Yom Kippur (continued): October 9th

In the Avodah Service we role-play the sacred rituals in the Temple on Yom Kippur.

Musaph through End of Fast

Musaph	12.45pm
Alternative Session	12.45pm
Avodah Service	2.30pm
Break	3.30pm
Book Clubs	3.45pm
Mincha	4.30pm
Neilah	5.55pm

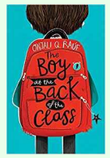
Fast goes out with mass shofar blowing 7.10pm

Join us to break the fast at 7.30pm

Ma'ariv and Havdalah	7.15pm
Break Fast in Shul	7.30pm
Clear up after the fast	**8.30pm**

Alternatives:
During Musaph (approx. 12.45pm) Danny Kalman will lead the alternative session at the Emmanuel Church: "We may be created in God's image, but how are we measuring up? Reality versus aspirations."

At the **Book Club** at 3.45, we'll be discussing Nikesh Shukla's collection of short stories, **The Good Immigrant.** If you come to the session, please try to have read at least part of the book.



Young readers are invited to join in the **Junior Book Club** at the same time to discuss **Boy at the Back of the Class** by Onjali Rauf.

Sukkot and Simchat Torah: October 14th–22nd

Sukkot through Shemini Atzeret

Sukkot 1st day, Oct 14th

Hosts: Brenda & Mike Simmonds
(address via admin@kolnefesh.org.uk)

Sukkot 2nd day, Oct 15th

Hosts: Melanie and Jeremy Kelly
(address via admin@kolnefesh.org.uk)

Shacharit	9.30am
Hallel and Lulav	10.20am
Hoshanot	11.45am

Kiddush after the service, potluck lunch in the sukkah

Shabbat Hol Hamoed, Oct 19th

Leonard Sainer Centre

Shacharit	9.30am
Hallel	10.20am
Shir Hashirim	
Hoshanot	11.45am

Kiddush after the service

Shemini Atzeret, October 21st

Host: Nahum Gordon
(address via amin@kolnefesh.org.uk)

Shacharit	9.30am
Hallel	10.20am
Yizkor	11.30am
Tefilat Geshem	12.00pm

Kiddush after the service, potluck lunch

Simchat Torah

Torah fun, Evening Service and Hakafot, October 21st, 6.30pm at Leonard Sainer

On Simchat Torah we celebrate the endless cycle of Torah reading, and its central importance in our community and our Jewish life.

This year join us at 6.30pm for Ma'ariv and hakafot, where we'll sing and dance with the Torah during the traditional seven processions around the synagogue, and then read of the last section from the Torah.

Morning Service, October 22nd

Shacharit at 9.30am
Hakafot during the Torah Reading, approx 10.40am
Kiddush (one last time) after the service.

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The Yamim Nora'im and City Retreat, 5780 – 2019
An Extraordinary 10 Days with Kol Nefesh Masorti

B'Tselem Elohim—In the Image of God

Key Dates and Times

Selichot	Sept 21, 9.30 pm
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Sept 29, 6.45pm
Rosh Hashanah I service	Sept 30, 9.00am
Tashlich & study session	Sept 30, 5.45pm
Rosh Hashanah II service	Oct 1, 9.00am
Study session	Oct 2, 8.00pm
Study session	Oct 3, 8.00pm
Kabbalat Shabbat,	Oct 4, 6.00pm
Shabbat service	Oct 5, 9.30am
Film & discussion	Oct 5, 8.00pm
Museum tour	Oct 6, 11.00am
Study session	Oct 6 7.30pm
Study session	Oct 7, 8.00pm
Kol Nidrei	Oct 8, 5.45pm
Yom Kippur service	Oct 9, 9.30am
Shabbat service	Oct 12, 9.30am
Sukkot services I & II	Oct 14, 15, 9.30am
Shabbat Hol Hamoed	Oct 19, 9.30am
Shemini Atzeret	Oct 21, 9.30am
Erev Simchat Torah	Oct 21, 6.30pm
Simchat Torah	Oct 22, 9.30am

This year we will be exploring the biblical idea that humanity is created "B'Tselem Elohim" – "In the Image of God". The pagan world routinely employed the word "tselem" or icon, but in that world it typically referred to the relationship between a god and an icon made of wood, stone, silver, or gold. Rabbi Akiva and his school employed the word "tselem" to describe the relationship between God and man. What does this relationship mean? How are humans created "In the image of God" and how does that notion shape who we are or who we should become?

