



## HIGH HOLIDAYS 2023/5784

### High Holidays FAQ

#### When are the High Holidays in 2023?

Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset on Friday, September 15, and ends at nightfall on Sunday, September 1.

Yom Kippur begins at sunset on Sunday, September 24, and ends at nightfall (7:18pm) on Monday, September 25.

#### What time do services start?

Erev Rosh Hashanah: 7 pm 9/15

Rosh Hashanah Day 1: 9 am 9/16

Rosh Hashanah Day 2: 9 am 9/17

Tashlich: 1 pm (Prescott Park, Portsmouth), 3:30 pm (Swasey Park, Exeter AND Henry Law Park, Dover) 9/17

Kol Nidre: 6 pm 9/24 (access may be limited after services start, so plan to arrive early)

Yom Kippur morning: 9 am, 9/25

Yom Kippur Mincha/Neilah: 4:45 pm 9/25

Final Shofar blast: 7:18 pm 9/25

Community Break-the-Fast: 7:30 pm 9/25

#### Do I need tickets to attend High Holiday services at Temple Israel?

Temple Israel requires registration by all attendees at High Holiday services. You can register online at <https://www.templeisraelnh.org/pray/holidays/high-holidays-2023/> or by emailing [templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:templeoffice@templeisraelnh.org).

#### Is there a fee to attend High Holiday services?

**Members:** Family/couple member households are entitled to two adult seats and single members to one adult seat at High Holiday services.

**Children under age 21, current college students, and active duty military are welcome with no expected donation.**

**Guests/Non-Members:** Guests of Temple Israel congregants are invited with a suggested donation of \$36 per holiday. The suggested donation for visitors and other non-members is \$60 per holiday per person or \$90 per family per holiday.

All donations are deeply appreciated, but inability to donate is not a bar to attendance. All are welcome at our services. High Holiday services are underwritten by the membership of Temple Israel and by a grant from Temple Israel's Cultural Endowment Fund.



### **What are your rules around masking?**

At this time we do not require masks. However, masks are available for those who wish to wear them. If you are unwell, we ask that you stay home and participate remotely.

### **How do I participate remotely?**

You can access our main services via Zoom on a phone, tablet, or computer. Pre-registration is required. All registrants (including those who register for in-person attendance) will receive a Zoom link. The suggested donation for a Zoom Pass (access to all High Holiday services) for non members is \$36 for all holidays.

### **What is the deadline to sign up for services?**

The deadline for reservations is **Friday, September 8**.

### **Where are services held?**

High Holiday seating for the main service is in our historic Sanctuary (200 State Street, Portsmouth, NH). Youth services (grades 1-5) are held in our social hall. All indoor services are also available via Zoom, with the link sent out to all who register. Access the main sanctuary and social hall through the doors to the far left on State Street. Those with limited mobility may enter through the Court Street doors.

### **Will there be security?**

We take security very seriously and are following a security plan developed by our Security Committee in conjunction with Portsmouth Police and national advisory groups. Large bags and backpacks are not permitted in the building, and all attendees must register in advance.

### **Can my children attend High Holiday services?**

Children are welcome in our sanctuary. "Busy bags" and children's books are located in the rear lefthand corner of the sanctuary. The Temple library also offers a place for quiet play if children need a break during services. Babysitting is available in the preschool classroom for children ages 2-5 (pre-registration required).

### **What about children's services?**

Youth Services for children in grades 1-5 will be held in the social hall during each of the High Holidays. Parents should accompany children in grades 1 or preschool. Service times are: Rosh Hashanah day 1, 10:15 am; Rosh Hashanah day 2, 10:45 am; Yom Kippur, 10:15 am.



### **Where can I park for services?**

Temple Israel on-site parking will be reserved for those with limited mobility, who should request a parking pass from the office for the holidays. 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, all within a 15-minute walk of Temple Israel. Some parking is also available at Strawberry Banke, which has generously allowed us to park there for High Holidays.

Please note: On-street metered parking has a two-hour limit, which is strictly enforced, and (unlike in recent years, when we had a forgiveness plan with the city) **any tickets issued will be your responsibility.**

### **What if I need a ride to services?**

Please notify the Temple office in advance if you need a ride for any of the High Holiday services. We will try to match you with someone who can drive you to and from the Temple.

### **What accommodations do you have for handicapped access?**

Our Court Street entrance is accessible by a ramp, and the main sanctuary can be reached using an elevator near the Court Street lobby. The on-site parking is reserved for those with limited mobility, who can request a parking pass from the office in advance of the holidays.

### **When can I hear the shofar?**

This year, shofar will be blown during morning services on the **second day of Rosh Hashanah** (September 17), sometime after 11 am. We will also blow shofar during Tashlich on September 17 on the pier in Portsmouth's Prescott Park at 1 pm and in Exeter's Swasey Parkway at the boat launch at 3:30 pm. The final shofar blast of the holidays will be at the end of Neilah (7:18 pm) on Yom Kippur (September 25).

### **Is a Break-the-Fast meal available?**

Temple Israel will host a kosher dairy/pareve Break-the-Fast meal following Mincha/Neilah on September 25 at about 7:30 pm. Separate registration is required; please go here to register.

### **Can I volunteer to help at High Holiday services?**

Volunteers are needed to serve as greeters and ushers at in-person services and family services. Please email [VPRitual@templeisraelnh.org](mailto:VPRitual@templeisraelnh.org) if you are interested in volunteering.

For more information or to register for High Holidays, visit <https://www.templeisraelnh.org/pray/holidays/high-holidays-2023/>.