



**Welcome To Our**

**Yom Kippur**

**Children's' Service**

**For 4 to 7 Year Olds**



**Wimbledon & District Reform**

**Synagogue**



Today is Yom Kippur. It is the holiest day in our religious calendar.

Why do you think that is?

What don't we do on Yom Kippur?

What do we do on Yom Kippur? What do we say sorry for?

We say sorry for all the things we haven't done and we should have done. Perhaps like not tidying our room, or not keeping our promises, or not telling the truth because not telling the truth seemed easier.

We say sorry for all the things we have done and shouldn't have done. Perhaps like fighting with our brothers and sisters or friends, saying things that we knew weren't nice, being mean to our friends and hurting their feelings.

So let's begin our Yom Kippur service

## **Yom Kippur Service**

Ten days ago on Rosh Hashanah we welcomed the New Year and promised to do better this year.

Today we do something different. We apologise to God.

How can we apologise to God?

We apologise with **tefillah, teshuvah** and **tzedakah**.

- Tefillah – that is turning to God.
- Teshuvah – that is turning to others
- Tzedakah – that is turning to those who need our care.

What do we do when we turn to God?

We turn to God through our prayers. Let's say a few prayers now.

The prayers on Yom Kippur are often very long. And we have to stand for quite a while.

But it really doesn't matter about how long our prayers are, or how long we stand up for.

What matters is that when we pray, we mean it. And this is very, very important when in our prayers we say sorry to God.

God doesn't want us to say sorry and not mean it.

So when we pray now let's pray and think very hard about our prayer.

And as we pray let's all think about something we are really sorry for.

Dear God

We are sorry we are not as good as we could be.

We are sorry we don't always try hard enough to do the right thing.

We are sorry for any sadness we have caused others to feel.

We are sorry for the things we should have done and didn't.

We are sorry for the things we shouldn't have done and did.

And we are sorry for the things we didn't even know we were doing wrong.

Let's have our first story now. It's called the boy and the flute.

## The Boy & The Flute

Now we have a special prayer. A prayer about peace which we can all read together.

Let's sing our next song. This is also about making peace.

This song is one we sing in the Synagogue every Saturday.

Osay shalom bim romav.

Who y'sayshalom alaynu, v'al col yisrael v'imruy, imruy amen.

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May he who makes peace in the heavens, make peace for us and for all of Israel.

Now we are going to begin to prepare for our torah service.

We do this in synagogue by saying some special prayers called the Amidah.

Does anyone know what the word Amidah means?

So now let's all stand up for our Amidah prayers  
and we start with a song.

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*A-do-nai s'fa-tai tif-tach, u-fi ya-gid t'hi-la-te-cha.*

Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your  
praise.

Blessed are you, Lord our God and God of our  
fathers, God of Abraham, God of Isaac and God of  
Jacob, great, powerful and awesome God,  
generous in love and in kindness, and possessing  
all.

He remembers all the good our ancestors have  
done, and therefore loves and looks after us.

God, you are like a King, who delights in life and  
remembers us for a good life, a King who helps us,  
saves us and looks after us, shielding us from harm.

Blessed are you Lord, the shield of Abraham.

## The Yom Kippur Torah Service

Now we are going to begin the torah service itself.  
And we are going to begin it with our most important  
prayer of all – the Shema.

Let's say it together.

### Shema

<i>Sh'ma Yisra-eil:</i>	שְׁמַע יִשְׂרָאֵל:
<i>Adonai Eloheinu,</i>	יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ,
<i>Adonai echad!</i>	יְהוָה אֶחָד!

*Hear, O Israel: the Eternal One is our God,  
the Eternal God alone.*

<i>Baruch Sheim</i>	בָּרוּךְ שֵׁם
<i>k'vod malchuto</i>	כְּבוֹד מַלְכוּתוֹ
<i>l'olam va-ed!</i>	לְעוֹלָם וָעֶד!

*Blessed is God's glory forever and ever!*

You shall love God in every way  
you can:

וְאַהֲבַת אֶת  
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ  
בְּכָל-לִבְבְּךָ,  
וּבְכָל-נַפְשְׁךָ,  
וּבְכָל-מְאֹדְךָ.

Treat the Torah with respect.  
Love its words.

וְהָיוּ הַדְּבָרִים  
הָאֵלֶּה אֲשֶׁר  
אָנֹכִי מְצַוְךָ  
הַיּוֹם עַל-לִבְבְּךָ.

