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HIGH HOLIDAYS SCHEDULE, REGISTRATION, AND INFORMATION

SCHEDULE

Selichot and Havdalah

Saturday, September 28

Selichot and Havdalah service, 7:30pm-8:30pm, Zoom

Sunday, September 29

"Colors and Chords" Concert with A Place To Be, 2:00pm, at A Place to Be (1600 Village Market Blvd SE #108, Leesburg)

Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, October 2

Services, 6:30pm, Zoom and in-person, main sanctuary

Rosh Hashanah Day 1

Thursday, October 3

- Services, 9:30am, Zoom and in-person, main sanctuary
- Teen High Holidays program for 8th-12th graders, 11:00am-12:00pm, in-person, religious school pod
- Community Box Lunch from Moti's Market, by pre-purchase only (see link for registration form below) 12:45pm (\$18/box for members; \$21 for non-members)
- Shofar, So Good! casual, interactive service, 1:30pm, main sanctuary, Zoom and in-person

Rosh Hashanah Day 2

Friday, October 4

- Services, 9:30am, Zoom and in-person, main sanctuary
- Shabbat services, 6:30pm, Zoom only, main sanctuary

Saturday, October 5

- Shabbat services, 9:30am, Zoom and in-person, main sanctuary

Sunday, October 6

Community Tashlich Program (offsite; location TBA)

RUJEC High Holiday Program

Friday, October 11

Program, 11:30am, in-person, school. This program is intended for RUJEC families. For further information, please contact RUJEC at 703-737-0686.

Yom Kippur

Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei)

Friday, October 11

Kol Nidrei service, 6:30pm, Zoom and in person, main sanctuary

Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 12

- Yom Kippur service, 9:30am, Zoom and in-person, main sanctuary
- Yizkor service to begin approximately 11:30am
- Youth program, 10:30am-11:30am, in-person only, social hall
- Teen program, 11:30am-12:30pm, in-person only, religious school pod
- Guided meditation, 4:45pm, in-person only, chapel
- Mincha 5:15pm, Zoom and in-person, main sanctuary
- Ne'ilah, 6:00pm - end of holiday ~ 7:15pm, Zoom and in-person, main sanctuary
- Community Break-Fast meal (by RSVP; see link for registration form below)

REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

REGISTRATION FORM

Please fill out our [High Holidays Registration and Volunteer form](#) to help us plan our programs. Forms should be filled out by **Wednesday, September 18, 2024** including any information for the items listed below and to sign up for volunteer opportunities.

To pay for any options noted (non-member reservations, box lunches, Break-Fast, Book of Remembrance, Machzor dedications) or make a general donation, there are several options available. Checks may be mailed to CSS, P.O. Box 4518, Leesburg, VA 20177. To pay by Paypal, go to <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/shaareshalom>. Venmo payments may be made to @congregation-shaare-shalom. If paying by check, PayPal, or Venmo, please note "High Holidays" and any other detail in the memo.

RESERVATIONS / TICKETS

Non-member reservations are \$180.00 for an adult or \$360.00 for a family. Current RUJEC non-member families are entitled to a discounted rate of \$306.00 per family. For High Holiday reservations, a family may include parents attending with children 26 years and under. Children 27 and over are considered adults. As part of our continuing efforts to be "green" we will not be mailing tickets. Non-members will be emailed confirmation upon receipt of registration. All members and registered non-members will be admitted for services by showing their photo ID at the greeters table.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

Please be mindful of your wellbeing and the wellbeing of others. Masks are optional in the building, but encouraged based on your comfort level. Do not attend in-person services and events if you are ill. Most of our services have Zoom options available.

For building security, law enforcement will be on site during our services and programs.

SERVICE ATTENDANCE RECOMMENDATIONS BY AGE

Service	Content Geared Towards	Ages Welcome
Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 - Main Service - AM	Adults & Families*	All
Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 - Teen Program - AM	8th-12th Graders	8th-12th Graders ONLY
Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 - Shofar, So Good! Service - PM	Preschool - 4th Grade Students with their Families	All
Rosh Hashanah - Day 2 - Main Service	Adults & Families*	All
Community Tashlich (offsite)	All Ages	All
Yom Kippur - Main Service	Adults & Families*	All
Yom Kippur - Youth Service	Kindergarten - 7th Grade Students	All
Yom Kippur - Teen Program	8th-12th Graders	8th-12th Graders ONLY

* Services not specifically geared towards children will have supplemental activities for children to use while in attendance. Additionally, the chapel behind the sanctuary is always open and stocked with books and toys for anyone needing a break. Parents are asked to accompany their children when visiting the chapel.

