

High Holy Days

at Ohavi Zedek

Celebrating the Jewish Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

29 Elul-10 Tishri 5778 / Sept. 20-30, 2017

Memorial Service

At Hebrew Holy Society
Cemetery
Sept. 17, 12:00 pm

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 20

Rosh Hashanah

Sept. 21 + 22

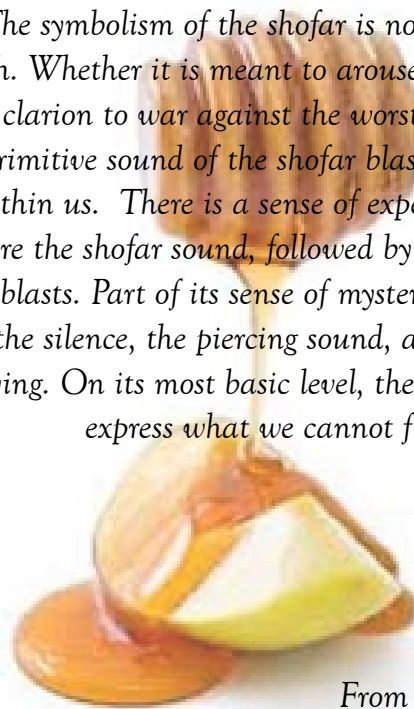
Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)

Sept. 29

Yom Kippur

Sept. 30

“The symbolism of the shofar is not made explicit in the Torah. Whether it is meant to arouse our slumbering souls or as a clarion to war against the worst parts of our natures, the primitive sound of the shofar blast stirs something deep within us. There is a sense of expectation in the silence before the shofar sound, followed by unease evoked by the various blasts. Part of its sense of mystery lies in the interplay of the silence, the piercing sound, and the hum of people praying. On its most basic level, the shofar can be seen to express what we cannot find the words to say.”



*From The Jewish Holidays:
A Guide & Commentary by Michael Strassfield*

Teen Service Break

OZ teen leaders will be hosting an informal chat for all teens, ages 13 and over. The

break will be held during Yizkor on Yom Kippur. (Approximately 11:30 am)

Take a break from services and join your peers for a fun and lively discussion.

Children are welcome to any and all services. However, if you would like childcare (ages 2-9) RSVP on your form the days and times that are needed.

OZ Women's Communal Mikvah

In preparation for the Days of Awe, we will meet in bathing suits on Sept. 17 at 2:00 pm at the home of Judy Danzig (559 West Shore Rd, South Hero) to prepare for the soul searching of the High Holy Days by immersing in the waters of Lake Champlain.

Memorial Service - Sept. 17

There is a tradition for Jews to visit the graves of loved ones as Rosh Hashanah approaches. We will gather at the Hebrew Holy Society Cemetery on Patchen Road on Sept. 17 at 12:00 pm for a brief Memorial Service. At this time, we will bury the contents of the synagogue's *Genizah*: worn sacred books and other materials which, because they have the name of God in them, require such care.

Erev Rosh Hashanah - Sept. 20

Rosh Hashanah - Sept. 21 + 22

On the first night of Rosh Hashanah (after Kiddush) it is customary to dip an apple in honey and say the following:

May it be your will, Hashem, our God and God of all our ancestors, that you renew us for a good sweet year.

Rosh Hashanah by the Lake - Sept. 21

We will meet at The Echo Center on Thursday, Sept. 21, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm for our annual Rosh Hashanah by the Lake program for children and adults of all ages, featuring Jewish storytelling and songs, apples and honey. Hear the Shofar sound! Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tashlich - Sept. 21

Join us on the Boardwalk near the Boathouse for a traditional Tashlich Service of symbolically casting our sins into the water. (You don't need bread, pocket lint will do.) Tashlich starts at 4:30 pm, following Rosh Hashanah by the Lake.

Kol Nidre - Sept. 29

Please join us again this year at the start of Kol Nidre services at 5:30 PM to hear the beautiful melody of the Kol Nidre prayer performed on the cello as services begin, followed immediately by the Kol Nidre Torah and Children's Procession.

