



Peninsula Temple Beth El

HIGH HOLY DAYS

5780 / 2019

Information and Schedule of Services

Due to construction, this year all Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services and activities, unless otherwise stated, will take place at the Crown Plaza Hotel, located at 1221 Chess Drive, Foster City.

S'lichot
Study and Service

Saturday, September 21
7:00 PM PTBE Sanctuary

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Evening Service

Sunday, September 29
7:00 PM

Rosh Hashanah
Tree of Life Family Service
Family Park Play
Adult Service
PTBE Tots Service

Monday, September 30
8:00 AM
9:45 AM Boothbay Park, Foster City
10:30 AM
4:00 PM

Tashlich and Erev Shabbat
Service and Picnic

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6:30 PM Leo Ryan Park, Foster City

Kol Nidre
Evening Service

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7:00 PM

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Adult Study I: Facing Our Mortality,
with Rabbi Lisa Kingston
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with Rabbi Dennis Eisner
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and Youth Educator, Ashley Jerome
Women's Sacred Tent: A Healing Service
Meditative Afternoon Service
Yizkor and Neilah Service

Wednesday, October 9
8:00 AM
10:30 AM
1:30 PM
2:30 PM
3:30 PM
3:30 PM
4:30 PM
4:30 PM
5:30 PM



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

I'm delighted to be spending my first High Holy Days with the PTBE community. It's important to me that each person participating in services, learning sessions, and other activities has a meaningful experience on these most important days of the Jewish calendar. This year, as we gather for services at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City, our excellent temple staff, board members, and a cadre of volunteers will be on hand to make sure everything runs smoothly. Moving our services off-site is a complex undertaking, and we count on your cooperation, patience, and flexibility in helping to ensure that everyone has a fulfilling experience.

During the *Yamin Nora'im*, the Days of Awe, our tradition asks us to look within to honestly assess where we have gone astray in the past year, and to reflect on how we can do better in the coming year. We, too, as an organization, reflect on our shortcomings and strive to improve so that we can fully express the vision and mission of Peninsula Temple Beth El, and serve the spiritual needs of our community.

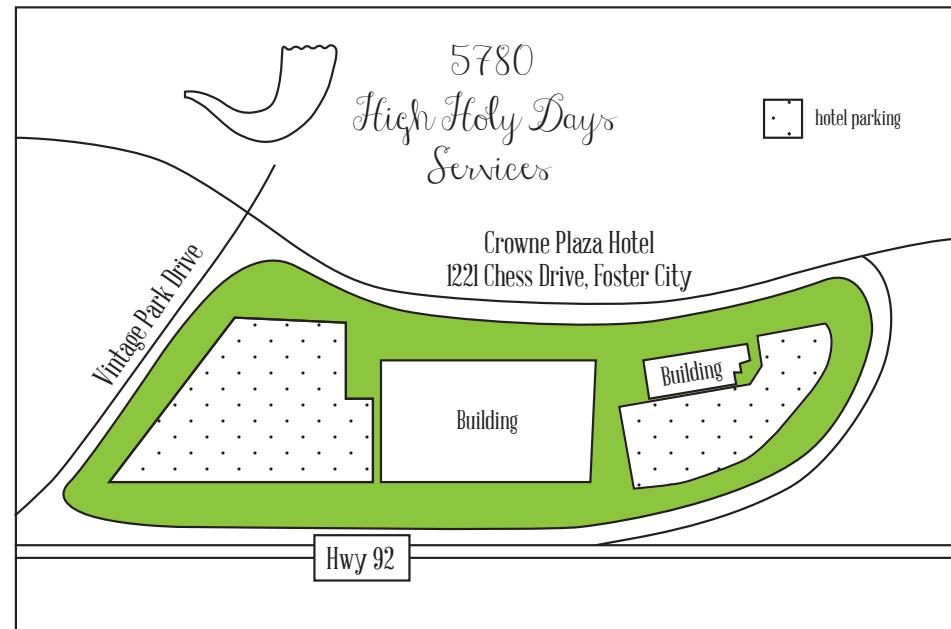
In these Days of Awe, my hope is that each of us finds space for reflection, and for connection—with the Divine, and with each other. And as this new year of 5780 unfolds, I look forward to meeting with

you, hearing your stories, learning about your lives, and listening to your hopes and dreams for your family, and for this community. *L'shanah Tovah U'metukah*—May you have a sweet and happy New Year!

Kate Lauzar

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S'lichot

God Prepare Me, to be a Sanctuary

RABBIS ROUNDTABLE

Wednesday, September 18, 7:30–9 pm
Ronald Wornick Day School,
Ulam Gadol
FREE to all; Registration required.

In the poem “In the Beginning, the Sweet Grass,” Mary Oliver offers astute spiritual reflections on the human condition and on how we might grow into our best selves. Reading the poem as prayer, four community rabbis will discuss and share the meanings and teachings for the High Holy Days that they discover within it.

Rabbi Lavey Derby, PJCC’s Director of Jewish Life, will moderate a discussion with Rabbi Lisa Delson of Peninsula Temple Sholom, Rabbi Ilana Goldhaber-Gordon of Congregation Beth Jacob, Rabbi Corey Helfand of Peninsula Sinai Congregation, and Rabbi Laura Rumpf of Peninsula Temple Beth El.