Teach the Torah to your children.

וְדַבַּרְתָּ בָם  
בְּשַׁבְתְּךָ בְּבֵיתְךָ  
וּבְלַכְתְּךָ בַדֶּרֶךְ.

Talk about the Torah at home and everywhere.

Make it an important part of your life.

וּבְשֹׁכְבְךָ  
וּבְקוּמְךָ.

Say the Shema when you lie down to sleep,  
and as you rise up to begin the new day.

וְקִשְׁרַתֶּם לְאוֹת  
עַל־יְדֵיךָ,  
וְהָיוּ לְטֹטְפוֹת  
בֵּין עֵינֶיךָ.

Do what the words in the Torah say to do.

Think about them where-ever you are.

Put a mezuzah on your doorpost.  
Touch it to remind you to live by the  
wisdom in the Torah.

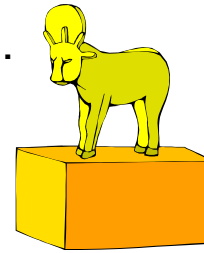
וְכַתַּבְתֶּם עַל־מְזוּזוֹת  
בֵּיתְךָ וּבְשַׁעְרֶיךָ.

*Now let's take the Torah from our Ark  
and walk with it around the room.*

The story we read from the torah this morning in the synagogue downstairs is the story of Moses speaking to God and getting the 10 commandments again. Some of you may remember that God told Moses the commandments once before, but when



Moses came down the mountain he saw that the people had built a golden calf and were praying to that in stead of God. He was so angry that he threw the tablets of stone on which he had written down God's words and broken them.



Now Moses spoke to God often and God spoke back. They would talk like good friends. In fact Moses would even dare to argue with God.

Moses had led the Jews from slavery in Egypt through the red sea, which God had parted so that they could walk through, and to the wilderness.



But on this occasion Moses wanted some comfort and support from God. So he spoke to God and said:

“Look, you want me to bring these people to the promised land, but I need help, and you haven't told me who will help me and go with me. If you really think of me as special to you, then tell me who will help me and us and also let me understand you and know you better.”

So God said to Moses: “I will be the one who will help and go with you.”

But Moses wanted more. He asked to see God face to face and understand more about him.

Now God thought so much of Moses that he said, "Because I love you and know you so well, I will let you see me. But only you can do this, and because no-one can see my face and live, I will let you see me, but only my back. You will come up to Mount Sinai tomorrow and I will show you the power of my glory."

But God had more for Moses. He asked Moses to bring with him two stone tablets so that he could write on them the 10 commandments again.

So the next day Moses went up to the top of Mount Sinai with the tablets. He went to the special place that God had prepared so that he could see God.

And God came down in a cloud and he stood there and said his special name and as he passed in front of Moses and as he did, God described himself and said:

"The Lord, the Lord, a God of kindness and caring, slow to get angry, generous in love and truth. Forgiving the wrong and bad things people do."

And Moses bowed low and said in reply:

"If you love me and think enough of me, please go with us and support us on our journey. We are an awkward, difficult people. Please forgive the bad things we do and the things we fail to do and take us



for your own people.”

*Now let's parade around the room and put the torah back in our Ark.*

As we heard God can forgive us for the promises we make to him. But what about the promises we make to friends and family.

Sometimes we don't keep those promises either. Today especially we have the chance to ask our friends and family to forgive us.

It isn't always easy to ask for forgiveness. But it is important to say 'sorry' and mean it.

It tells people we care about them.

It is even harder to forgive others when they hurt us. On Yom Kippur, just as we ask others to forgive us, we try to forgive them. When someone says to use, "I'm sorry", we should say, "That's OK. Let's be friends again."

So we have now thought about how we turn to God and how we turn to others.

Tzedakah – that is turning to those who need our care.

So we pray today that there will be a time when all the people in the world will share. When everyone will have enough of what they need.

Every Yom Kippur we always tell the same stories from the bible. So for our next story we are going to read the about Jonah.



### The Story of Jonah

We are nearly at the end of our service for Yom Kippur.

Tonight, towards the end of the day of Yom Kippur, we will conclude with a service called Neilah.

Neilah means closing and means especially the closing of the day and the closing of the gates of heaven.

We pray very hard that finally all our words, all our prayers during the day will be heard by God. Like the boy with the flute.

Then comes one long blast of the Shofar, we wish each other a good new year and go home to break our fast.

## Shana tova – happy new year