Yom Kippur - Sept. 30

Fasting is held in high esteem by many religious traditions and health regimens. In the Jewish tradition, fasting is taken quite seriously. On a major Holy Day like Yom Kippur, those who fast do so because they believe fasting to be good for either the body or the spirit or both. The discomfort that is produced by fasting is thought to have instructional value and is intended to help us reflect on our human frailty (We are forbidden from fasting if our physical well being is endangered by it.)

Ne'ilah Honor

The Myron Samuelson Memorial Ne'ilah Honor is awarded yearly to a member of the congregation in recognition of his or her commitment of time and energy to Ohavi Zedek Synagogue.

Bill Miller, this year's recipient, brought his decades-long experience as Chief Financial Officer of several companies to OZ when he agreed to serve as co-Treasurer in 2016.

Since then, as Treasurer and valued member of the Board of Directors, he has led the effort to restructure the synagogue's accounting system, oversee the budget review process, reduce our deficit, and help strategize about our financial future. In addition to the many hours Bill has invested in his board position, he attends Shabbat services regularly. He and his wife, Sandy Chizinsky, live in South Burlington and are the parents of four adult children.

Children's Service

The following services will be available during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur:

Young Family Service (Ages 0-6)

10:00 - 11:00 am, stories and age-appropriate activities related to the New Year. Located in the Small Sanctuary, and to conclude on the front lawn (weather permitting).

Family Services (Ages 7-12)

10:00 am - 12:00 pm, an age-appropriate opportunity for children to experience prayer, song and the richness of the High Holy Days. The service will be held at Fern Hill. Parents must accompany their children to and from Fern Hill, whether or not they choose to stay at the service.

New Year's Ad

Each year members of the synagogue take out a full page color ad in Seven Days wishing members of the community a sweet new year (see below). To be included, enter your family's name in Section B of the High Holy Days Form **BY SEPT. 5.**

A Prayer for Peace

May we see the day when war and bloodshed cease, when a great peace will embrace the whole world.
Then nation will not threaten nation and humanity will not again know war.
For all who live on Earth shall realize we have not come into being to hate or to destroy.
We have come into being to praise, to labor and to love.
Compassionate God, bless the leaders of all nations with the power of compassion.
Fulfill the promise conveyed in Hebrew Scripture:
*I will bring peace to land ravaged by war. You shall lie down and no one shall terrify you.
Let love and justice flow like a mighty stream. Let peace fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.
And let us say: Amen.*

— from Siddur Sim Shalom

A good & sweet year for us all.

Gene & Sheila Ansoff Seth & Myra Barovick Edward & Bernice Bayer Elizabeth & Richard Bernstein Basha Brody & Martha Abbott Vivien & David Brown Rabbi Joshua, Kathy, Cavan, Zev & Ari Chasan Manny & Alan Chernoff David Coen & Sandy Berbeco Dr. David Coen & Dr. Judy Cohen Anita Cohen & Bill Carli Family Eric & Karen Corbman Frank & Ducky Donath Mr. & Mrs. Murray Edelstein Charles Elowitz & Lynn Lettieri Michael & Diane Engel Dr. Merrill, Irene, Jennifer & Melissa Epstein	Mindy Evvin Joe & Cathy Frank Marvin Glickstein & Barbara Ripa Aaron & Rebecca Goldberg & Family BO Harold M. & Cheryl Goldstein Lillian S. Golwin & Bert Hoffman Robert & Kathy Gordon Kay & Stan Greenberg Raz Grossman & Diane Carminali Paul & Eileen Grosswald Gabe Hartstein David & Judy Hershberg Joy & Julian Jaffe Mike Kanarik & Liz Kleinberg & Family Mark & Judy Kaplan Marc & Ellen Keller Diana & Bret Kernoff Harvey J. Klein & Debra Cohen Klein Jeff & Judy Klein	Dr. Martin Kogelwitz & Family Linda Kopper & Family Arnold Krieger Deborah Kutzko & Beth Mintz Dr. & Mrs. S. Henry Lampert Kim Lash & Family Deb Lashman Annette Lazarus Martin & Barbara LeWinter Lee Lichtenstein & Cynthia Snyder Barbara McGrew Mallory & Marcia Parker David & Holly Ptasnowski & Family Elaine & Allan Paul David & Jane Pearl Rose Pels Rob, Ingrid and Molly Pels Ruth & Sidney Fogar Jeff & Jane Potash	Pomerantz/Kasper Family Alan & Joan Outtner David Rome & Diane Ripa Judy P. Rosenstreich Michael, Leah & Abby Rosenthal The Rubman Family Rabbi Jan Salzman & Loredo Sola Yoram Samets & Linda Keilner Lisa Shapiro & Wayne Serwille The Solomon Family Sherry & Frank Star Mark Stoler & Diane Gabriel Sara Susman & Family Judy Tam & Jeffrey Klein & Family Alexander & Barbara Wilde Rick & Linda Wolfish Martha & Michael Wool and Family And the staff of Ohavi Zedek
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More High Holy Days Information

