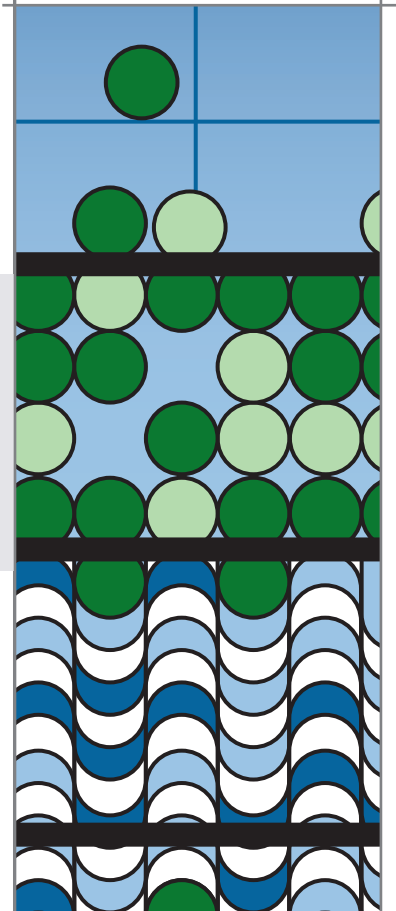
- Rosh Hashanah Eve Service:** Wednesday, September 28, at 7:00 pm at Sinai (Rabbi Sternfield)
Rosh Hashanah Day Service: Thursday, September 29, at 11:00 am at Sinai (Rabbi Abrahamson)
Kol Nidre Service: Friday, October 7, at 7:00 pm at Sinai (Rabbi Sternfield)
Yom Kippur Service: Saturday, October 8, at 11:00 am at Fourth Presbyterian Church (Rabbis Levinsky & Sternfield)

OPTION 2b Mid-Evening B Service Seating Group

- Rosh Hashanah Eve Service:** Wednesday, September 28, at 7:00 pm at Sinai (Rabbi Sternfield)
Rosh Hashanah Day Service: Thursday, September 29, at 11:00 am at Fourth Presbyterian Church (Rabbis Sternfield & Levinsky)
Kol Nidre Service: Friday, October 7, at 7:00 pm at Sinai (Rabbi Sternfield)
Yom Kippur Service: Saturday, October 8, at 11:00 am at Sinai (Rabbi Abrahamson)

OPTION 3 Late Service Seating Group

- Rosh Hashanah Eve Service:** Wednesday, September 28, at 9:00 pm at Sinai (Rabbi Sternfield)
Rosh Hashanah Day Service: Thursday, September 29, at 11:00 am at Fourth Presbyterian Church (Rabbis Sternfield & Levinsky)
Kol Nidre Service: Friday, October 7, at 9:00 pm at Sinai (Rabbi Sternfield)
Yom Kippur Service: Saturday, October 8, at 11:00 am at Sinai (Rabbi Abrahamson)



HIGH HOLY DAYS INFORMATION

Cards of Admission for families of members are available for services held at Fourth Presbyterian Church ONLY. The cards are intended to be used by non-affiliated immediate family members (parents, grandparents, adult children and their spouses). The requested donation for each card of admission is \$200. Cards of admission for those under age 30 are available for a suggested donation of \$50 with valid identification.

Your donation should be returned with the form found on page 9. All Cards of Admission will be mailed during the week of August 29. Please do not request guest cards for non-family members. Temple members who want to attend services with their non-affiliated family members may use their cards to attend services at Fourth Presbyterian Church, or the 9:00 pm Late Service at Sinai, if space is available.

COMMUNITY SERVICES CARDS

The community is invited to join us for High Holy Days Services held at Fourth Presbyterian Church, located at Delaware Place and Michigan Avenue. If you know anyone who is interested in attending these services encourage them to stop by the Temple office to purchase Cards of Admission. Cards will be available during regular business hours beginning **Monday, August 29** and continuing through Tuesday, September 27. The Temple office will be open on September 21, 22, 26 and 27 until 7:00 pm. The suggested donation for each card of admission is \$425, which supports the year-round programs and activities of our Congregation. Cards of Admission for those under age 30 are available for a suggested donation of \$50 with valid identification. The community Cards of Admission are for the following services at Fourth Presbyterian Church:

Rosh Hashanah Eve - September 28	8:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah Morning - September 29	11:00 am
Kol Nidre - October 7	8:00 pm
Yom Kippur Morning - October 8	11:00 am
Memorial/Yizkor Services - October 8	1:00 pm

PARKING INFORMATION

Parking will be available at Holy Name Cathedral for the 7:00 pm and the 9:00 pm services on Rosh Hashanah Eve and Kol Nidre Eve. Detailed parking information will be mailed with your Cards of Admission.

