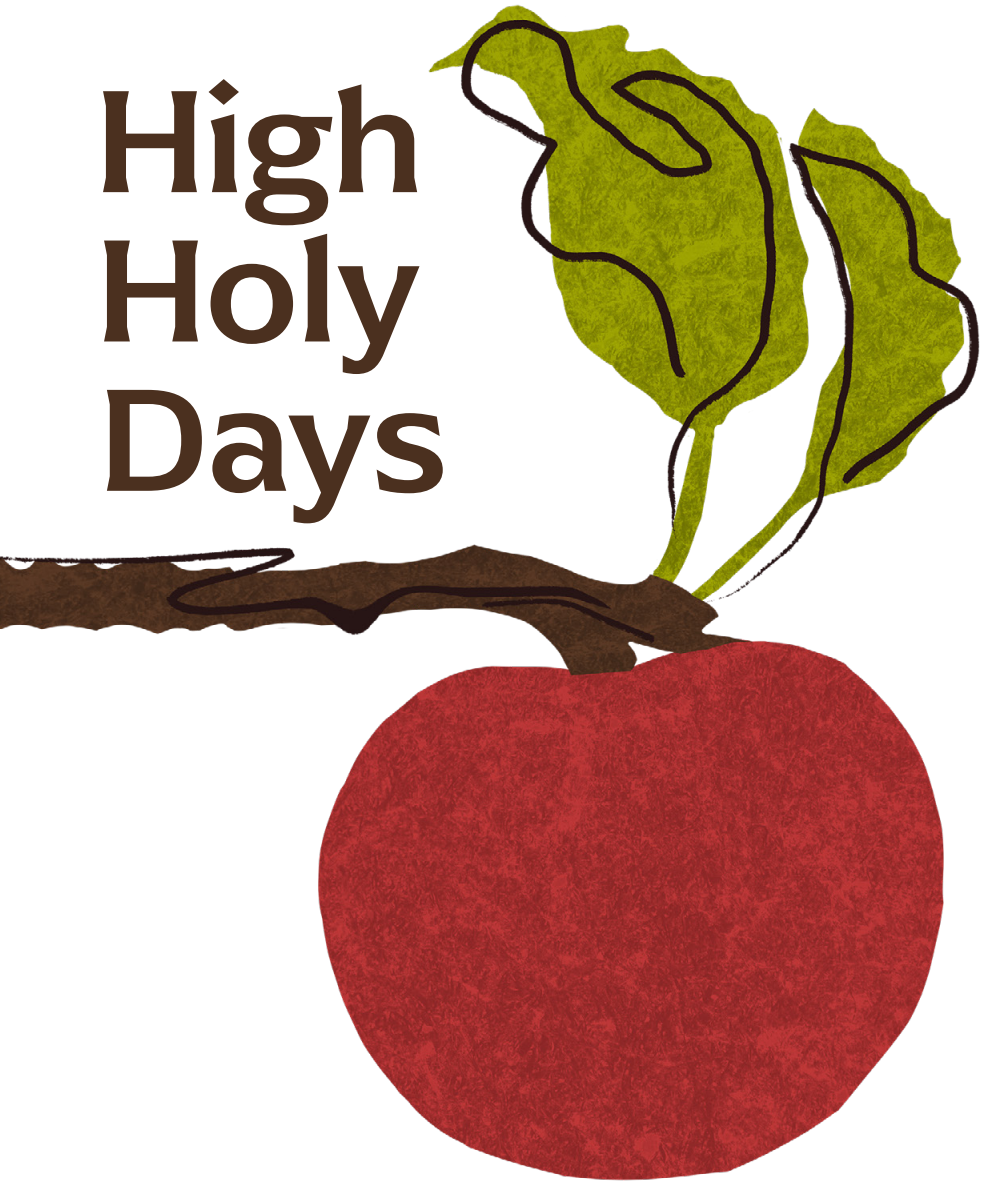


High Holy Days



United Hebrew Congregation
5787/2026

The United Hebrew Rabbis and Cantorial Soloist

Welcome home to United Hebrew! We look forward to celebrating the Holy Days with you. Rabbi Brigitte Rosenberg and Rabbi David Reinhart will be joined on the bimah by our Director of Congregational Music and Cantorial Soloist, Greta Rosenstock Kramer.

