

DOWNTOWN SYNAGOGUE HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where are services being held this year? High Holiday services are being held this year at the Bethel Community Transformation Center (BCTC), the old Temple Beth El, located at 8801 Woodward in Detroit, approximately one mile north of Grand Blvd.

Do I need tickets? We don't require tickets, but in order to better accommodate you, we kindly ask you to RSVP at tinyurl.com/2017HHD.

Is there a cost? No. Our services are free and open to all and we welcome your attendance. Donations are appreciated.

Who will be leading services? Rabbi Ariana Silverman will be leading with Dr. Martin Herman, *Shaliach Tzibur* Robert Orenstein, and our Synagogue community. We warmly invite and encourage you to participate actively in the services.

How can I actively participate in a service? If you are interested in participating or learning more, please contact Rabbi Silverman at rabbi@downtownsynagogue.org.

Are children invited? Absolutely. Children are welcome at services. If your perfectly behaved child has an uncharacteristic crying spell, there is a designated child-friendly "quiet room." We will also have a short family service with songs and shofar blowing, followed by snacks, at 5:30pm on Thursday, September 21, the first day of Rosh Hashanah, from 5:30 – 6:00 pm.

Is BCTC accessible to people with disabilities? Yes. Services are on the first floor, there is a ramp at the entrance, and there is a restroom on the first floor.

Is there parking nearby? Yes. There are two parking lots directly behind and across the street from BCTC, located off of Gladstone, both of which will be staffed by volunteers.

Will there be air conditioning? Yes. We are bringing in mobile air.

Where are the bathrooms? Bathrooms are located on the first floor and in the basement area.

What is *Tashlikh* and when is it? *Tashlikh* is an outdoor service with a symbolic casting of sins (bread) into a body of water. It is a Jewish custom reflecting one's ability to learn from and move beyond one's sins. They will take place after services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah at the Milliken State Park located at 1900 Atwater St in Detroit on the Riverfront. We will provide the bread.

Do you provide prayer books? Yes. We have *machzorim* that are available to use during our services.