



Temple Israel

An Engaging, Diverse Jewish Community
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

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Dear Friends,

In many ways our High Holidays are a kind of homecoming. We return once again to our spiritual roots, to familiar melodies and stories, to our community. Whether you are new to this community or have been here a lifetime, I say to you, "welcome home."

Our season begins with a special interfaith Selichot gathering on the evening of September 17 at the African Burying Ground, outdoors in downtown Portsmouth. The theme for this gathering is: Encountering the Divine Image. Offerings of prayer, poetry, music, and Selichot liturgy will address the spiritual aspiration to recognize the Divine Image in every human being.

High Holidays begin in our sanctuary with Rosh Hashanah on the eve of September 25. This year we are delighted to offer greater access to in-person and zoom High Holiday services. In addition to our regular indoor services we will once again offer outdoor Tashlikh ceremonies with shofar blowing in three locations on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. There are many ways to connect. We welcome you to join us in any way that feels comfortable.

Please find enclosed the following documents to assist you in your planning:

- a detailed schedule of High Holiday events, both virtual and in-person
- our admittance policy, aimed at keeping us all as healthy and safe as possible
- parking instructions, including options for those with limited mobility
- a form non-members can use to donate toward and register for High Holiday services

Our cantorial soloist Kochava Munro and I very much look forward to singing and celebrating this new year with you.

With blessings for a sweet new year- *l'shanah tovah u'metukah!*

Rabba Kaya

HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- All High Holiday services in the Sanctuary will be led by Rabba Kaya Stern-Kaufman and cantorial soloist Kochava Munro.
- The Family Services will be held in the Social Hall, and are geared for grades 1-5
- A preschool story time will be held in the chapel, for ages 2-5
- To register for Zoom High Holiday services, go to the High Holiday section of the temple website. Once registered, you will receive a confirmation email with a Zoom link that will be used for all High Holiday services, and a link to the digital mahzor. The weekly bulletin will also have this link.
- To register for in-person events, please use links provided by the office.

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Sunday, Sept.11	11:00 am	Pine Hill Cemetery memorial service	Pine Hill (Dover)
Sunday, Sept. 11	12:00 pm	Forest Glad Cemetery memorial service	Forest Glade (Somersworth)
Saturday, Sept. 17	7:00 pm	Selichot Interfaith Gathering	African Burying Ground (Chestnut St)
Sunday, Sept. 18	1:00 pm	TI Cemetery memorial service	Banfield Road, Portsmouth
Wednesday, Sept. 21	4:00 pm	Card-making event	Shmoozatorium
Ongoing	Between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, bring food donations to the State Street Lobby	Food drive	TIP State Street Lobby
ROSH HASHANAH 1			
Sunday, Sept. 25	7:00 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah service	Sanctuary & Zoom
Monday, Sept. 26	9:00 am – 10:20 am	Rosh Hashanah Day 1 morning service	Sanctuary & Zoom
	10:25 am – 11:10 am	Torah service	Sanctuary & Zoom
	11:10 am – 12:15 pm	Sermon, shofar and Musaf	Sanctuary & Zoom
	1:00 pm	Tashlich	Prescott Park, Portsmouth
	3:30 pm	Tashlich	Henry Law Park, Dover
	3:30 pm	Tashlich	Swasey Park Boat Launch, Exeter
Family Events	9:30 am – 10:00 am	Preschool story time	Chapel
	10:15 am – 11:15 am	Family service	Social Hall

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
ROSH HASHANAH 2			
Tuesday, Sept. 27	9:00 am – 10:30 am	Rosh Hashanah Day 2 morning service	Sanctuary & Zoom
	10:30 am – 11:10 am	Torah service	Sanctuary & Zoom
	11:10 am – 12:15 pm	Sermon, shofar, and Musaf	Sanctuary & Zoom
YOM KIPPUR			
Tuesday, Oct. 4	6:00 pm – 7:45 pm	Kol Nidre service	Sanctuary & Zoom
Wednesday, Oct. 5	9:00 am – 10:35 am	Yom Kippur morning service	Sanctuary & Zoom
	10:40 am – 11:30 am	Torah service	Sanctuary & Zoom
	11:35 am – 11:50 am	Sermon	Sanctuary & Zoom
	11:50 am – 12:30 pm	Yizkor and abbreviated Musaf	Sanctuary & Zoom
	4:45 pm – 5:45 pm	Afternoon service (Jonah)	Sanctuary & Zoom
	6:00 pm – 6:59 pm	Neilah service and final shofar blast	Sanctuary & Zoom
	7:10 pm	Break the Fast	Social Hall
Family Events	9:30 am – 10:00 am	Preschool story time	Chapel
	10:15 am – 11:15 am	Family service	Social Hall

ADMITTANCE POLICY FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Temple Israel welcomes everyone in the Jewish community to participate in services and events. No one will be turned away.

Members: Pre-registration and a negative Covid test are required to attend services. To ensure that we can accommodate all who wish to attend, please pre-register by either contacting the office or signing up through the temple website. We will have open seating. We ask everyone attending High Holiday services to verify negative Covid status by taking a rapid Covid self-test within 12 hours of the holiday. Anyone experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms should participate remotely. Please contact the office if you need help accessing a Covid test kit; we have some available.

Non-members: Members' children age 21 and over (unless college students or active duty military), next of kin of members, guests of members, and non-members **DO** need to obtain guest tickets for Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur services. To obtain guest tickets, return the attached form to the temple office with an appropriate donation by **September 19**.

Please read this holiday packet carefully for information on tickets and service times.

