



High Holy Days Information



2025~5786



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Dear Friends,

As the High Holy Days draw near, I want to take a moment — on behalf of our Board of Trustees — to wish you and your loved ones a Shanah Tovah U'Metukah, a sweet, healthy, and meaningful new year.

This sacred season gives us the opportunity to pause, reflect, and reconnect — with our values, our traditions, and one another. As we look back on the past year, we do so with both humility and gratitude for the strength and warmth of this community. We've navigated challenges, celebrated milestones, and supported one another in ways large and small. That's the heart of who we are.

As we prepare to enter 5786, we are also looking ahead with hope and purpose. Your presence —whether in person, online, or in spirit — strengthens the fabric of our congregation. And your generosity ensures that we can continue offering inspiring services, enriching programs, and compassionate support for all who turn to us.

The High Holidays are a time when we traditionally engage in **tzedakah** — acts of justice and giving. I invite you to consider making a donation to support our work in the year ahead. Every contribution, no matter the amount, helps sustain our mission and keeps our doors and hearts open to all.

Thank you for being part of our community. May you and your family be inscribed and sealed for a year of health, joy, and peace.

G'mar Chatimah Tovah,
Debbi Varano

Dear Friends,

As we prepare to usher in the New Year, **5786**, I extend to each of you my heartfelt blessings for a year of health, peace, and renewal. This season of reflection and return offers us the chance to draw near to our deepest values, to one another, and to God.

But this year, we enter the High Holidays carrying a heavier burden.

We are still grieving, still anxious, still wrestling with deep pain and fear. **The war in Israel continues**, casting its long shadow across the Jewish world. Each day brings new reports of heartbreak and heroism, of sorrow and resilience. We watch with anguish as the innocent suffer, soldiers risk their lives, the hostages and their families endure the unimaginable, and all the while we pray for true peace to come. And we feel, too, the tremors of rising **antisemitism here in America** — in our cities, our campuses, and even our neighborhoods — challenging our sense of safety and belonging.

In such a time, it would be easy to let fear replace faith. It would be understandable to retreat into despair. But Judaism calls on us to respond differently. As the prophet Isaiah once cried out:

למען ציון לא אחשך ולמען ירושלם לא אשקוט עד יצא כנף צדקה וישועתה כלפיך יקצר:

“For the sake of Zion I will not be silent, for the sake of Jerusalem I will not be still, till her victory emerge resplendent and her triumph like a flaming torch.” (Isaiah 62:1)

Even in the darkness, there is light that comes from beyond ourselves—a divine light that does not go out. So, I offer you this refrain for the season ahead, drawn from the Torah and echoed throughout our tradition:

Hazak ve’ematz — **חַזַּק וְאַמֵּץ** — *“Be strong and courageous.” (Deuteronomy 31:7)*

Let this be our call to one another:

Hazak ve’ematz — when we teach our children to be proud Jews in a complicated world.

Hazak ve’ematz — when we light Shabbat candles, sing songs of peace, and gather in prayer.

Hazak ve’ematz — when we refuse to let hatred define us or division break us.

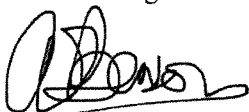
Hazak ve’ematz — when we affirm life, love, and hope, even if the world seems to deny them.

This is the Jewish way. We are not strangers to adversity. But neither are we strangers to resilience, compassion, or joy. Throughout the centuries, we have held fast to Torah, to each other, and to the dream of a world redeemed.

As we approach **Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur**, may the blasts of the shofar awaken in us courage and clarity. May our prayers be a source of strength. May we merit a year in which we see more healing than hatred, more unity than division, and more peace than pain.

Shanah Tovah uMetukah — a sweet, strong, and meaningful New Year - and always: **Hazak ve’ematz!**

With blessings and love,





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Dear NSJC Family,

I am excited to welcome you to the 2025 High Holiday Services at North Shore Jewish Center. The energy at the Synagogue is high as we prepare for the holidays.

