

# Who by fire? Prepare for the High Holidays with the Songs and Poetry of Leonard Cohen

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During Covid-times I have found myself turning time and again to the music and poetry of Leonard Cohen's later career (from 1984) in order to articulate what is happening in the current moment using Jewish imagery.

I invite you to deepen into your High Holidays preparation through a deep study of selected songs and poems of Leonard Cohen alongside the high holiday liturgical moments that may have inspired them.

## 1 Saturday 28 August, 21:00 - 23:00

### 'Let the heavens hear it: the penitential hymn': Selichot in Leonard Cohen

On the night of Selichot we will explore the poetic form of 'selichot' - 'penitential hymns' - a major part of our liturgy for the High Holidays. Through a comparative study of selichot in the siddur and the Cohen song book we will consider and prepare to ask that we be forgiven.

## 2 Thursday 9 September, 20:15 - 21:30

### 'A lazy bastard living in a suit': Teshuvah in Leonard Cohen

We will bring the seasonal focus on 'Teshuvah' into dialogue with Cohen's preoccupation with 'healing' and 'grace' and consider how his ideas can guide us as we prepare for Yom Kippur.

## 3 Thursday 16 September, 9:45 - 11:00

### 'If it be your will': Prayer in Leonard Cohen

In the final session we will consider prayer itself and Cohen's suggestion of what it might point to as a possibility for the relationship between the ego-self and the soul(God)-self.



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