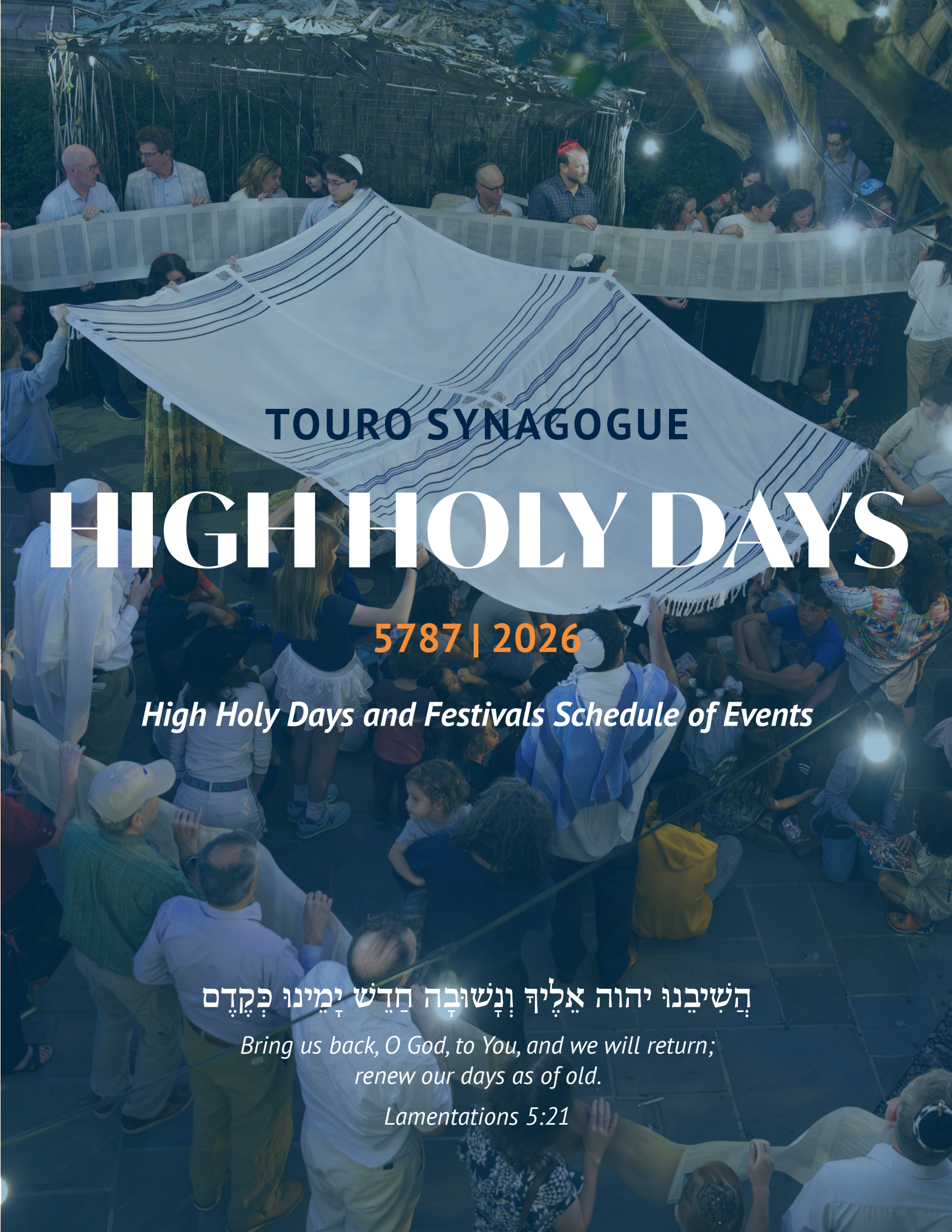




TOURO SYNAGOGUE

HIGH HOLY DAYS

5787 | 2026

High Holy Days and Festivals Schedule of Events

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*Bring us back, O God, to You, and we will return;
renew our days as of old.*

Lamentations 5:21

Rosh Hashanah

Celebration of a New Year

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Friday, September 11, 8:00pm

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

Saturday, September 12, 10:00am

Rosh Hashanah Family Service

For All Families With Children

Saturday, September 12, 9:00am

Join your Touro clergy and music team in the Garden Pavilion for an exciting and engaging start to the new year. Geared for our families with children up through second grade, this family-friendly introduction to the High Holy Days is sure to be as sweet as honey and filled with age-appropriate songs and content, a wonderful entry into 5787.