RECITAL OF CLASSICAL MUSIC

As has been our tradition for several years, a concert of classical music will be presented on Yom Kippur afternoon, Saturday, October 8 at 2:30 pm at Sinai. This year we are again delighted to welcome Qing Hou, violinist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, and her husband, Lawrence Neuman, violist with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

A native of China, Qing Hou came to the United States as a full scholarship student of Sylvia Rosenberg at the Peabody Conservatory, where she earned a Bachelor of Music degree. Hou then studied with James Buswell at the New England Conservatory, receiving a Master of Music degree in 1994. In 1997 Daniel Barenboim appointed her to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Lawrence Neuman has been a member of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra since 1991. Before coming to Chicago, he was violist with the Miami String Quartet. He has performed as soloist with the National Repertory Orchestra, the National Orchestra of Costa Rica, the Kammergild Chamber Orchestra, and the Eastman-Dryden Orchestra. As a chamber musician he is heard frequently throughout the Chicago area and has performed across the United States and Europe.

HIGH HOLY DAYS FOR INTERFAITH FAMILIES

With Rabbi Levinsky

Many of the traditions of the High Holy Days can be problematic for Jew and non-Jew alike. This makes it difficult for Jews and non-Jews in interfaith families to observe the High Holy Days with heart and meaning. The Jew may find herself defending practices about which she feels less than stellar herself. The non-Jew may be hesitant to question practices he perceives as integral to his partner's faith. In this one session class, we will openly discuss some of these traditions, comparing them to similar Christian traditions and seeking to safely discuss questions about, and problems with, some of the beliefs and practices of the High Holy Days. Everyone is welcome. The class will meet on **Sunday, September 25 at 10 am.**

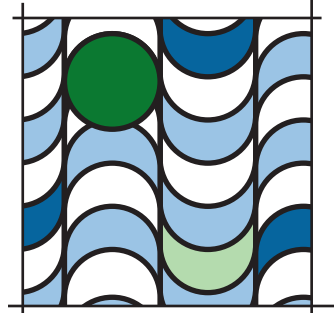


BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Throughout the world Jews remember their departed ones during the High Holy Days. Chicago Sinai Congregation observes this tradition by preparing an annual Book of Remembrance which is distributed during the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur, Saturday, October 8. We consider it equally appropriate to remember Jewish and non-Jewish departed loved ones at this season. If you would like to include the name(s) of your departed family members or friends in the Temple's Book of Remembrance please complete the form found on page 11 of this booklet. Return the form along with your donation to the Temple office. To be included in the Book of Remembrance, requests must be received no later than Tuesday, August 16.

PULPIT FLOWERS

Honor your loved ones by sponsoring pulpit flowers during the High Holy Days season. Please call DeeDee at 312.867.7000, ext. 229.



MEMORIAL PLAQUES

To remember departed family and friends, memorial plaques, inscribed with the names of your loved ones, can be added to our Memorial Board during the High Holy Days if your order is received no later than Tuesday, August 16. The donation for a memorial plaque is \$1,000. Please mail your donation of \$1,000 per plaque, with the full name(s) of your loved one(s) and the dates of birth and death to the attention of Susan Solomon at the Temple office. No plaque will be ordered without written authorization. If you have any questions please call Susan at the Temple office.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

Yom Kippur Afternoon, Memorial/Yizkor and Concluding Services for members will be held at Sinai at 3:30 pm on Saturday, October 8. An earlier Memorial/Yizkor Service for members and guests will be held at Fourth Presbyterian Church at 1:00 pm. Members may attend either the early Memorial Service at Fourth Presbyterian Church or the later Service at Sinai.

FAMILY SERVICES

Family services are designed for families with children ages 4 through 11. Rabbi Sternfield and Rabbi Levinsky will lead the services at 9:30 am on Thursday, September 29, and at 9:30 am on Saturday, October 8. We will use the Sinai Family High Holy Days Prayerbook for these services. Please indicate how many seats you are reserving on the form found on page 9.