I feel blessed to be able to work again with everyone to create meaningful services. The staff and volunteers are working hard to prepare the logistics of the services.

The High Holidays are a journey that we take together as a community. This journey is a great celebration as we welcome in the New Year and all the future has in store for us. We reconnect with old friends. We make new connections as we meet people coming to the community for the first time. We get to feel a spirit of connection as we join together. I hope you meet someone new this year and I am looking forward to seeing each of you at services.

Marc, Ross, Michael, Jenna-Lyn, Oliver and I would like to wish you and your families a Shana Tova.

Sincerely,

Marcie Platkin, FSA, MSW

Executive Director North Shore Jewish Center

HIGH HOLY DAY TICKETS- MEMBERS

Tickets for member families are included in the general dues structure and such tickets are valid for the adult members of the family and their children, **26** and under.

High Holiday tickets will be mailed on August 27, 2025 to members in good standing. A member is considered to be in good standing if:

- Membership dues are paid in full
- All past and current balances which include Religious School tuition are paid in full
- All Bar/Bat Mitzvah fees and assessments are paid in full

If your account is brought up to date after tickets are mailed, tickets will be available for pick up in the main office or they will be held for you at the "Will Call" table at the Synagogue.

Tickets are not transferable and are only valid for the individual they are issued to. Please be prepared to show photo identification.

For safety and security, tickets will need to be shown each time you arrive at all NSJC services.

Tickets for those families whose accounts are not current will be held by the Executive Director who will be available in the synagogue's main office for brief conferences with congregants on the following day:

Wednesday, September 17, 2025 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

Last day for ticket pickup is Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 3:00pm

HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS-GUESTS/RECIPROCAL SEATING

OUT OF AREA GUESTS

Guest tickets are available for purchase for out of area guests. Guest tickets may not be purchased for friends or family living within a 15-mile radius of NSJC (we encourage those within this radius to contact us directly). Guest tickets are required for anyone 13 years or older. A full set of services ticket is available for \$125.

Guest ticket orders must be received with payment at the Synagogue office by August 29, 2025. We appreciate your submission of these forms in a timely manner.

RECIPROCAL TICKETS

Members in good standing at another conservative synagogue who would like to spend the holidays at NSJC should fill out the Reciprocal Seating Form. This form must be received by the synagogue office no later than August 29, 2025. Once received, reciprocal tickets will be issued.

If you have any questions or requests regarding your tickets, please contact the office at 631-928-3737 and a staff member will assist you.

SECURITY PROCEDURES

For the safety of everyone, please cooperate with the Suffolk police and our private security officers who will be monitoring all services. In addition, please adhere to the following:

- ***The Synagogue driveway must remain clear at all times***
- ***You may drop off passengers in the front of the main doors/handicapped ramp, but please do not park or leave a car standing in the driveway for any reason***
 - ***Please do not park in or obstruct the road of our lot***
- ***Please do not bring backpacks, briefcases, suitcases and/or large bags- you will not be allowed to bring them into the building.***
- ***All handbags and personal items brought into the building are subject to search. If an item is deemed inappropriate, you will be asked to leave it in your car.***

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

To accommodate everyone, we have made arrangements again for parking at
Ward Melville High School

HANDICAPPED PARKING

Handicapped parking is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis to those who have submitted a Request for Handicapped Parking form in advance with a valid state-issued permit. Your completed form, which must include a copy of your state issued handicapped permit, should be returned no later than August 29, 2025

NORTH SHORE JEWISH CENTER

Registration for Handicap Pass **High Holy Days 2025**

Name of Congregant: _____

Congregant's Address: _____

Congregant's Phone #: _____

Congregant's Email address: _____

New York Handicap Pass _____

(Must provide a copy of NYS Handicap Pass

Signature: _____



UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF CONSERVATIVE JUDAISM
NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF SYNAGOGUE EXECUTIVES