Rosh Hashanah Kehillah KIDoshah

For Students In 3rd-6th Grade

Saturday, September 12

Students in 3rd through 6th grade will be invited to step out of the main service and join a special Rosh Hashanah experience tailored just for them, offering a meaningful and age-appropriate small group learning opportunity.

Tashlich at the Fly: Casting Away and Starting Anew

Sunday, September 13, 4:00pm

We will gather at The Fly for Tashlich, a ritual of “casting off” the remnants of the past year that we wish to leave behind. With music, prayer, blankets, furry friends, and time spent together as a community, we will look ahead to the possibilities and opportunities for 5787 alongside our congregational family. Be sure to bring your bread or bird seed, and feel free to bring a picnic dinner too! All ages are welcome. *Rain date, Saturday, September 12 at 5:00pm.



Cantor Margolius and Touro Member Leslie Goldberg visit with Rabbi Gershom Sizomu in Uganda

Kever Avot: Bringing Our Ancestors into the New Year

Sunday, September 13, 12:00pm

at Hebrew Rest Cemetery

We will participate in the tradition of Kever Avot, visiting the graves of loved ones between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Whether or not loved ones are laid to rest in Hebrew Rest Cemetery, all are invited to attend this brief and meditative service and recall our dearly departed whom we carry with us into this new year.

Shabbat Shuvah: A Sabbath of Turning

Friday, September 18, 6:00pm

Amidst the Yamim Noraim, the Days of Awe, we are invited to prepare for Yom Kippur and linger in the mindset of teshuvah. On this Shabbat Shuvah, the Sabbath of Return - to ourselves, to the right path, to God and to community - we will gather as a congregational family for a solemn and spiritual Shabbat service with a special message of hope and inspiration from Cantor Kevin Margolius.

Finding Faith and Home in Uganda | Shabbat Shuvah 5787

“My Touro family has lovingly supported me as I learn to adapt to Parkinson’s Disease. In November, I decided to pursue new meaning, purpose, fulfillment and joy—to live life better than ever—and share with you what I discovered. Little did I know this would lead to 10 days with the Abayudaya, the Jewish community of Uganda, where I found renewed faith, a sense of belonging, inspiration, and home in a place so far away.” - Cantor Margolius

Yom Kippur

The Day of Atonement

Kol Nidre Service
Sunday, September 20, 8:00pm

Yom Kippur Morning Service
Monday, September 21, 10:00am

Yom Kippur Family Service
For All Families With Children
Monday, September 21, 9:00am

Join your Touro clergy and music team in the Garden Pavilion for an exciting, engaging, and meaningful continuation to 5787. Geared for our families with children up through second grade, this family-friendly introduction to the High Holy Days will be filled with age-appropriate songs and content, a wonderful entry to the new year.

Yom Kippur Kehillah KIDoshah
For Students In 3rd-6th Grade
Monday, September 21

Students in 3rd through 6th grade will be invited to step out of the main service and join a special Yom Kippur experience tailored just for them, offering a meaningful and age-appropriate small group learning opportunity.

Yom Kippur Afternoon Sessions: *Stay The Whole Day!*
Monday, September 21, 12:30pm-4:30pm

As we emerge from the contemplative depths of the Yom Kippur morning prayer service, everyone is encouraged to remain at the Synagogue all day, engaging in learning sessions and services including the following:

- **12:30pm | This is the Fast I Desire: A Reflection on Our Responsibility to Others**
In the spirit of the prophet Isaiah's message on Yom Kippur, we will learn from a panel of local experts about some of New Orleans' most critical needs and how Touro can be more active in building the city and world we wish to see. We look forward to welcoming leaders from LCMC Health, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Planned Parenthood.
- **1:30pm | Atem Nitzavim: A Sharing Session with Those Who Have Embraced Judaism Through Conversion**
Our Torah teaches that all members of the Jewish community stood at Mount Sinai. Touro Members Ann Kaufman, Charles Cannon, and Bill Procell, and will share about their Jewish journeys that have led them to take that stand.
- **2:30pm | Songs of Hope and Healing: A Reflective Musical Hour**
Rabbi Katie Bauman, Educator and Musician Aaron Rothko, Touro Synagogue musicians and teen leaders will lead an hour of prayer and song that will help our hearts to break open and our souls to be renewed.
- **3:30pm | Afternoon Service with Congregational Voices**
The Yom Kippur Afternoon Service focuses on our stories and values. Many from our congregation will give voice to these powerful texts, from Jonah wrestling with forgiveness to the ancient ritual of Yom Kippur in the Temple.