Each service is approximately one hour long and includes traditional holiday music, responsive readings, a shofar service and a story. Because these are very popular services and space is limited, we ask that you request seating for you and your immediate family **ONLY**. Rabbi Sternfield encourages parents to bring their children ages 11+ to the 5 pm Early Service.

Unfortunately, we are not able to accommodate guests at the family services. If you know of families who want to attend our services, please feel free to invite them to join us for any of our monthly Friday evening and/or Sunday morning family services. All family services are listed in the Temple bulletin and on our website www.chicagosinai.org.

CALL FOR USHERS

Please consider volunteering to join us as an usher for one or more of this year's High Holy Days services. One of the best things about Sinai is that it is a warm, welcoming place, "A House of Prayer For All People." During the High Holy Days ushers contribute to that warm and welcoming feeling. Also, ushering is a great way to meet people and to be a contributor to the success of our High Holy Days.

To volunteer please email Jennie Rosenthal at jennierosenthal@aol.com, or Liz Darke at edarke@dykema.com.

"The Jew assumes for himself the historic post of a soldier of righteousness and justice; responsibility and service are the sacramental words of the Jewish philosophy of life."

Dr. Emil G. Hirsch, 1903

TEMPLE OFFICE 312.867.7000



HIGH HOLY DAYS INFORMATION

FOOD DRIVE & COLLECTION FOR AREA SHELTERS

This year your help is urgently needed to provide food for the hungry in our community. The weak economy and cutbacks in the food supplied by the government's emergency food programs have emptied the shelves of the local pantries. Beginning on Sunday, September 18, collection boxes will be in the Temple lobby for your donations. Members are encouraged to bring the following non-perishable food items when they come to Services, Religious School or at any other time during this season:

- Canned goods, including soups, meats, vegetables
- Boxed pasta (mac & cheese), noodles, rice
- Peanut butter, jams in plastic containers
- Cereals, oatmeal, and crackers
- Canned fruit and fruit juice
- Cooking oil, flour & sugar

NO GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE
NO EXPIRED FOOD PLEASE
NO CLOTHING

Collections will be accepted through October 23. The food will be distributed to the Greater Exodus Baptist Church Food Pantry, Erie Neighborhood House Food Pantry and The Ark.

We will also be collecting the following items for local shelters:

1. **Personal Care Items:** Shampoo, soap, deodorant, towels & washcloths, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, body wash and hand soap
2. **Gift cards:** Jewel, Dominick's, Target, Wal-Mart and CTA cards and passes
3. **Accessories:** Purses and backpacks
4. **Household Items:** Pots and pans, sheets, serving bowls, baking dishes, plastic ware and irons

On Wednesday, October 26, beginning at 5:30 pm, we will sort and pack the food and shelter donations. Volunteers are encouraged to join us. Please call the Temple office to let us know if you will join us for packing and dinner.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Throughout its history, Chicago Sinai Congregation and its leaders have embraced a commitment to participate in the betterment of the community and social action on behalf of the poor, the deserted, the oppressed and the hungry. From its abolitionist founders to the advocacy of gay, lesbian, and women's rights today, Sinai members have made their voices heard and their efforts count as champions of unpopular causes. In an effort to ensure that donations to our community partners create the most effective outcomes, the Community Concerns Committee will align donations with the priorities of poverty/education, environment and seniors/health care with the intent to create long term, meaningful partnerships.

The Sinai Community Concerns Fund makes contributions to organizations in our neighborhood, as well as nationally and internationally. Last year, donations were made to:

INTERNATIONAL: Yad L Yad, New Israel Fund, Elem and American Jewish World Service/Darfur and Haiti.

NATIONAL: Jewish Fund for Justice, Southern Poverty Law Center, Just Congregations, Mazon and The Religious Action Center.

STATE: Illinois Council Against Handguns, Planned Parenthood, Hirsch High School and Jewish Vocational Services.

JEWISH COMMUNITY: Council for Jewish Elderly, The Ark, Jewish Council on Urban Affairs and Shalva.

LOCAL GRASSROOTS: Vital Bridges/Open Hands Chicago, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, Career Transitions Center of Chicago, Greater Chicago Food Depository, Childlink, Greenhouse, Goldie's Place, Changing Worlds, Greater Exodus Pantry, Deborah's Place, Family Matters, Erie House and R.E.S.T.

SINAI'S PROJECTS: Sinai Schools Initiative, SAB Nourish-Thanksgiving, Member Care, New Orleans and the Fourth Presbyterian Food Program.