About Greta:

A St. Louis native and longtime UH congregant, Greta brings years of experience as a ritual leader, choral director, and educator — including work with Lab/Shul in New York City and presentations on Jewish repertoire at state and international conferences. She previously served as Music and Drama Educator at Saul Mirowitz Jewish Community School and as Music Specialist at UH. She is completing her Master of Music in Choral Conducting at TU Dublin Conservatoire.



Dear United Hebrew Family,

Soon, the sound of the shofar will call us together once again. It may feel early to be thinking about the High Holy Days. Summer is still in full swing, and yet Rosh Hashanah begins this year on the evening of September 11.

The High Holy Days ask us to pause, reflect, and return to what matters most: our values, our traditions, and one another. In a chaotic and uncertain world, there is real strength in gathering as a sacred community, lifting our voices in familiar melodies, and stepping into the new year together.

At United Hebrew, we do not enter this season alone. We celebrate, mourn, learn, and care for one another. These holy days remind us to rededicate ourselves to the sacred work of being a community rooted in connection, compassion, and purpose.

This year, our congregational theme is *Eitz Chayim Hi*: Holding Fast to Torah. In a time of uncertainty, complexity, and rapid change, we embrace Torah, our Tree of Life, not only as an ancient text, but as a living source of wisdom, comfort, challenge, and renewal. We hold fast to Torah through worship, study, celebration, and conversation; we are reminded that Torah also holds us, rooting us in our history, steadying us in the present, and guiding us toward lives of meaning, purpose, and sacred connection.

Inside this brochure, you will find everything you need to join us for the *Yamim Nora'im*, the Days of Awe. We encourage you to take a look now, save the dates, and allow the anticipation of the season to begin to stir, even in the warmth of summer.

We look forward to welcoming you home. May this season bring reflection and renewal, and may the year ahead be filled with blessings for you, your loved ones, our congregation, the Jewish people, and our world.

L'shanah tovah u'metukah! May it be a good, sweet, and meaningful new year.

Warmly,



Rabbi Brigitte Rosenberg
Senior Rabbi



David Kaiser
President

How to Participate

Services

All services will be held in the Millstone Sanctuary, except for Children's Services which will be in the school hallway, and Erev Sukkot which will be outside in front of our UH sukkah. All services will be led by a combination of Rabbi Brigitte Rosenberg, Rabbi David Reinhart, and Greta Rosenstock Kramer, our Director of Congregational Music/Cantorial Soloist.

Livestreaming

Can't make it to High Holy Days services? No problem! All services will stream on our website, YouTube, and Facebook.

Classes

Registration is required for all classes. Register on our website or by calling the main office.

Name Tags

For security purposes, all adults — members and guests alike — must have a name tag. Children in grades 12 and under and college students (with student I.D.) do not need one.

Name tags will be mailed in late August and serve as your ticket for High Holy Day services. Please present yours at the door. If you're bringing guests, call the office at (314) 469-0700 in advance with their names and contact information to arrange guest name tags.

Prayer Books

We will use our High Holy Day machzor, *Mishkan HaNefesh*. Prayer books will be provided at all in person services. For those who are watching from home and wish to use a prayer book, there are options: purchase books from our gift shop (\$50 per set), purchase an ebook of *Mishkan HaNefesh*, or check out the books from us and return them after the High Holy Days.

To purchase prayer books from UH, please check our website or call the office at (314) 469-0700.



Memorial Book

Our Yizkor book contains the names of our dearly departed, special readings, prayers, and the Kaddish. The Yizkor Book of Remembrance deadline is **Monday, August 10**. New entries received after that date will appear in a separate section rather than alphabetically. **No entries accepted after August 24**. The book will be available on our website, as well as in print, at the Memorial/Yizkor Services.

