

Special Guest Speakers these coming High Holidays.



Rosh Hashanah Day, Saturday, 10:30 AM. Gershon Baskin

Yousef Bashir

Our special guest is Yousef Bashir, a Palestinian-American from the Gaza Strip, and the son of Khalil Bashir, a highly respected educator. A senior staff member of the Washington office of the PLO, Mr. Bashir spoke with us two years ago, the day the PLO office was closed in DC and he lost his job. He is now on the staff of the S. Daniel Abraham Center for Middle East Peace, an American non-profit advocacy group that works with leaders and policymakers in the United States and the Middle East to help reach a just and comprehensive peace that will bring an end to the Arab–Israeli conflict.

As a teenager, Yousef, a former Seeds of Peace camper, came to the United States. He earned a BA in International Affairs from Northeastern University and an MA in Co-existence and Conflict from Brandeis University. He is an accomplished author, a vigorous advocate of Israeli-Palestinian peace, and much sought-after public speaker.

Yom Kippur, Monday, September 29, 10:30 AM. Judge Russell Canan

Judge Russell F. Canan was appointed to the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in 1993 by President William Jefferson Clinton. Judge Canan was born in New York City and attended public schools in the area. After graduating from college he worked as a health education worker at which time he assisted in setting up health clinics for migrant farm workers. He obtained his law degree from Antioch School of Law in the District of Columbia. He has served the Chair of the Committee on Wrongful Convictions and, also, as the Chair of the Committee on the Selection and Tenure of Magistrate Judges. Judge Canan has served as an Adjunct Professor at the Antioch School of Law, Georgetown University Law Center, George Washington University Law School, the Washington College of Law at the American University and the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law. He has lectured throughout the country and abroad. Judge Canan is a member of Kehila Chadasha.

5:15 PM. YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON PANEL : LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR...

Elizabeth Yeampierre is an internationally recognized Puerto Rican attorney and environmental and climate justice leader. She is currently Executive Director of [UPROSE](#), Brooklyn's oldest Latino community-based organization, and the co-chair of the [Climate Justice Alliance](#). Born and raised in New York City, and of African and Indigenous ancestry, Yeampierre is a long-time advocate and trailblazer for community organizing around sustainable development, environmental and racial justice, and community-led climate adaptation and resilience.

Judith Ellen Heumann "Judy" is an American disability rights activist. She is recognized internationally as a leader in the disability community. Heumann is a lifelong civil rights advocate for people with disabilities. Her work with governments and non governmental organizations (NGOs), non-profits, and various other disability interest groups, has produced significant contributions since the 1970's to the development of human rights legislation and policies benefiting children and adults with disabilities. Through her work in the World Bank and the State Department, Heumann led the mainstreaming of disability rights into international development. Her contributions extended the international reach of the independent living movement.

Cherie R. Brown is Founder and CEO of the National Coalition Building Institute. Ms. **Brown** has a M.Ed. in Counseling and Consulting Psychology from Harvard University and over the last thirty years has built NCBI into one of the leading diversity training and grassroots leadership organizations worldwide. Her transformative work has taken her to the Middle East, Ireland and Africa. She has led workshops for police departments, Blacks and Jews, clergy groups and students on college campuses. Cherie is a member of Am Kolel.