We urge you to contribute generously. Contribution envelopes will be mailed with your Cards of Admission and will be available at all services during the High Holy Days. Payment can be made by check, cash or credit card.

Sinai accepts Visa or Mastercard only

ROSH HASHANAH RECEPTION

The Rabbis, Officers and Trustees of Chicago Sinai Congregation invite all Sinai members, their children and their guests to join together at our

Annual Rosh Hashanah Reception

Thursday, September 29
Immediately following Services

Greet old friends and meet new members as we wish everyone a joyous New Year.
Enjoy a light lunch, with apples and honey for all!

UNION PRAYERBOOK FOR THE HIGH HOLY DAYS, SINAI EDITION

The Sinai Edition of the Union Prayerbook for the High Holy Days will be used at all Services. If you wish to have your own prayerbooks for personal use or for gifts they are available at a cost of \$35 each. We will be pleased to mail books for an additional charge of \$3 per volume. Books may also be purchased at the Temple during regular office hours. Sinai provides prayerbooks for use at each Service; purchase is optional. The Sinai Family High Holy Days Prayerbook is also available at a cost of \$20 each.

PRAYERBOOK PURCHASE FORM (please print)

I/We would like to purchase a prayerbook(s). Please indicate quantity:

Volume II (High Holy Days)	\$35 per book plus shipping	Qty _____
Family High Holy Days Prayerbook	\$20 per book plus shipping	Qty _____

Name: _____

Address, City, Zip: _____

Enclosed is \$ _____
(\$35 + \$3 shipping per book, \$20 +\$3 shipping for Family Prayerbook)

CARDS OF ADMISSION ORDER FORM due Tuesday, August 16

Please complete all necessary information and return the entire form to the Temple office by Tuesday, August 16. Cards of Admission will be mailed during the week of August 29. Please remember that at least one-half of the current year's dues, as well as all outstanding balances, must be paid before your cards will be mailed. Member Cards of Admission will be honored for all services at Fourth Presbyterian Church.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ DATE: _____

Indicate your first and second preference

Please note: If you choose option 2 for 7:00 pm, your second choice must be either option 1 (5 pm) or option 3 (9 pm). If you do not select an Early or Late Service as your second preference, one will be selected for you.

- _____ Option 1: Early Service 5:00 pm
- _____ Option 2: Mid Evening Service 7:00 pm
 - _____ Seating Group A
 - _____ Seating Group B
- _____ Option 3: Late Service 9:00 pm

I/We are Sustaining Member(s).

Please send _____ (one or two) additional guest cards for service selected above.

_____ **Total # of Cards Needed**

MEMBER GUEST CARDS: I am a regular member. I would like to obtain guest cards for my immediate family members (parents, grandparents, adult children and their spouses) for attendance at the services which are held at Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Please send me _____ cards at \$200 each for the following people:

(List additional names on reverse side)

I am enclosing a donation of _____ (\$200 for each seat requested)

FAMILY SERVICE CARDS: (Recommended for families with children ages 4 to 11)

Rosh Hashanah Family Service

_____ # of Admission Cards (Members and their immediate families)

Yom Kippur Family Service

_____ # of Admission Cards (Members and their immediate families)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Regular _____	Sustaining _____	Received _____	Mailed _____
Early _____	Evening A _____	Evening B _____	Late _____
RH Family _____	YK Family _____	Guest _____	

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on or before Tuesday August 16, or fax it to the Temple office at 312.867.7006

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY ALL INFORMATION
AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR IN THE
BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

- Please reprint the name(s) of my/our departed one(s) from last year's Book of Remembrance.
- Please reprint the name(s) of my/our departed one(s) from last year's Book of Remembrance and add the additional name(s) listed below.

Please include the name(s) of my/our departed loved ones as follows:

1. _____	4. _____
2. _____	5. _____
3. _____	6. _____

(Please list additional names on reverse side)

Remembered by: (Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

I/We have lost a dear one since last Yom Kippur. (Print clearly in spaces below)

Name(s) of departed since last Yom Kippur	Relationship	Date of Death
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Each year it is customary to make a donation in memory of your loved ones. All names listed above will be included in the Book of Remembrance.

Enclosed is my/our donation of \$ _____

The Book of Remembrance will be distributed at the Yizkor Service on Saturday, October 8.

- Please mail me a copy of the Book of Remembrance to the following address:

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

- I am interested in ordering a memorial plaque. *See page 6 for more information.*

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