Parking for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

Enter the sanctuary parking lot via the Old Woods Mill entrance only. Exit the sanctuary parking lot via Conway Road. If our lot is full, you will be directed where to park. Valet parking is available for those who need it thanks to the Betty and Eugene Wolff Transportation Fund. Drop-off will be at the sanctuary entrance with pick-up at the school entrance.

HHD Food Drive

Start the New Year off right! Your first mitzvah of 5787 can support the Harvey Kornblum Jewish Food Pantry. Please bring your food donations to the chapel lobby before Yom Kippur services.

Joseph Bags

Activity bags may be checked out in the main office for children attending services with their parents.

Childcare and Children's Programming

Childcare is available throughout the High Holy Days. On Erev Rosh Hashanah, Erev Yom Kippur, and Yom Kippur Day, childcare is available for children ages 2 through Grade 1. On Rosh Hashanah Day, childcare is available for children ages 2 through Pre-K. Cost is \$20/member or \$30/non-member per child, per session.

New for this year: children in Kindergarten through Grade 4 are invited to participate in our new Rosh Hashanah Day Experience on Rosh Hashanah Day, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

Register online or call Angie Klenke at (314) 434-3404 by September 4 (for Rosh Hashanah programming) or September 11 (for Yom Kippur). No exceptions will be made.

Elul Programs

Eitz Chayim: Cultivating the Tree of Life: An Elul Journey to the High Holy Days with Rabbi Rosenberg

Saturday, August 15 | 12:30–2 p.m.

and Monday, September 28 | 7–8:30p.m.

Just as healthy trees begin with deep roots, our spiritual lives flourish when we take time to prepare. Come explore the traditions of Elul and practical ways to prepare our hearts and souls for the High Holy Days with Rabbi Rosenberg. You'll journey through Elul with a companion journal featuring brief weekly readings, reflections, and spiritual practices designed to fit into everyday life. Then, we'll gather again during Sukkot to celebrate the journey, reflect on what has taken root, and discover the fruit that has emerged from a month of intentional spiritual growth. \$10 for members, \$15 for non-members.

Between the Trees: An Elul Family Program with Samantha Fomera

Sunday, August 16 | 10–11:30 a.m.

This program is for families with children in grades K–5. At the center of Gan Eden stood two trees. Between them, the oldest question still echoes: Ayeka? Where are you? Every Elul, it finds us again.

This year, bring your family into that question. We'll gather, tell the story, and make something beautiful with our hands to light your home and hang in your sukkah, beginning teshuvah together, not alone. Come ready to reflect, to create, and to light your way into 5787.

Shabbarbecue!

Friday, August 21 | 5–6 p.m.

Let's welcome back the new year in style with food, fun, and friends! Join clergy, staff, and program leaders — including our religious school teachers and madrichim for 2026–2027 — for an evening of connection to kick things off. We'll provide the hot dogs; bring a side dish or dessert to share.



Elul Programs

Challah for the Holy Days

Monday, August 24 | 6:30 p.m.

or Wednesday, September 2 | 11:30 a.m.

Choose the date that best works with your schedule. We'll demonstrate several challah braiding techniques, and you'll leave with enough dough to bake two beautiful challot at home.

\$15 per person for members and \$18 per person for non-members.

Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult. Register by August 19 for Monday night or August 26 for Wednesday morning.

Hebrew for the High Holy Days with Samantha Fomera

Choose 4 Tuesday evenings | 6:30–7:30 p.m.:

August 25, September 1, 8, & 15

OR 4 Wednesday mornings | 10:30–11:30 a.m.:

August 26, September 2, 9, & 16

You've sung Kol Nidre. You've chanted Avinu Malkeinu. But what are you actually saying? Join our four-week Hebrew class for adult learners — fun, relaxed, and surprisingly deep. Each session unlocks a prayer from the machzor, paired with conversational Hebrew you can use this season. No fluency required, just curiosity.

