

# Temple Israel Reform Congregation of Staten Island

*315 Forest Avenue • Staten Island NY 10301*



**Saturday September 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

*An evening of learning, music and prayer*

The Selichot Service prepares us for the Days of Awe 5785  
from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur

This year's program is:

## *Why Do We Vidui?*

*Have you ever wondered why we spend so much time over the High Holy Days confessing our shortcomings? This Selichot, we will address why our services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur include so much confession (vidui in Hebrew), sometimes to sins we never even imagined until we read in the prayerbook. Did the people who came up with this liturgy really imagine human beings were so evil? What do we learn as a community from confessing to so many sins? If some are guilty, are we all responsible? This year's discussion on Selichot will address all these questions and more! This year, Selichot falls on the evening of Saturday, September 28th and we hope to see you there for a discussion about why we vidui, followed by a Selichot service that formally begins the High Holy season for the year 5785.*

**Join Rabbi Michael Howald and Cantor Suzanne Bernstein**

*The Selichot Service, which traditionally takes place on a Saturday evening before Rosh Hashanah, helps put us in a reflective state of mind for the Days of Awe to come*

- 7:00 PM Light Refreshments and Havdalah Service
- 7:30 PM Program and Discussion
- 9:00 PM Selichot Service

*All are welcome to attend*  
**Temple Israel Ritual Committee**