Please remember, it is synagogue policy that **High Holy Day seats cannot be purchased until unpaid pledges from 2016-2017 are addressed and a membership pledge and payment for 2017-2018 has been received.** If you have any questions/concerns or to set up a payment plan, please contact Tari Cote at tari@ohavizedek.org.

NEW SEAT PRICES AND SEATING MODEL!

We no longer have assigned reserved seats and have moved towards an open seating model. Where you decide to sit each day will be your choice—it will not depend on how much you pay. We ask, however, that you make an honest self-assessment of your family's finances and priorities to pay what you are able in order to ensure that the synagogue is able to support those with fewer available financial resources. Your support and tzedakah is what enables us to welcome all, and we are deeply grateful.

We wish to make it extremely clear that if you feel an emotional connection to the same seats you have sat in traditionally, you may still reserve those seats. Anyone with desire to reserve their seats may do so by indicating on the form and returning it to the office **by September 11th.**

Challah for High Holy Days

It will soon be time to start ordering your challah for High Holy Days. The price is \$6 for a small challah, and \$8 for a large challah. Please email guevark43@comcast.net or call 802.488.0878. Pick up **Sept. 20** and **Sept. 29.**



We Need Ushers

Would you like to help by serving as an usher for a portion of one or more of the High Holy Days services? Please contact Sue Schein (sue_shine2002@yahoo.com) for Rosh Hashanah ushering and Basha Brody (bashavt@comcast.net) to usher during Yom Kippur. Thank you!

High Holy Days Food Drive

Please bring a pound of non-perishable food to the synagogue for distribution to the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf in Burlington. Food may be left in the Library anytime **before Kol Nidre, Sept. 29.** We also make a financial contribution at this time. If it is more convenient, please consider contributing a check made payable to The Chittenden



Emergency Food Shelf. Last year we donated 630 pounds of food and a donation of \$179! Todah rabah! Many thanks!

Healing Service and Selichot - Sept. 16

Torah teaches us we are to care for each other. As we ready ourselves to enter the new year, please join us after Shabbat on Saturday, **September 16** at 8:00 pm, for a service that will honor the healing of body and mind and heart. Through singing, prayer and personal sharing, we will together create sacred space. We carry on the tradition of years past, with a service that is essentially the same as the services we held a few years ago on Sunday afternoons. A short Selichot service will follow the healing service. Come sing and pray and share the spirit of healing which is at the center of our Judaism.

Whom would you like to honor?

In planning for the High Holy Days, your to-do list likely includes buying seats, adding the names of loved ones to the Book of Life, planning for your break-the-fast, and reminding your co-workers when you'll be missing work — not to mention preparing to do teshuvah (repentance) and purchasing High Holy Day honors. Doing what...?

If you haven't ever taken part in this last activity, you may be wondering why you should start now. To help jog your imagination, here are the 10 top reasons why you might want to purchase High Holy Day honors:

1. If you're not for yourself, who will be?
2. What better way to welcome them to Burlington?
3. She does so much, she deserves to be recognized.
4. It's a great gift for the guy who has everything.
5. These are her first High Holidays as a bat mitzvah.
6. These are his first High Holidays as a Jew.
7. There's no sweeter way to make amends.
8. It's an old family tradition — or could become a new one.
9. She's the love of your life.
10. Whatever your particular reason, purchasing High Holy Day honors is a wonderful way to support your synagogue while doing something extra special for someone.