\$18/series for members, \$25/series for non-members.

Whiskey & Wisdom

Wednesday, August 26 | 7:30 p.m.

Join Rabbi Reinhart for an Elul style celebration of Whiskey & Wisdom.

Preparing Your Soul for the Holy Days: An Afternoon of Music, Reflection, and Psalm 27

with Rabbi Rosenberg and Carol Joy Loeb

Saturday, August 29 | 2 p.m.

Through music, text study, reflection, and communal singing, participants will encounter Psalm 27 not simply as a biblical text, but as a daily spiritual companion. Carol Joy Loeb's original musical setting of *Achat Sha'alti* serves as both the opening and closing prayer of the afternoon, framing our time together and inviting participants to experience how meaning deepens through study, conversation, and practice.

Selichot

We're honored to welcome husband-and-wife "dynamic duo" Isaac and Rabbi Shawna Brynjegard-Bialik — together known as "Paper Midrash" — for a Selichot weekend in residence. Isaac cuts up comic books and reassembles them into papercuts exploring the stories of the Jewish people, while Rabbi Shawna adapts traditional Jewish concepts to a modern Reform context, and together, they create new pathways into Torah through deep scholarship and comic-book art. No experience or "artistic ability" is required, and all are welcome to make something meaningful this season. This residency is made possible through funds from the Ruzena and Fred Levy Speaker Fund.

Shabbat Evening Service

Friday, September 4

Shabbat Service | 6 p.m.

Dessert Oneg | 7 p.m.

Selichot Evening with Paper Midrash

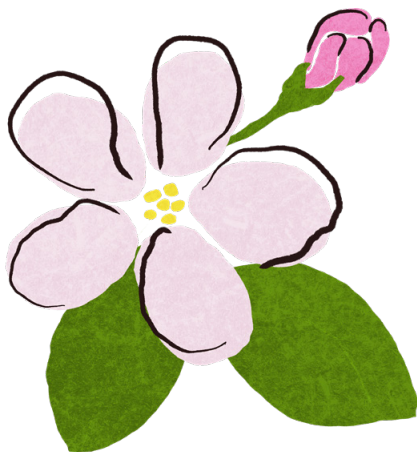
Saturday, September 5

Selichot with Knives Program | 7 p.m.

Selichot Service | 9 p.m.

Ready for a different way to engage with the High Holy Days? Join United Hebrew and Paper Midrash—our weekend artists-in-residence—for a hands-on papercutting workshop for Selichot. You'll cut collage, using stories from comic books, to make your own artwork inspired by texts on introspection, reflection, and redemption.

Following the program, we'll continue with our 9 p.m. Selichot service, an evening of prayer, music, and intention-setting that marks the true spiritual beginning of the High Holy Day season. The evening will conclude with sweet desserts and warm conversation. Attend one or all events.



Selichot

Paper Midrash for B'Mitzvah for 6th and 7th grades

Sunday, September 6 | 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a 90-minute hands-on family education program for 6th and 7th grade students and their parents led by our artists-in-residence, Paper Midrash. You'll explore midrash and art and create Torah-inspired art together as a family.

Street Art Prophecy workshop for 8th–12th graders

Sunday, September 6 | 1:30 p.m.

Dive into the intersection of ancient voices and modern street art in a hands-on spray paint workshop. Together we'll look at the radical messages of the prophets alongside the raw energy of Tel Aviv's graffiti scene. After a brief text study and visual presentation, participants will roll up their sleeves to create their own spray-painted stencil art and collaborate on a communal wall.



Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Friday, September 11 | 7:30 p.m.

Our worship services are a joyous combination of our traditional and contemporary styles.

Rosh Hashanah Day

Saturday, September 12

Children's Service

9 a.m. | School Hallway & Livestream

Join the UH Rabbis and Cantorial Soloist for a lively and fun children's service where we'll sing, pray, and hear the shofar.

Morning Service

10 a.m.