- **Registration is required for members as well as non-members.**
- **Non-member tickets are required.**
- **Bags and backpacks may be subject to examination.**
- **All who can should access the sanctuary through the State Street upper entrance.**
- **The Court Street door is for handicapped access only.**
- **Leave all food pantry donations in the State Street lobby.**

Ushers can assist families in finding seats once services are under way. Please wait until the congregation is seated to enter or leave the sanctuary and try to avoid walking directly in front of the *bimah*.

If you must leave the sanctuary during services, please use the State Street doors (or the elevator), NOT the two doors on either side of the *bimah*.

WELCOMING FAMILIES

Temple Israel welcomes families with children at all of our services. Some toys and books are located in brightly colored bags in the rear of the sanctuary for children's use. We will also offer free childcare and snacks in our Early Learning Center for children ages 1 - 7 during morning services (approximately 9:00 am – 1:00 pm) on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Registration for childcare (to help us plan for babysitters) is included in the online ticket reservation form or by contacting the office.

High Holiday family services for parents with children grades 1 - 5 will be held in the Social Hall at 10:15 am on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on the morning of Yom Kippur. A special story time for preschoolers will also be offered in the Chapel on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on the morning of Yom Kippur at 9:30 am.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY TZEDAKAH DRIVE

We will dedicate our annual Erev Yom Kippur charity collection to Seacoast Family Promise (an organization serving families with children experiencing homelessness). Items may be left in the **SANCTUARY LOBBY (State Street)** collection boxes between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Items needed: Skippy or Jiff peanut butter, grape and strawberry jam/jelly, canned tuna, individually wrapped snacks such as cookies, Cheese-its, Fig Newtons, fruit gummies, Goldfish, etc., pasta and pasta sauce, boxed mac & cheese, boxes of rice (NOT huge packages), pancake syrup and/or pancake mix, Special K cereal and/or Honey Nut Cheerios, coffee filters, liquid dish soap, **liquid** laundry detergent: *please no pods*. **NO canned veggies**

Please check the expiration dates on food items before donating!

COVID-19 PROCEDURES

Our procedures are based upon levels of Covid transmission reported by the CDC for Rockingham County at the time of the holiday.

- Please self-test within 12 hours of the holiday to ensure that you are Covid-negative.
- Anyone experiencing cold or flu symptoms should remain at home. Zoom access is available for all services.
- **Green status:** Masks are optional.
- **Yellow status:** Masks are required on TIP property and throughout services, with the exception of those speaking or reading from the bimah. Masks may be removed while eating during the Break the Fast.
- **Orange status:** Masks are required on TIP property and throughout services, with the exception of those speaking or reading from the bimah. Socially distanced seating will be available for family groups. Break the Fast will not be held in the building but may occur on a take-out basis.
- Hand sanitizer will be available and may be used by anyone going up on the Bimah.

PARKING TIPS AND INFORMATION

Parking is very limited in the Temple Israel area. Temple Israel parking will be reserved for those with limited mobility, who can request a parking pass from the office for the holidays. We recommend that anyone who is able to walk should consider the **public** parking areas near the South Mill Pond, the High-Hanover Parking Garage, or the Foundry Parking Garage. These are your best options.

If you park near the temple (ON COURT ST. and STATE ST. ONLY) and get a parking ticket (FOR AN **EXPIRED** TICKET ONLY), turn it in to the Temple Office by Friday, October 7, with your name, for a waiver.

- This waiver applies only to **EXPIRED** tickets, only for a **LEGAL** parking space in this area, and only on Rosh Hashanah days 1 & 2 and Yom Kippur. Any exceptions to this mean that **you** pay the ticket.
- This waiver does not apply to Sukkot or Simchat Torah. Any tickets received outside of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will be your responsibility.
- **Parking tickets MUST be turned in to the office by Friday, October 7, or you will be responsible for the payment. Remember to write your name on the ticket envelope.**

HIGH HOLIDAY TICKET INFORMATION

TICKETS: Membership entitles family members to two seats and single members to one seat at the High Holiday services. Additional seats are available for guests with a suggested donation. All suggested donations are per person, per holiday. DEPENDENT CHILDREN UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE, ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS OR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY WITH CURRENT ID DO NOT NEED A TICKET. The donation is PER HOLIDAY: Rosh Hashanah (both days) is one holiday, Yom Kippur including Kol Nidre is the other.

CATEGORY	Suggested Donation (per person)
DEPENDENT CHILDREN (under 21 years of age) of a member <u>COLLEGE STUDENTS, ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY</u>	No fee
1. GUEST OF A MEMBER	\$36/pp each holiday
2. NOT YET A MEMBER/VISITOR	\$60/pp each holiday
4. Zoom Pass (access to High Holiday services for non-members)	\$36 for all holidays

Any non-member at Temple Israel High Holiday services who wishes may apply their High Holiday donation toward 2022-2023 membership.

HIGH HOLIDAY SEAT RESERVATION FORM for guests & visitors

Please return this form by September 19 with full payment. Or complete the online version to pay via credit card.

Circle all services attending: Rosh Hashanah: Day 1/Day 2/ Yom Kippur: Kol Nidre/Day

1. GUEST OF MEMBER (\$36 per person/holiday)

2. NOT YET A MEMBER/VISITOR (\$60 per person/holiday)

3. ZOOM PASS (\$36 per screen, all holidays): _____

4. BREAK THE FAST MEAL (no charge; donations welcome): number of attendees: _____

5. LULAV / ETROG Set (\$45): _____

ENCLOSED IS A CHECK TO **TEMPLE ISRAEL** FOR TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

Please note: no physical tickets are issued. Your name will appear on the guest list in the foyer.