



CONGREGATION SHA'ARE SHALOM

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High Holy Days 5781/2020

Dear Members and Friends,

Congregation Sha'are Shalom invites you to spend *Yamim Noraim* (Days of Awe) and the High Holiday season with us. This year the High Holidays will look much different than usual, but our ultimate goal of creating meaningful connection remains. We will be providing a mix of “live” Zoom services, pre-recorded videos, inspirational links, recipes, and more.

Technology is going to be a large part of our services and interaction. The Rabbinical Assembly has provided guidance on keeping communities safe from the spread of COVID-19 while balancing Jewish traditions: [JTS COVID-19 Information](#). It is our hope that the hard work by our High Holiday and Ritual Committees will provide you with a meaningful experience. For those of you not comfortable with technology, we will be offering tech support prior to the start of Rosh Hashanah and throughout the various services. Please indicate on the registration form or call the main office.

We have created a Padlet to allow our community to share DIY craft ideas, recipes, music, and videos. This is also where you will find all the service links and age specific resources for both children and teens. If you have never used a Padlet, it is basically an online cork board. Check it out and feel free to add your own contributions: <https://padlet.com/ritual/csshighholidays>

Please complete the [5781 High Holiday Registration Form](#) by September 10, 2020.

SCHEDULE

Selichot & Havdalah

Saturday, September 12 from 8:00-9:00 PM

- Bring a High Holiday ritual object (shofar, honey jar, etc.) or family recipe and share its story with the community

Machzor Distribution/Food Drive

Sunday, September 13 (more details to come)

Rosh Hashanah

Tot Shabbat/Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 18 at 11:00 AM via Zoom

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 18 at 6:30 PM via Zoom

Rosh Hashanah Day 1:

Saturday, September 19

- Morning Service/Modified Torah Service/Sermon at 10:00 AM via Zoom
- Links available for Preliminary and Musaf Service to be done on your own time

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Rosh Hashanah Day 2: Sunday, September 20

- Interactive Service at 10:00 AM via Zoom
 - Kid-friendly
 - Pre-recorded Shofar Blowing
- Torah Discussion /Shofar recording at 11:30 AM via Zoom

*Tashlich** Use the links provided on our Padlet to create your own service

* *Tashlich* is a *Rosh Hashanah* ceremony symbolically casting away the year's sins by throwing breadcrumbs into flowing water.

Tot Shabbat/Yom Kippur Friday, September 25 at 11:00 AM via Zoom

Erev Friday Night Friday, September 25 at 6:30 PM via Zoom

Shabbat Shuvah Saturday, September 26 at 10:00 AM via Zoom

Yom Kippur

Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei) Sunday, September 27 at 6:15 PM (remember Kol Nidre starts promptly) via Zoom

Yom Kippur Monday, September 28

- Pre-recorded Preliminary Service on your own
- Morning Service/Torah Service at 10:00 AM via Zoom
- Sermon/Discussion at 12:00 PM via Zoom
- Yizkor at 12:30 PM via Zoom **
- Musaf Service at 2:00 PM via Zoom
- Family-Friendly Mincha at 4:00 PM via Zoom
- Neilah at 6:30 PM via Zoom
- Conclusion at 7:38 PM (tentative) via Zoom

Plan ahead for Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah

Sukkot Days 1 & 2 Saturday, October 3, and Sunday, October 4 (Family Program)

Shemini Atzeret** Saturday, October 10 at 10:00 via Zoom (includes Yizkor)

Simchat Torah Sunday, October 11 (Family Program)

***Yizkor* will be held during *Yom Kippur* and *Shemini Atzeret*. *Yizkor* is the memorial service recited four times yearly to honor the memories of departed loved ones. See below for how to honor your loved ones.

SERVICE ACCESS

Congregation Sha'are Shalom welcomes members and non-members to join us for services. Links to all of our services will be provided to members. We request that non-members register for service access via the [High Holiday form](#) by September 10, 2020. For non-members, we suggest a donation amount of \$250 per household to help support congregational programming. Send your check to CSS, P.O. Box 4518, Leesburg, VA 20177.

VOLUNTEERING/PARTICIPATING IN SERVICES

It takes a village, or in this case, a congregation to help make the High Holidays a success. Please consider volunteering your time or asking your teen to volunteer to receive service hours. While we do not need help parking or in the kitchen this year, we are especially looking for people who are tech-savvy to serve as Zoom Gabbai and tech support throughout the service. We also love congregants' participating in services. Do you want to do an English reading? Hebrew Reading? Read Torah? Blow the shofar? Let us know in the registration form and a member of the High Holiday committee will be in touch with you.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

In conjunction with *Yom Kippur* and *Yizkor*, our congregation will be creating a presentation of names and photos of our departed loved ones. If you would like to have someone remembered in this listing, please complete the appropriate section on the registration [form](#) and e-mail names/pictures to ritual@shaare-shalom.org no later than **Tuesday, September 15, 2020**.

LOUDOUN HUNGER RELIEF

Our custom at Congregation Sha'are Shalom is to do *tikkun olam* (repairing the world, community action) projects during the High Holy Days. **As part of our Machzor distribution, we are encouraging people to bring non-perishable items.** The items will be distributed to Loudoun Hunger Relief in the name of Congregation Sha'are Shalom. Additionally, you can donate directly here: <https://www.loudounhunger.org/>

CONTRIBUTIONS

Congregation Sha'are Shalom traditionally appeals for support at Yom Kippur. Member dues do not begin to cover the cost of expenses associated with the operation of our synagogue. We encourage members and guests to make a special contribution; we appreciate any amount you are able to give. Contributions can be made in memory of a loved one or for the commemoration of a specific event.

PURCHASE OF A LULAV & ETROG

If you wish to purchase a Lulav & Etrog, visit <https://www.hadaretrogim.com/> and place your order by **Monday, September 7, 2020**.

We look forward to worshipping with you! Please don't forget to fill out the [5781 High Holiday Form](#) by September 10 and check out the [Padlet](#) for all your High Holiday Links.

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