Celebrate with the UH Rabbis and Cantorial Soloist where we'll sing, rejoice, and pray as one.

New! K–4 High Holy Day Experience

10 a.m.–12 p.m. | Youth Lounge

While families gather for Rosh Hashanah morning services, kids are invited to their own meaningful celebration of the New Year: a short kids' service complete with prayers, songs, and shofar, followed by hands-on holiday stations exploring Teshuvah, honey tasting, crafts, and more. Registration is required and on our website. Space is limited.

Rosh Hashanah in the Orchard

1:30–4 p.m.

Centennial Farms, 199 Jackson St, Augusta, MO 63332

Enjoy a variety of family-friendly activities, including singing, a playground, a mini petting zoo, and food trucks. Bring a picnic lunch and join us at 2 p.m. for a festive sing-along. Non-members are welcome! Register by September 1 on our website.



Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day

Sunday, September 13

Morning Service

10 a.m.

This beautiful morning service has a slightly more traditional feel without the accompaniment of instruments.

Tashlich

12 p.m. | Lake on Ladue Road

Middle School High Holy Days at Spoonful

12:30 p.m.

Spoonful Desserts, 12943 Olive Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63141

Join us for Tashlich and then head with us to Spoonful for a sweet treat.



High School Hike

Saturday, September 19 | 10 a.m.

Castlewood State Park

Hit the trails together at one of St. Louis's most beautiful state parks. Scenic bluffs and river views make for a perfect way to start the year outdoors. As Yom Kippur approaches, we'll pause along the way for a Tashlich reflection. Join us for good company and good fun. More details will be sent after registering on our website.

Memorial Service

Memorial Service at United Hebrew Cemetery

Sunday, September 20 | 10 a.m.

United Hebrew Cemetery, 7855 Canton Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63130

Join us for a meaningful service of remembrance at our cemetery on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Led by our clergy and featuring reflections from a congregant, we honor the memory of loved ones and ancestors. This comforting tradition helps us transition between the holidays while remembering those on whose shoulders we stand.

High Holy Day Appeal

Every year, something brings us back.

For some, it's the shofar calling us to begin again. For others, it's the High Holy Day melodies, the embrace of friends, or a quiet moment of reflection.

Whatever brings you back, thank you for coming home.

At United Hebrew, we gather for Shabbat, holidays, b'nai mitzvah, weddings, and times of loss. We learn, question, laugh, pray, and grow together — moments that become the fabric of our community.

This year's High Holy Day Appeal begins with a simple question: what brings you back?

The answer differs for each of us, yet points to the same truth: United Hebrew is more than a building — it's a community strengthened by those who invest in it.

Your gift says, "This community matters to me — not only for my family, but for everyone searching for a place to belong".

Because of your generosity, United Hebrew continues to celebrate life's joys and challenges together. Together, we nurture Jewish learning from the Saul Spielberg Early Childhood Center through lifelong adult education, and we create meaningful worship, vibrant programming, compassionate pastoral care, and a welcoming spiritual home that has served our community for 188 years.

Partnership commitments provide approximately 59% of the resources needed to sustain all that United Hebrew offers. The High Holy Day Appeal allows us to keep building a congregation people return to year after year: a place of learning, friendship, celebration, comfort, and hope.

Whether your gift is \$18, \$180, \$1,800, or more, what matters most is your participation. Every gift affirms that this community matters, and helps ensure there will always be a place to return to.

As we begin this new year, we invite you to join us in this work by giving to the High Holy Day Appeal:

- Check – mailed to United Hebrew
- PayPal – paypal.me/uhcstl
- Venmo – @uhcstl
- Website – unitedhebrew.org/giving



L'shanah tovah umetukah. May the coming year bring you and those you love health, peace, joy, and blessing. Thank you for your generosity and, most of all, for being part of the United Hebrew family. Together, we sustain the community that sustains us.

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidrei

Sunday, September 20

Kol Nidrei Service

7:30 p.m.