What's your reason?

No one knows better than you — or needs to. Honors include opening and closing the ark, lifting and tying Torah scrolls, having an aliyah and chanting the Haftarah. Costs range from \$50 to \$150. For details or to purchase an honor, call Tari Cote (864-0218, ext. 21).

High Holy Days 5778 / 2017 Service Times

DATE	OCCASION	SERVICE	TIME
Wed., Sept. 6		Spiritual Preparation for the HDDs	6:00 PM
Wed., Sept. 13		Shofar Workshop (for <i>all</i> ages) Spiritual Preparation for the HDDs	5:00 PM 6:00 PM
Sat., Sept. 16	Selichot	Havdalah at Synagogue Selichot Program: <i>Healing Service</i> Selichot Service Havdalah (Home Observance)	7:30 PM 8:00 PM 9:00 PM 7:50 PM
Sun., Sept. 17	Cemetery Prayers Women's Mikvah	Memorial Service at Hebrew Holy Society Cemetery on Patchen Rd. Women's Communal Mikvah at Judy Danzig's home - 559 West Shore Rd, South Hero	12:00 PM 2:00 PM
Wed., Sept. 20	Erev Rosh Hashanah	Mincha/Ma'ariv Candle Lighting Time	6:00 PM 6:34 PM
Thur., Sept. 21	Rosh Hashanah Day 1	Shacharit Rosh Hashanah by the Lake Tashlich Candle Lighting Time	9:00 AM 3:00 PM 4:30 PM 7:41 PM
Fri., Sept. 22	Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Erev Shabbat Shuvah	Shacharit Ma'ariv Candle Lighting Time	9:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:31 PM
Sat., Sept. 23	Shabbat Shuvah	Shacharit Havdalah (Home Observance)	9:00 AM 7:37 PM
Fri., Sept. 29	Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre)	Kol Nidre on Cello Followed by Kol Nidre Service Candle Lighting Time	5:30 PM 6:18 PM
Sat., Sept. 30	Yom Kippur	Shacharit Afternoon Learning: "Ask the Rabbi" Mincha & Ne'ilah Shofar Sounding Havdalah/Break Fast	9:00 AM 2:00 PM 4:30 PM 6:55 PM 7:24 PM
Wed., Oct. 4	Erev Sukkot	Ma'ariv Candle Lighting Time	6:00 PM 6:08 PM
Thur., Oct. 5	Sukkot Day 1	Shacharit Candle Lighting Time	9:00 AM 7:15 PM
Fri., Oct. 6	Sukkot Day 2 Erev Shabbat Chol Ha'Moed	Shacharit Ma'ariv Candle Lighting Time	9:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:05 PM
Sat., Oct. 7	Shabbat Chol Ha'Moed	Shacharit Havdalah (Home Observance)	9:00 AM 7:11 PM
Wed., Oct. 11	Hoshana Rabba Erev Shemini Atzeret	Shacharit Ma'ariv Candle Lighting Time	8:45 AM 6:00 PM 5:56 PM
Thur., Oct. 12	Shemini Atzeret	Shacharit Yizkor after Torah reading Simchat Torah Intergenerational Celebration Candle Lighting Time	9:00 AM 6:15 PM 7:02 PM
Fri., Oct. 13	Simchat Torah	Shacharit & Dancing Candle Lighting Time	9:00 AM 5:52 PM

OZ High Holy Day Form 2017/5778

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE OFFICE BY **SEPT. 11, 2017**

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

Payment Options:

Check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

Please charge my credit card \$ _____

Card # _____ Exp. ____/____

Signature _____

Please bill me. ***I understand I must pay prior to the holiday***

A. High Holy Day Seats (Member Price: \$36-\$125/Non-Member Suggested Donation: \$200)

Seat prices will be at three levels (per person):