HIGH HOLY DAY RECIPROCAL SEATING REQUEST

Today's Date: _____

FROM:

Name of Congregation: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State/Province, Zip/Postcode: _____

Voice: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Executive Director or other Agent of Congregation: _____

TO:

Name of Congregation: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State/Province, Zip/Postcode: _____

Voice: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Executive Director or other Agent of Congregation: _____

_____ is/are member(s) of our congregation in good standing, who will be in your area for the High Holy Days this year. He/she/they will be guests of your member(s) _____. We would be grateful if you would extend to him/her/them the courtesy of High Holy Day seating at your synagogue for Rosh HaShanah _____ Yom Kippur _____ All days _____.

- ☐ High Holy Day seats are included in our congregational membership fee, which they are paying to us.
- ☐ High Holy Day seats are not included in our congregational membership fee, but they are paying both the membership fee and a seat fee to us.
- ☐ High Holy Day seats are not included in our congregational membership fee. They are paying our membership fee but not our seat fee. If you have seat fees, they therefore understand that you may request that they pay your seat fee.

Member contact information: _____

Please advise our member(s) as to how you will convey ticket(s) to him/her/them.

Thank you for your consideration. [Signed] _____

NSJC invites you to join us for a delightful evening

Shabbat Dinner and Installation

Dine with us on

Friday, September 12

6:00 pm – WELCOME BACK DINNER

and then join us at

7:30 pm – SERVICES and INSTALLATION of OFFICERS
followed by a special **ONEG**

Adults \$36, children 5-10 \$18, under 5 free, family cap \$154

Please call 631-928-3737 by September 5 to let us know you are
joining us, and if you need gluten-free or vegetarian options



Family High Holy Day Service

Rosh Hashanah: September 23rd & 24th

Yom Kippur: October 2nd

Toddler Program at 9:45 AM, Family Program at 10:30 AM



Join Amichai Margolis, a Jewish music educator, who will infuse our inclusive family service with his love of Judaism and Jewish song. He will lead the service using music, storytelling, drama and nusach.

No instruments will be used during our outdoor tent service



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Kol Nidre

Dear Friend,

Each year during this time, we ask you for a High Holiday donation. Our Kol Nidre Appeal is a crucial part of our fundraising efforts, providing a significant portion of the funds needed for our balanced budget. Your generous donations help us maintain our beautiful sanctuary, support our dedicated staff, and organize meaningful events and programs. The annual dues and tuition only cover about 75% of our financial obligations. We have made a concerted effort to keep dues and tuition relatively low so all families can have access to our wonderful community. Approximately 12% of our annual operating budget is allocated to financial aid for families facing financial constraints. Your High Holiday pledge is a mitzvah as it allows those less fortunate families the chance to remain members of our synagogue.

As part of our collective responsibility, it is essential that every member contributes something to the Kol Nidre Appeal to maintain our spiritual Jewish home at North Shore Jewish Center and ensure the continued strength and vibrancy of our community. Our unity and shared commitment are what make our community strong. We hope that you will give generously within your means and consider increasing your donation from previous years. During this time of deep reflection, please consider making a pledge this year and indicate it on the attached High Holiday card.

L'Shanah Tova Tikateyvu- May you be inscribed for a good year.

Warmest Regards,
Brandie and Craig Osman



Name _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Other	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$4,000	\$3000	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$750	\$500	\$250	\$200	\$180	\$150	\$100	\$72	\$54	\$36
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North Shore Jewish Center
Registration for GUEST TICKETS
High Holy Days 2025

MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH A CHECK FOR \$125 PER TICKET PAYABLE TO NSJC

Name of Congregant: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Name of Guest: _____

Guest's Address: _____

Guest's Phone #: _____

Guest's E-mail Address: _____

Name of Guest: _____

Guest's Address: _____

Guest's Phone #: _____

Guest's E-mail Address: _____

Signature: _____

Number of Guest Tickets Requested _____

Amount Enclosed _____

NORTH SHORE JEWISH CENTER

A Memorial Book is created for use at our Yizkor service on Yom Kippur

It includes remembrances of family and friends.