Join us for this inspiring service which begins with the beautifully haunting melody of Kol Nidrei played on the cello. The lights are dimmed as we reflect on the melody of this powerful prayer.

Yom Kippur Day

Monday, September 21

Children's Service

9 a.m. | School Hallway & Livestream

Join the UH Rabbis and Cantorial Soloist for a lively and fun children's service where we'll sing, pray, and listen to the shofar.

Morning & Early Memorial Service

10 a.m.

An early Memorial Service will follow directly after the morning service.

Yom Kippur Moments of Meaning

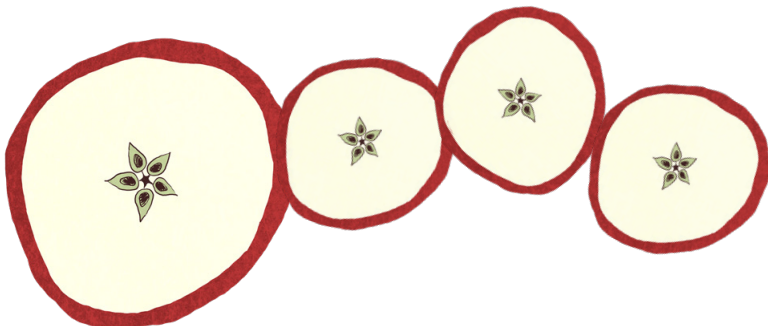
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A series of offerings will be available to assist in reflection. Please check our website for a complete list in early September.

Afternoon, Memorial, and Concluding (Neilah) Services

4 p.m.

Yom Kippur and our day of fasting will end with the sounding of the shofar.



Sukkot

Pizza in the Hut

Friday, September 25 | 5:30 p.m. | UH Sukkah

Enjoy a pizza and salad dinner outside by the UH sukkah. \$10 per member, \$15 for non-members. RSVP by September 24.

Friday, September 25 | 5:45 p.m. | UH Sukkah

St. Louis Cardinals mascot Fredbird and St. Louis Blues mascot Louie will join us for 30 minutes prior to the Sukkot service and help us "shake our lulav."

Erev Sukkot and Shabbat Service

Friday, September 25 | 6:30 pm | UH Parking Lot & Livestream

Join us in front of the UH Sukkah for a fun outdoor service.

Sukkot and Shabbat Morning Service

Saturday, September 26 | 10 am

A Sukkot Celebration Honoring Rabbi Rosenberg, with Dan Nichols

Saturday, September 26

Dinner inside, \$36 per person, menu TBD | 6 p.m.

Sukkot evening program in the Sukkah with Dan Nichols | 7:30 pm

Join us as we welcome Dan Nichols back to United Hebrew for an evening of music and celebration. We will gather for a dinner honoring Rabbi Rosenberg's Honorary Doctor of Divinity, awarded in recognition of her 25 years as a rabbi. Dan will lead a concert and sing-along in the UH sukkah afterwards. Watch our e-blasts and September bulletin for details. *Dan's musical residency is made possible through funds from the Helen C. Millstone Music Fund.*

Eitz Chayim, Cultivating the Tree of Life: Part 2

Monday, September 28 | 7 p.m.

Join Rabbi Rosenberg for the conclusion of her Elul program.

Whiskey & Wisdom

Wednesday, September 30 | 7:30 pm

Join Rabbi Reinhart for a Sukkot style celebration of Whiskey & Wisdom.



Simchat Torah

Erev Simchat Torah and Shabbat Service with Consecration

Friday, October 2 | 6:30 p.m.

Join us as we unroll the Torah completely and begin our transition from the end of the Torah to the beginning. We will also consecrate our youngest members as they begin their religious school studies.

Simchat Torah, Shabbat Service, and Yizkor

Saturday, October 3 | 10 a.m.





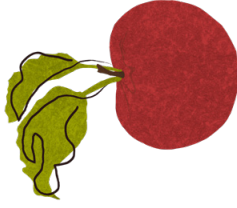
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