

7 Out-of-the-box High Holiday Services & Events for People of All Ages

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Don't have plans yet for the High Holidays? Not sure if you want to go the traditional apples and honey route? Here are 7 out-of-the-box ideas to help you put the tova in your shana.

Down to the River

Saturday, September 11, 6:00pm

@ **Marsh Park** - 2960 Marsh St, Los Angeles, 90039

A High Holidays Transformative Experience with Amichai Lau-Lavie. Journals will be mailed to you once you've purchased your tickets, and will include questions to help give focus to your self-reflection as the high holidays approach. The more you invest in the journal, the more your high holidays/Down to the River experience will have a chance to inspire real change and transformation.

Price: \$35

Tickets » (<http://sijcc.net/Down-to-the-River>)

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Break-the-Fast

Now - Yom Kippur

@ **Facebook.com** (aka - your place)

This isn't an event per se, but it's definitely out-of-the-box, and therefore worth shouting out. Birthright Israel NEXT is managing a food drive on everyone's favorite social network, Facebook. Which makes it really hard to say no! Basically, you sign up as an individual or team and pledge to donate a certain number of cans to food pantries. The app keeps track of your donation stats, and points you toward drop sites in your area. NEXT is hoping to collect 100,000 cans by Yom Kippur. So when you break-the-fast this year, you can feel good knowing that you've helped someone else break a fast of a more permanent nature.

Price: Name your own

Facebook Application » (<http://www.facebook.com/apps/application.php?id=150138124999099&ref=ts>)

Website: **Break-the-Fast.org** (<http://Break-the-Fast.org/>)

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Get High On The Holidays

Wednesday, September 8, 7:00pm

Harkham Hillel Hebrew Academy - 9120 West Olympic Boulevard, Beverly Hills, 90212

Rabbi Yonah Bookstein and Jconnect LA are offering participatory, friendly, and delicious High Holiday Services. All levels and backgrounds are welcome and Hebrew reading skills are not required. Morning coffee and honey cake will be provided and play-care for children will be available. Guest speakers include Rabbis Shlomo Seidenfeld & Cheston Mizel, and chazzanim Dr. John Hoenig & Chaim Goldberger.

Price: \$50 for all services/\$36 for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur separately

Tickets » (<http://highontheholidays-efbevent.eventbrite.com/>)

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Appletini Party

Wednesday, September 8, After Late Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

@ **The Plaza, Stephen S. Wise Temple** - 15500 Stephen S. Wise Dr., Los Angeles, 90077

Celebrate the start of the High Holy Days at the W Group's 8th Annual Appletini Party. Expect wonderful drinks, dessert, and company to help bring in the New Year.

Price: Unknown

RSVP: Email wgroup@wisela.org

Sponsor: The W Group, Stephen S. Wise Temple

Rosh Hashanah Puppet Show Services for Kids

Thursday, September 9, 3:00pm & 4:00pm

@ Temple Judea, West Campus - 6601 Valley Circle Blvd., West Hills, 91307

Award winning Len Levitt Puppets is teaming up with Temple Judea rabbis, cantors, and songleaders to provide entertaining and uplifting Rosh Hashanah Services designed specifically for kids.

3:00pm - children 1-4 years old

4:00pm - children 5-8 years old

Price: FREE

Sponsor: Temple Judea

Tashlich on the Beach

Thursday, September 9, 5:00pm

Intersection of PCH & Temescal Canyon Road

Join the Temple Emanuel community in symbolically casting away sins into the waters of the Pacific ocean. Everyone is welcome to join in the ritual, which will include singing, eating together, and watching the sun set. Make sure to bring a picnic dinner, a blanket, and warm clothes. It promises to be a great way to meet new people and bond as a community.

Price: FREE

Sponsor: Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills

RH2 - The Game!

Friday, September 10, 11:30am

@ Adat Ari El - 12020 burbank blvd, North Hollywood, 91607

Valley Ruach is celebrating the second day of Rosh Hashanah by combining the "most memorable parts of the the Rosh Hashanah service" with a game of speed and trivia. You

can attend as a spectator, but everyone who participates will leave with something sweet. The top prize is valued at over \$100! After services, participants are invited to bring a picnic lunch up to Franklin Canyon and at 3pm the entire Adat Ari El community will have the opportunity to join in a short hike and tashlich ceremony.

Price: \$18

[Tickets » \(http://www.valleyruach.org/calendar/event.php?event_id=24061\)](http://www.valleyruach.org/calendar/event.php?event_id=24061)

Sponsor: Valley Ruach

**In addition, VR is giving away 50 FREE tickets for day 1 of their High Holiday services for young professionals. Tickets are normally \$60. Email info@valleyruach.org for more info.

FREE High Holy Days Services

The Jewish Journal put together a great list. Check out **[Free High Holy Services 2010](http://www.jewishjournal.com/community/article/free_high_holy_services_2010_20100)** » **[» \(http://www.jewishjournal.com/community/article/free_high_holy_services_2010_20100\)](http://www.jewishjournal.com/community/article/free_high_holy_services_2010_20100)**
LA Blueprint also created a **[High Holidays Event Guide 2010](http://losangelesblueprint.com/articles/view.aspx?id=782)** » **[» \(http://losangelesblueprint.com/articles/view.aspx?id=782\)](http://losangelesblueprint.com/articles/view.aspx?id=782)**

***Bonus: Rosh Hashanah Video**

G-dcast is working to raise basic Jewish literacy using entertaining media that speaks to viewers where they are, online. Check out their video, "Shofar Callin': The Rosh Hashanah Song." And a big thanks to Executive Director/Producer Sara Lefton for the use of their artwork in this post.