Yizkor prayers are recited four times a year and our Yizkor book is a beautiful way to commemorate the passing of those who live on in our memories.

It is customary to make a contribution in accordance with the spirit of the Yizkor service, for giving tzedakah is a way to honor the righteousness of the deceased.

We have provided a form below.

Please include your \$10 per name contribution to the Synagogue as we join together in this act of remembrance.

May God comfort you and bless you and your family with a year of health and happiness filled with good deeds.

(Please Detach Here)

Please Print Clearly-

Please inscribe the following names in the Memorial Booklet:

(Be sure to use one line per name, at \$10.00 per name)

Prayers Offered By _____ Name of Departed _____

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Prayers Offered By _____ Name of Departed _____

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Prayers Offered By _____ Name of Departed _____

Total number of names (_____) at **\$10.00 per name** equals \$_____ Total Cost.

- **PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM**
Deadline is August 29, 2025

High Holy Day Order Form 2025

**Please make checks payable to
North Shore Jewish Center**

NSJC Holiday Greeting Cards - \$36

Don't miss out!

Our Holiday Cards are mailed to the entire congregation for Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah and Passover. Add your name by filling out this form and returning it to the Synagogue office. **Thank you for supporting NSJC!**

NAME:

Deadline: August 29, 2025

LULAV & ETROG ORDER FORM

Name _____

Standard Set - \$50.00 _____

Deluxe Set - \$60.00 _____

Deadline: August 29, 2025

Please complete and return to the NSJC Synagogue office
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Name	Day	Date	Occasion	Service Time	Candles/ Havdalah/ Fasts
Selichot	Saturday	Sep 13	Ma'ariv/Selichot Program	7:45pm	7:46pm 
Rosh Hashanah	Monday	Sep 22	Minchah/Ma'ariv	6:30pm	6:30pm 
	Tuesday	Sep 23	Morning	9:00am	
			Family Services: Tots/Older Kids	9:45/10:30am	
			Minchah/Ma'ariv	6:30pm	7:29pm 
	Wednesday	Sep 24	Morning	9:00am	
			Family Services: Tots/Older Kids	9:45/10:30am	
			Minchah	6:30pm	
Fast of Gedaliah	Thursday	Sep 25	Fast Begins at 5:21am	--	7:17pm 
Shabbat Shuvah	Friday	Sep 26	Ma'ariv	7:30pm	6:24pm 
	Saturday	Sep 27	Morning	9:00am	7:22pm 
Tashlich	Sunday	Sep 28	West Meadow Beach	Noon	
Yom Kippur	Wednesday	Oct 1	Minchah/Kol Nidre	5:45pm	6:15pm 
	Thursday	Oct 2	Morning*	9:00am	
			Family Services: Tots/Older Kids	9:45/10:30am	
			Minchah	4:30pm	
			Neilah/Ma'ariv	5:45pm	
			Fast Ends:	7:14pm	7:14pm 
Sukkot	Monday	Oct 6	Minchah/Ma'ariv	6:00pm	6:07pm 
	Tuesday	Oct 7	Morning	9:00am	
October 7 Event			Minchah/Ma'ariv	6:00pm	7:06pm 
	Wednesday	Oct 8	Morning	9:00am	
			Minchah after Kiddush		7:04pm 
Shemini Atzeret	Monday	Oct 13	Minchah/Ma'ariv	6:00pm	5:56pm 
	Tuesday	Oct 14	*Morning, Minchah after Kiddush	9:00am	
Simchat Torah	Tuesday	Oct 14	Ma'ariv	7:00pm	6:55pm 
	Wednesday	Oct 15	Morning	9:00am	
			Minchah after Kiddush		6:53pm 

A link to watch services on YouTube will be shared prior to each holiday.

* Yizkor will be said during these morning services.