Each year, Kol Nefesh Masorti Synagogue offers a unique ten-day spiritual retreat during the Ten Days of Repentance between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, in which we take a theme and explore it in depth from a variety of perspectives. Through this process, we allow ourselves to stop, think, and reorder our priorities – to re-connect to our deepest take on reality. We aim to arrive at Yom Kippur having done the inner work necessary to put our utmost into that great day of reckoning.

Please join us for some or all of the sessions this year! All sessions are stand-alone and require no background knowledge. We have an amazing programme which includes teachers from within our community as well as guest teachers. In addition, Rabbi Joel will be at all of the sessions, ensuring that there is a constant conceptual "shape" to the ten days of learning.

In this booklet you will find everything you need for the days ahead, including session times and venues, along with details of all the High Holy Day services.

Shana Tova.

Selichot Service

The Masorti Alliance Selichot service will be at Edgware Masorti Synagogue on Sept 21st at 9.30pm. This musical service will introduce us to the mood and themes of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

This Year's Venues

All services and evening study sessions are at the Leonard Sainer Centre, Rectory Lane, Edgware, Middx HA8 7LF, ***except:***

- *Rosh Hashanah services and the communal potluck meal are at The Larches Trust, 1 Rectory Lane, Edgware, HA8 7LF (next to our normal building).*
- *Kabbalat Shabbat and potluck meal for families on Oct 4th is at Brenda & Mike's (address via admin@kolnefesh.org.uk).*
- *Alternative Session for Yom Kippur is at the Emmanuel Church, 4 Manor Park Crescent, Edgware, HA8 7NN.*
- *Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret: for details of venues for services, see page 4.*

Email admin@kolnefesh.org.uk for more venue details.

Be prepared: Start reading "The Good Immigrant" by Nikesh Shukla for this year's Yom Kippur book club, and "The Boy at the Back of the Class" by Onjali Rauf for the junior book club.

**Our services are open to all.
We do not charge to attend, though contributions are welcomed.**

Please email in advance to let us know who will be coming, admin@kolnefesh.org.uk

The Yamim Nora'im at KNM, 5780 – 2019:

Rosh Hashanah: September 29th–October 1st

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Service at 6.45pm at The Larches

After the service, there will be a potluck dinner and Rabbi Joel's introduction to the theme for the 10 days: **"In the Image of God—B'Tselem Elohim".** The opening of Genesis says that we humans were made in the *tselem* (image) and *d'mut* (likeness) of God, but what do those terms really mean and what does that say about us as human beings?

As in previous years, at our communal Erev Rosh Hashanah meal we will share our wishes for the new year. Please bring some food that symbolises your hopes and dreams for the year to come. This can be an additional food or appetizer, or your potluck dish.

> We need your help to set up the shul on Sunday Sept 29th at 5pm. Food can be dropped off after 5pm.

> Please let Nicola (admin@kolnefesh.org.uk) know if you will be coming and with how many people.

> Please help us cover our venue and set-up costs with a voluntary donation of £5 per person/£10 per family (payment via admin@kolnefesh.org.uk). Thank you.

Rosh Hashanah: 1st day, September 30th

Service

Shacharit	9.00am
Torah Service	10.15am
D'var Torah (Rabbi Joel)	11.15am
Musaf	11.45am

Children & Youth

11.00-12.30 Creche (Age 0–4)
11.30-12.30 Infants (Rec/Yr 1–3/4)
11.00-12.15 Middle (Yr 4–8/9)
11.00-12.15 Teens (Yr 9/10+) Service
12.30-13.30 Teens (Yr 9/10+) Discussion

The D'var Torah: "If *B'Tselem Elohim* is built into us, then how must we relate to ourselves and those around us?"

The Alternative Session will be at the Leonard Sainer Centre, starting at approx. 11.45. Nahum Gordon will lead the session, which will look at the episode of the Golden Calf (Parashat Ki Tissa – Chapter 32 of the Book of Exodus).

Tashlich & Study Session: We will meet at **5.45pm at Canons Drive** to symbolically cast our past year's failures into the raging waters of the pond. We'll then walk to Melanie & Jeremy's (0208 905 3844) for tea, chat and teaching on "The great, ancient argument about *B'Tselem Elohim*: Rabbi Akiva's iconic idea and his detractors."

