High Holy Days Class Series

Intro to Elul
Monday, August 31, 7:00 pm
with Rabbi Daniel Alder
The Jewish month of Elul is traditionally a time for personal reflection and spiritual preparation for the New Year. It offers a structured opportunity to examine what is holding us back from being who we really want to be. Join Rabbi Daniel Alder in discovering ways to take concrete steps towards becoming advocates for change in our lives.

Baking - Grandma Vona’s Apple Cake
Thursday, September 3, 7:00 pm
with Mark Goldey
Need something sweet for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur? Something to feed a crowd (someday)? Something that won’t get stale during the fast? Something your kids will ask for by name? Then take a trip to 1960s Baltimore and make Grandma Vona’s Apple Cake, with special guest Grandma Vona, appearing for one night only, all the way from New Rochelle.

No fancy equipment needed. Just a peeler, a spatula, a tube or bundt pan is nice, and an oven. Plus flour and apples and stuff. Participants will receive a copy of the original Lyndon Johnson era recipe, straight from Grandma Vona, and finish the class with a ready-to-eat apple cake and as much second-hand naches as they can handle.

Time: 45 minutes to 1 hour for live instruction, plus one hour for baking.

Music of Selichot and the Holidays
Thursday, September 10, 6:30 pm
with Cantor Isaac Yager and Meredith Kelly
Join Cantor Isaac Yager and Meredith Kelly for an introduction to the sounds of the High Holy Days as we explore the music of the Selichot service.

Selichot
Saturday, September 12, 9:00 pm
with Phil Rothman
Join Phil Rothman for a talk preceding Selichot services. He will speak about some aspects of the High Holy Days like Tashlich, the casting of our sins, and aspects of the Selichot service.

About the Torah Readings
Wednesday, September 16, 7:00 pm
with Phil Rothman
Join Phil Rothman for a talk about the four Torah readings selected for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Teshuvah
Wednesday, September 23, 7:00 pm
with Phil Rothman
Join Phil Rothman for a talk about Teshuvah (repentance) and why perhaps God is obligated to provide this foundational concept in Judaism.

Yom Kippur Discussion
Monday, September 28, 4:00 pm
with Bob Wolf
Topic: “Is Democracy Dead, or is it Merely on Hiatus?” We will discuss the reasons why there appears to be an increasing worldwide trend wherein new leaders of heretofore democratic countries flout the institutions and principles that have long served as the underpinnings of their political systems, and whether this is just a temporary trend or one of long-lasting duration.