

Congregation Emanuel observing Day of Atonement

Congregation Emanuel will hold services to observe the holiest days of the Jewish religion. Yom Kippur occurs on the 10th day of Tishri which will be Oct 13th this year.

The prior evening (Oct 12th), the service that begins Yom Kippur is known as Kol Nidre, named for the prayer that begins the service. "Kol nidre" means "all vows". The prayer is repeated 3 times, each time in a louder voice. It emphasizes the importance of keeping vows, as violating an oath is one of the worst sins. "Yom Kippur" means "Day of Atonement." It is a day set

Fall revival is scheduled at Scotts Chapel

Scotts Chapel United Methodist Church, 316 Chambers Street, Statesville, will host its fall revival next week with services on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

The Monday, October 24, service will feature Rev. Frederick Bowman of Burgess Memorial UMC in Rock Hill, S.C.

Tuesday, October 25, Rev. Percival Reeves of Plaza UMC in Charlotte, will speak, followed on Wednesday, October 26, with Rev. Wayne L. Tutt of Mt. Vernon AME Zion in Statesville.

The public is invited.

aside to get in touch with ones' soul, and to atone for the sins of the past year. The 24 hour period of fasting helps to achieve this spiritual state.

The Torah maintains that Yom Kippur is to atone for sins between oneself and G-d. To atone for sins against another person, one must seek reconciliation with that person, personally asking forgiveness and righting the wrongs committed against them if possible.

Viduy, or confession is a very important part of the Yom Kippur service. The confessions serve to help reflect on ones misgivings. Confessing them verbally is part of the formal repentance in asking G-d's forgiveness. Because community and unity are an important part of Jewish life, the confessions are said in the plural (We are guilty).

Special prayers are said for Yiskor, a memorial service for those who have lost parents.

During the concluding service of Neilah, which means locked, a final opportunity for repen-

tance is offered. The doors to the Ark (where the Torah scrolls are stored) remain open until the end of the service for maximum communication between the congregation and G-d. This is also a way of signifying that the gates of Heaven are open at this time. As Yom Kippur ends towards sundown, the service closes with the verse, said 7 times, "The Lord is our G-d." The Shofar (ram's horn) is sounded once and the congregation proclaims - "Next year in Jerusalem." On Yom Kippur the Book of Life is closed and sealed.



Hy and Beverly Silberman change the covers of the Torah Scrolls to holiday white.

Those that have repented for their sins are granted a good and happy New Year.

Yom Kippur services will Scotts Chapel to celebrate 120th year

Scotts Chapel United Methodist Church, 316 Chambers Street, Statesville, will celebrate its 120th anniversary Sunday, October 23. The speaker for the 10 a.m. service will be the pastor, Rev. Mark Clark.

Lunch will be served at 1:30 a.m. and will be followed by a special service at 3 p.m. with Rev. Albert Perkins and choir from Tuckers Grove UMC in Lincolnton.

Rev. Clark and members invite the public to share in the celebration.

be conducted at Congregation Emanuel located on Kelly Street in Statesville by Steve Kerbel, an eminent Jewish educator from Chevy Chase, MD. Inspirational cantorial assistance by Dr. Mitch Siegel of Salisbury, a member of Congregation Emanuel will be appreciated by the congregation. Members Hy and Beverly Silberman of Statesville prepared the sanctuary, changing the drapes on the bimah and torah scroll covers to white, the color of purity, with elaborate embroidery depicting the shofar. A floral arrangement in memory of Faye and David Lester donated by Gene and Saul Gordon will decorate the syna-

gogue.

Congregation Emanuel conducts services meeting the needs of all practices of Judaism, from the conservative to the reformed. All are welcomed. Jewish visitors and newcomers in the area are invited to attend services. There is no charge. Babysitting will be available. You may call Kevin Combs at 704-873-5007 or any member of the congregation. You may also just come and join us.

SCHEDULE OF YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Thursday Oct. 13 9:00am
Yiskor Oct. 13 11:00am
(memorial service)
Neilah Oct. 13 5:15 p.m.

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