

Tashlich---Casting away our sins (mistakes)

Tashlich is a way to symbolically cast off our sins. An environmentally safe way is to throw bird seeds into an open body of water. Or you may use small rocks or pebbles. A smooth rock may symbolize “what are you trying to smooth over in a relationship this year.” A sharp rock may remind you to work on your “sharp edges.” A small rock may show that “every ripple in the water” towards *teshuva* makes a difference. It is traditional to do this after services on Rosh Hashanah. We encourage you to join us for a short and sweet Tashlich service on Sunday, 9/12 @ 4PM Anderson Lake County Park. Meet at the Live Oak Picnic Area. Please note there is a \$6 County Parking fee.

In Leviticus 16 we learn about the “scapegoat.” The High Priest in Jerusalem would symbolically collect the sins of the people and place them on the goat who would be sent away. This is the origin of the term! The ritual of tashlich is another way to symbolically cast off our sins in a free flowing body of water.

It is traditional to recite Hashivenu---We return
While casting off our sins.

Lamentations 5:21

הַשִּׁיבֵנו יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ וְנָשׁוּב [וְנִשְׁוֶבָה] חֲדָשׁ יָמֵינוּ כְּקֵדֶם

Take us back, Adonai, to Yourself, And let us come back; Renew our days as of old!

Hashivenu Adonai Eloheicha v'nashuva chadesh yameinu k'kedem

May you find meaning in the ceremony of Tashlich.

L'Shana tova,

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