Yizkor Memorial Service
Monday, September 21, 4:30pm

Neilah Concluding Service
Monday, September 21, 5:15pm

We remember all our loved ones whom we have lost in recent and distant days. The 5787 Book of Remembrance will be made available in the sanctuary and electronically. We will conclude with our last Tekiah Gedolah and Havdalah at approximately 6:00pm.



Scan to Register

High Holy Day Childcare During Services

For children ages 2-7. Space is limited and fills up quickly! Note: Capacity may be reached before the deadline.

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service Child Care
Saturday, September 12, 9:50am-12:30pm
Registration Deadline: August 31

Yom Kippur Morning Service & Yizkor Child Care
Monday, September 21, 9:50am-12:15pm & 4:15pm-6:15pm
Registration Deadline: August 31

Sukkot

The Time of Our Rejoicing

Sukkot is known as the most joyful holiday of the Jewish year. Its hallmarks are a return to the gentle embrace of nature, audacious hospitality, and an open heart to those who have neither home nor shelter. We will savor this week of communion with our natural world by shaking the lulav, dwelling outside in the sukkah, and reflecting on our responsibility to provide for all. Here are a few highlights, with more information to follow:

Touro Synagogue Sukkah Build

Tuesday, September 22, 4:00pm

Fulfill the mitzvah of building a sukkah with your Touro family. All are welcome, no experience required. *Sign up coming soon!*

Shabbat Sukkot:



Scan to RSVP

Shabbat Sukkot Celebration | Friday, September 25, 6:00pm with Dinner, Wine, and Singing in the Congregational Sukkah

Celebrate Shabbat Sukkot with a beautiful, musical service followed by scrumptious food, delicious wines, and great company – under the twinkling white lights in the trees of our Bowsky Garden. Because this service will be brief, musical, and especially welcoming for kids, we will not be offering childcare this week. **Scan the QR code to RSVP for dinner!**

\$18/ Member Adults | \$8/ Member Kids (7th Grade and Under)

\$36/ Non Member Adults | \$16/ Non Member Kids

Shabbat Shiur | Saturday, September 26, 9:00am

Sukkot Rocks | Saturday, September 26, 9:30am

with a Special Pre-K Class Shabbat Experience

Shabbat during Sukkot this year will include a fabulous Sukkot Rocks program for our littlest friends at Touro and our first Yamim Yafim Class Shabbat experience of the year for our Pre-K class. Join Rabbi K, Maya, and Aaron for a fun-filled morning of music, crafts, and Sukkot celebrations! We'll wave the lulav and enjoy some time to relax and schmooze together over brunch! **Please RSVP online at tourosynagogue.com/shabbat-rocks.**

Simchat Torah

Starting Over

Simchat Torah Celebration with Panorama Jazz Band

Friday, October 2, 6:00pm

Our Touro family will gather to celebrate our return to the beginning of the Torah! We will celebrate the end of the Torah cycle with a festive service, special programming and moments for children, hakafot (marching) around the sanctuary, and the exuberant music of Panorama Jazz Band. Followed by a Congregational Dinner.

Shabbat Morning Service with Chavurat Or'leans, including Yizkor and Shabbat Lunch

Saturday, October 3, 10:00am

On this last day of our holiday season, we will gather for a musical, traditional Shabbat morning service with Touro clergy and our partners from Chavurat Or'leans to celebrate the end of a beautiful season and to observe Yizkor. We will read the names of those in our extended Touro Synagogue family who have died since the last Simchat Torah. We will also read the names of loved ones we have lost in years past. Following the service, we will enjoy a Shabbat lunch cosponsored by Touro and Chavurat Or'leans. Please call Beka in the office at (504) 895-4843 to add the names of those you are remembering at our Yizkor service.