'Sustaining' (this level reflects the true amount of High Holiday revenue in budget): \$80

'Supporting' (this level is for those with the generosity and ability to help welcome other families): \$125

'Welcoming' (this level is for families needing financial support to be able to attend): \$36

Total # of Seats _____ X Price per seat \$ _____ = _____

* I/We would like to have the same seats as last year (*Please only reserve if it is important for you to sit in the same seats.*)

B. New Year's Ad - \$25/family (Full page color ad printed in the Seven Days to run Sept. 13)

Please list my/our name(s) in the New Year's Ad as

follows:

C. Lulav & Etrog for Sukkot (\$40 each)

Quantity: _____ X \$40

Families will be contacted for pick up dates and times prior to Sukkot.

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D. Book of Life

\$18 per name

Please print the name of my/our loved ones as they appeared in last year's book.

Please add the names of the following loved ones:

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E. High Holy Day Honors

Opening/Closing the Ark \$50

Hagbah/Gelilah \$125

Having an Aliyah \$100

Chanting the Maftir/Haftarah \$150

Honors may be purchased by any OZ member for friends/family attending services. The Honors Committee will make the ultimate designation on who receives which honor at each service based on preference/availability.

Name(s) of Honoree(s) and Honor(s)

_____	_____
_____	_____

F. Child Care for High Holy Days- for ages 2-9 (free)

Please indicate which service(s) and how many children will be attending, so that we can plan accordingly.

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Wed. Sept. 20 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah, Thur., Sept. 21, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm How many children _____

Rosh Hashanah, Fri., Sept. 22, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Ages of children _____

Kol Nidre, Fri., Sept. 29, 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

****Please supply diapers and wipes if needed***

Yom Kippur, Sat., Sept. 30, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Yom Kippur, Sat., Sept. 30, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

****Children over the age of 10 are the responsibility of the parent. They are not to come in the childcare room unless they are there to help. Thank you for your cooperation.***

Yom Kippur, Sat., Sept. 30 ,4:30 pm - 7:15 pm

Please mail form to: Ohavi Zedek, 188 North Prospect St., Burlington, VT 05401

The High Holidays

A guide to Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and the days in between

Although the High Holidays themselves—the two days of Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (the Day of Atonement) — occupy three days only, they lie within a web of liturgy and customs that extend from the beginning of the preceding Hebrew month of Elul through Yom Kippur. The focus of this entire period is the process of teshuvah, or repentance, whereby a Jew admits to sins, asks for forgiveness, and resolves not to repeat the sins. Recognizing the psychological difficulty of self-examination and personal change, the rabbis instituted a 40-day period whose intensity spirals toward its culmination on Yom Kippur, a day devoted entirely to fasting and repentance.

When Does the High Holidays Season Begin?

The High Holiday period begins on the first day of the Jewish month of Elul. In the Ashkenazi tradition, during this month of soul searching, the shofar, or ram's horn, is blown each morning except on the Sabbath, to call upon listeners to begin the difficult process of repentance. Also in Elul special haftarot—prophetic portions—focusing on consolation acknowledge the vulnerability of an individual grappling with personal change. During the week before Rosh Hashanah, intensity increases as traditional Jews begin reciting selichot, prayers that involve confessing sins and requesting God's forgiveness and help. On the Sabbath before Rosh Hashanah, the selichot are chanted at midnight, rather than their usual early morning hour.

What Are the 10 Days of Repentance?

The culmination of the High Holiday period occurs during the Ten Days of Repentance, which begin on 1 Tishrei with Rosh Hashanah and end with Yom Kippur. During this period, human beings have the chance to tip the scales of divine judgment in their favor through repentance, prayer, and tzedakah (performing righteous deeds and giving money to charitable causes).

Not only is Rosh Hashanah the Jewish New Year, which commemorates God's creation of the world, but also the Day of Judgment, when God remembers and judges all human deeds. Except on Shabbat, services are punctuated with the call of the shofar, which according to Maimonides, is saying, "Awake, you sleepers, from your slumber... examine your deeds, return in repentance, and remember your Creator." Human beings are believed to be in mortal danger at this time, with their lives hinging on the decision to repent. Only those who choose to forego sin are inscribed in the symbolic "book of life" that is a central liturgical image of Rosh Hashanah.