CHILDCARE

We will not be providing childcare, but children are welcome to join us in any of our services, either in the main sanctuary or the adjacent chapel. The service in the sanctuary can be seen and heard clearly from inside the chapel. Parents, please discuss with your children what constitutes appropriate synagogue behavior and emphasize the need to respect those who are praying. In keeping with traditional observance of the holidays, please bring toys, books, or games that do not make noise or involve writing or coloring. Please, no electronic devices of any kind. If your child needs a special snack, please provide this, too (must be dairy or pareve, free of peanuts and tree nuts, and made in a nut-free facility). Snacks may be eaten in our administrative pod.

PARKING

Parking will be available in the synagogue parking lots. Overflow parking is available at Heritage High School's parking lot in the spaces closest to Evergreen Mills Road. Several handicapped spaces will be reserved in front of the building. Please be considerate and do not obstruct the cars of other congregants. Law enforcement will assist with street crossings.

Want a reserved parking space for all of the High Holidays? Bid in our auction for the Rabbi's parking space! The auction begins on August 26 and ends September 23. For more information, visit <https://www.32auctions.com/CSSParking2024>

ACCOMMODATIONS

Please be mindful of seating that is reserved for those in need of accommodations. If you anticipate needing accommodations or have questions about physical access, please let us know on the registration form or contact Beth Long, House Chair, at house_chair@shaare-shalom.org.

BOX LUNCH - FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH

Join us for a community lunch with box lunches from Moti's Market in Rockville, MD. Each box includes a sandwich, coleslaw, bagged chips, pickle, condiments, honey cake, and an apple. We will have tables set up inside and outside. Please note your sandwich orders on the registration form. The cost per box is \$18 for members and \$21 for non-members.

BREAKING THE FAST

Gather for a Break-Fast meal with our community at the end of Yom Kippur. The menu will include bagels, cream cheese, lox, drinks, fruit, and dessert. Cost for members is \$18 per adult age 13 and over, \$12 for children age 5-12, and free for children under 5. The non-member pricing is \$21 per adult age 13 and over, \$15 for children age 5-12, and \$3 for children under 5. Please sign up using the registration form.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In conjunction with *Yom Kippur* and *Yizkor*, our congregation prepares a digital *Book of Remembrance* dedicated to departed loved ones. If you would like to have someone remembered in this listing, please complete the appropriate section on the registration form. **Suggested donation is \$36 per slide** (roughly up to ten names fit per slide depending on any other text or pictures provided).

HIGH HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERING AND PARTICIPATING

It takes a village, or in this case, a congregation to help make the High Holidays a success. Please consider participating in services, volunteering your time, or asking your teen to volunteer to receive service hours. On the registration form there are several opportunities listed. Please indicate how you would like to help and a member of the Board will be in touch with you.

DONATION DRIVES

Our custom at Congregation Sha'are Shalom is to do *tikkun olam* (repairing the world) projects during the High Holidays. **We ask congregants to bring non-perishable food items during both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and place them in the drop-off box located inside near the entrance.** The items will be distributed to Loudoun Hunger Relief in the name of Congregation Sha'are Shalom.

We will also be making winter comfort kits for Mobile Hope during the Shofar, So Good service on Rosh Hashanah. Donations will be collected beginning Tuesday, September 3 in the synagogue lobby for items such as hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, hand warmers, chapstick, socks, hot cocoa or tea, and canned soup.

SPONSORSHIPS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Traditionally, during the High Holidays, Congregation Sha'are Shalom appeals for support. Member dues do not cover all of our expenses. We are grateful for any additional donations from members and guests. We also have opportunities for sponsorships for additional High Holiday needs.

DEDICATION OF MACHZOR (High Holy Day Prayer Book)

Machzors can be purchased for individual use or for donation to the congregation. Any machzor purchased can also be dedicated in honor or in memory of a loved one. If you would like to purchase a machzor, please note whether it is for donation or not. Also, if it is in honor or memory of someone, please provide the specific dedication wording you would like. Please complete the appropriate section on the registration form. **The suggested donation is \$36 per dedication.**

SUKKOT - SHEMINI ATZERET - SIMCHAT TORAH

More information about services for Sukkot (October 16-23), Shemini Atzeret (October 23-24), and Simchat Torah (October 24-25) will be coming soon. If you would like to purchase a lulav and etrog for Sukkot, please go to www.hadaretrogim.com. Deadline for purchases is **Monday, September 30, 2024.**

Whether in person or online, we are looking forward to gathering together to worship and bring in the sweetness of the new year. Please remember to fill out the [High Holidays Registration and Volunteer form](#) by **Wednesday, September 18, 2024**. For more information, please visit our website www.shaareshalomleesburg.org or call us at 703-737-6500.

Shanah tovah!

Congregation Sha'are Shalom