

The High Holidays are a time for reflecting on who we have been, who we are, and who might we be. It is a time to ask the question, “How are we doing?” How are we doing as individuals? How are we doing as a community? And how is the American Jewish community doing?

## ***Selichot***

**Saturday, September 16, 7 pm**

We are excited that columnist and observer of Jewish life, Dr. Mark Oppenheimer, will be joining us for a special pre-Selichot presentation and discussion as he shares his critical yet hopeful perspective on American Jewry today:

## **The Jews: America's Least Successful Religion, Except All the Others Special Guest Speaker Dr. Mark Oppenheimer**



Mark Oppenheimer, Ph.D., is a lecturer in English at Yale University. He is a national columnist for *The Los Angeles Times* and the former religion columnist for *The New York Times*. He also writes for *The New York Times Magazine*, and he hosts the podcast *Unorthodox*, produced by *Tablet* magazine. He has been a visiting professor at Stanford, Wesleyan, NYU, Wellesley, and Boston College. His books include *Thirteen and a Day: The Bar and Bat Mitzvah Across America* (2005), about crashing bar and bat mitzvahs from Arkansas to Alaska.

Following Mark’s presentation, we’ll share *Havdalah*, dress our *Torahs* in their white High Holiday covers, and prepare for the spiritual journey of the High Holidays.