On the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah, the theological bent of the morning services is reinforced in a concrete way during the Tashlikh ceremony, during which individuals symbolically cast away their personal sins by throwing

breadcrumbs into a flowing body of water. This action is accompanied by the recitation of biblical verses that evoke the human capacity for repentance and the beneficence of Divine forgiveness through the metaphor of casting sins into depths of the waters.

What is Shabbat Shuvah, and What Happens on Yom Kippur?

The Sabbath between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is called Shabbat Shuvah, the Sabbath of Return, or Repentance, after a verse from the haftarah declaring "Return O Israel to the Lord, your God" (Hosea 14:2).

The transition to Yom Kippur begins in the hours preceding the evening onset of the festival with the recitation of the first vidui, or communal confession of sins, at the afternoon service. Some Jews choose to go to the mikveh, or ritual bath, to purify themselves before the holiday. The striving toward inner purity is also reflected in the white outfits traditional for the day. In traditional congregations, men will don a white robe called a kittel over their holiday clothes. In some liberal congregation, both men and women might choose to wear white garments to symbolize this quest for spiritual purity.

Within the Ten Days of Repentance, Yom Kippur is the pinnacle of intensity, moving toward the decisive moment at its close when God is imagined as sealing the books of fasting life and death. The day's total focus on spiritual concerns is exemplified by fasting and abstaining from everyday activities such as bathing, sexual relations, and the wearing of leather shoes.

The liturgical day of Yom Kippur, known as the Sabbath of Sabbaths, begins with the Kol Nidre service immediately prior to sunset. The heartrending poems and prayers of the Machzor, the prayer book used for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, which express the themes of repentance, human frailty, and humility before God, combine with the nusach, or musical style of the service, to express the momentousness of the day.

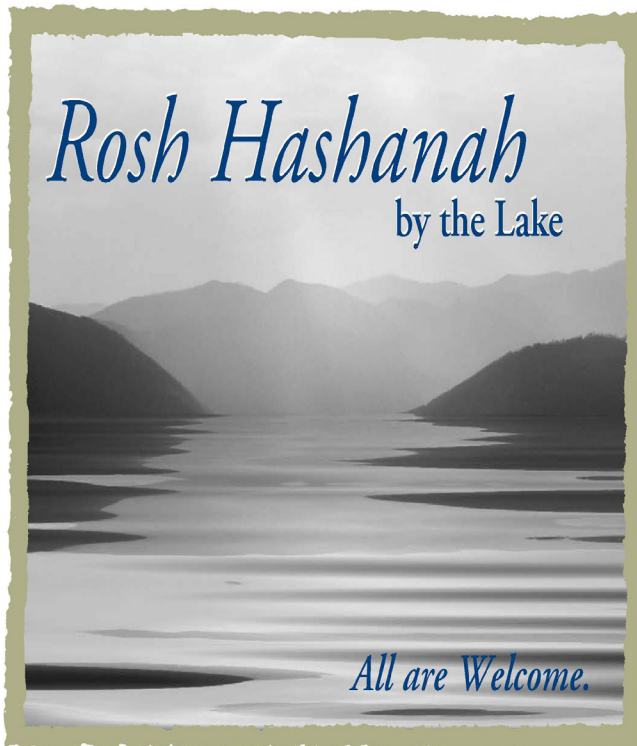
Liturgical elements that distinguish the Yom Kippur services include a recounting of the Temple service on Yom Kippur, a description of the suffering of rabbis martyred by the Romans, and the reading of the Book of Jonah. The day closes with the Neilah service, during which penitents pray before the open ark, with one last chance to repent before the book of life is sealed. The very name of the service, Neilah (locking) refers to the imagery that the gates of repentance, open during the High Holidays, are now shutting. A lengthy sounding of the shofar, called a tekiah gedolah, releases the Jew back into the realm of the everyday bolstered by a final echo of the call to repentance.

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