Rosh Hashanah: 2nd day, October 1st

Service

Shacharit	9.00am
Torah Service	10.15am
D'var Torah (Rabbi Joel)	11.15am
Musaf	11.45am

Please help us clear away at 8.30pm on Tuesday evening.

The D'var Torah: "If *B'Tselem Elohim* is *not* built into us, then how must we relate to ourselves and those around us?"

Alternative meditative session from ~12pm, led by Chazan Jacky Chernett.

Children & Youth

11.00-12.30 Creche (Age 0–4)
11.30-12.30 Infants (Rec/Yr 1–3/4)
11.00-12.15 Middle (Yr 4–8/9)
11.00-12.15 Teens (Yr 9/10+) Service
12.30-13.30 Teens (Yr 9/10+) Discussion

Evening Study Sessions: Oct 2nd–7th

Rabbi Joel will be at each weekday session, which run from 8 to 9.30pm. Before, there will be an optional Ma'ariv and Selichot service at 7.30 (7pm on Oct 6). Each session will be followed at 9.30 by time for optional working on our personal goals for change.

Wednesday Oct 2nd

Alyssa Gilbert: "*B'Tselem Elohim* and the environment"

How have core Jewish ideas affected the way humans interact with their physical environment? Is the environmental crisis our fault?

Alyssa Gilbert is Head of Policy and Translation at the Grantham Institute for Climate Change and the Environment, Imperial College London.

Thursday Oct 3rd

"Jews and their Bodies"

A joint session with our *chevra kaddisha* (burial society) about *B'Tselem Elohim* and the sanctity of the human body after death.

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Shabbat Shuvah: October 4th–5th

Erev Shabbat, October 4th

Kabbalat Shabbat and potluck meal for young families, 6.00pm at Brenda & Mike's (address via admin@kolnefesh.org.uk). With family study led by Rabbi Joel.

Shabbat Morning, October 5th

Shacharit	9.30am
Torah Service	10.30am
D'var Torah (Rabbi Joel): "What would it take to be fully 'In the Image'?"	
Musaph	12.00pm
Kiddush	12.30pm

Motzei Shabbat
Film Night
8.00pm, October 5th

The film: "Trembling before God"

Film viewing to be followed by a discussion led by Rabbi Joel:

***"B'Tselem Elohim* and homosexuality: The penetrated body, procreation and human dignity"**

Sunday October 6th

In the morning, 11am at the National Gallery

***B'Tselem Elohim* in the arts:** What can the visual arts tell us about the relationship between an anthropomorphic God and a theomorphic humanity? W**ith art historian Rebecca Harris. Approximate length of tour: 2 hours.**

In the evening, 7.30pm

***B'Tselem Elohim* in the three Abrahamic faiths:** Interfaith discussion between Rabbi Joel, Dr Imam Mamadou Bocoum and Pastor Paul Anderson-Walsh. Our different religious conceptions of B'*Tselem Elohim*. Are we falling short when it comes to relationships between our faiths?

Dr Imam Bocoum is a lecturer in Islamic Studies, a Chaplain at HMP Ford Prison in Sussex, a Board member of the Muslim Law (Shariah) Council UK, and an Interfaith Consultant and Director of Interfaith Through The Arts (ITTA). He has authored a number of written works, including "The Position of Jews and Christians in the Qur'an".

Paul Anderson-Walsh is an author, broadcaster, inspirational speaker and founder and director of The Grace Project. He is a well-respected commentator who is called upon by the BBC, and a regular contributor at Premier Radio. He also travels internationally as a highly regarded keynote speaker.

Monday October 7th

Final session and rounding up with Rabbi Joel.

Yom Kippur: October 8th–9th

We'll need your help to set up the shul on Tuesday afternoon at 3.00pm.

Kol Nidrei Service, Oct 8th

Doors open/Minchah 5.30pm.

Fast and Kol Nidrei service start at 5.45pm.

Sermon (Rabbi Joel) ~6.15pm

Discussion with Rabbi Joel after the service.

Morning Service, Oct 9th

Shacharit	9.30am
Torah Service	11.15am
Yizkor	12.15am
Sermon (Rabbi Joel)	12.30pm

Musaph and alternative session starts around 12.45pm

All service times are approximate

Children & Youth

11.00-12.30 Creche (Age 0–4)
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