

Koleinu Beit Midrash

HIGH HOLIDAY STUDY

with Student Rabbi Maria Pulzetti

INDOORS, IN PERSON
MASKS AND VACCINATIONS REQUIRED

Rosh ha-Shanah Day 1 | Monday, Sept. 26 at 12:00 PM

Teshuvah: A return to our best selves

The ten days between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur are the most auspicious time to make teshuvah: we acknowledge, seek forgiveness for, and turn away from our mistakes of the past year. The medieval scholar Maimonides brought together rabbinic sources about teshuvah in his work Hilchot Teshuvah (The Laws of Teshuvah). We will study some of these laws, with their Biblical and rabbinic sources, and consider what teshuvah may offer us this year.

Rosh ha-Shanah Day 2 | Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 12:00 PM

Hineni: Being present

The Torah reading for today is the Akedah, the Binding of Isaac. In the story, Abraham says "Hineni" (Here I am) three times, twice in answering a Divine voice and once in answering his son Isaac. In our text study, we will consider what it means for Abraham to be present both to the Divine call and to his son.

Yom Kippur | Wednesday, Oct. 5 at 12:00 PM

"Merciful and Compassionate": The Thirteen Attributes

In our Yom Kippur services, we recite the Thirteen Attributes many times. The words come from the Torah (Ex. 34:6-7); they are the words God taught Moses about Divine Mercy after the sin of the Golden Calf. We will study the verses and commentary interpreting this description of God's commitment to mercy and compassion, and we will consider how the repeated chanting of these words affects our spiritual experience of Yom Kippur.

If you would like more information on membership, please contact Kate Lawn at community@germantownjewishcentre.org. Guest tickets can be purchased at germantownjewishcentre.org/high-holiday-tickets/. L'Shanah Tovah!