REGISTER TODAY! RSVP at pjcc.org/rabbis-roundtable or call PJCC Welcome Center at 650.378.2703

S'LICHOT STUDY AND SERVICE

Saturday, September 21
PTBE Sanctuary
Study 7 pm
Service 8 pm

As PTBE leaves our Sanctuary for the High Holy Days, we want you to be prepared to hold it with you. We'll look at the symbol of Sanctuary and meaning of sacred space through Jewish text, poetry, and art. A candle-lit S'lichot service led by our clergy and Saul Kaye will follow, where we will prepare ourselves and our Torah scrolls for the upcoming Days of Awe.



Rosh Hashanah

EREV ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 29
Evening Service
7 pm

We welcome in the High Holy Days with inspirational liturgy led by our clergy and moving melodies, featuring Cantor Elana and the High Holy Days Ensemble.

ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, September 30
Tree of Life Family Service
8:00 am

Our Tree of Life family service features the music of Cantor Elana and the High Holy Days Ensemble. This family-focused service caters to our K—5th grade children's attention span, lasting no longer than one-and-a-half hours, but still including the important and meaningful liturgy of the High Holy Days that inspires our minds and moves our hearts. This multi-generational service will capture the attention of adults and children alike, with a participatory Torah reading and a sermon-story that will reach congregants of all ages.

Family Park Play

9:45 am
Boothbay Park, Foster City

Join us for some fun playtime at beautiful Boothbay Park immediately following the Tree of Life Family Service on Rosh Hashanah morning. Families with young children aged 8 and under are welcome. Snacks and art projects will be provided. Meet by the playground.

Adult Morning Service
10:30 am

The late morning service offers adults and teen members an opportunity to worship in a setting conducive to personal and spiritual introspection. The service includes meaningful liturgy, music, Torah, Haftarah, and a sermon for the High Holy Days.

All Rosh Hashanah services and activities, unless otherwise indicated, will be held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Foster City.

Childcare

Childcare will be provided during late morning services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for children 3 months of age to pre-K. See page 10 for details.



PTBE Tots Service
4:00PM

This service is filled with songs and stories designed for families with preschoolers. The Rosh Hashanah Tots Service includes a children's art activity and a holiday snack.

TASHLICH

Friday, October 4, 6:30–7:30 pm
Tashlich and Erev Shabbat Services,
with Family Picnic
Leo Ryan Park, Foster City

Tashlich, meaning to cast away, is a time for us to symbolically free ourselves of our sins by casting them into a body of water. Experience the emotional and symbolic casting away of our sins as we prepare to start the new year with a clean slate. A beautiful, short Erev Shabbat service will follow the Tashlich service.

We'll meet on the hilltop area by the lagoon along E. Hillsdale Boulevard. Congregants are encouraged to bring a blanket and picnic dinner to enjoy

before or after services. You can park on Hillsdale Boulevard, or across the street at the shopping center. Additional public parking is available off Shell Boulevard at Foster City Park and Recreation, and the Foster City Library.

SERMON SCHEDULE

Erev Rosh Hashanah	Rabbi Dennis Eisner
Rosh Hashanah Tree of Life Service	Rabbi Lisa Kingston
Rosh Hashanah Adult Service	Rabbi Laura Rumpf
Kol Nidre	Rabbi Lisa Kingston
Yom Kippur Tree of Life Service	Rabbi Laura Rumpf
Yom Kippur Adult Service	Rabbi Dennis Eisner

Yom Kippur

To forgive, and to be forgiven

KOL NIDRE

Tuesday, October 8
Evening Service
7 pm

We begin our observance of atonement with inspirational liturgy led by our clergy and the moving melodies of Cantor Elana and the High Holy Days Ensemble.

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, October 9
Tree of Life Family Service
8 am

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10:30 am

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Adult Study, Part I

Facing our Mortality with
Rabbi Lisa Kingston

1:30 pm

On Yom Kippur, our rituals help us to imagine and rehearse our deaths. But what if we knew when it would happen? How would we live differently? Through a midrash about the death of Aaron in the Book of Numbers, we'll explore these questions in a thoughtful (but not too depressing!) afternoon learning session.

Pursuing Justice in Community:
Caring for the World Without
Burning Out!

2:30 pm

Join Rabbi Laura and members of PTBE's Rodfei Tzedek "Pursuing Justice" team to be part of an uplifting conversation and justice action plan for 2019-2020 that orients us away from despair towards hope, and helps each of us to find a meaningful, sustainable *tikkun olam* practice.

All Yom Kippur services and learning sessions will be held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Foster City.

PTBE Tots Service**3:30 pm**

This service is filled with songs and stories designed for families with preschoolers.

Adult Study, Part II

**Moving Forward, Looking Back:
Reflections on Forgiveness, with
Rabbi Dennis Eisner**

3:30 pm

Through biblical, talmudic and liturgical texts, we will discuss, define, and debate the central theme of our High Holy Days—our ability to be forgiven and our ability to forgive.

#SoulCareForTeens**4:30 pm**

Creative breakout session for teens. Come build your spiritual toolkit for a new year with Rabbi Dennis and our new Youth Educator Ashley! Parents welcome.

NEW**Women's Sacred Tent:****A Healing Service****4:30 pm**

As our new year begins, we pray for community, comfort, wholeness, and healing. Join an intimate prayer space with Rabbi Lisa, Rabbi Laura, and Cantor Elana to reflect as women on our personal challenges over the past year and set intentions for well-being, goodness, and spiritual renewal as we enter 5780. Open to all female-identifying individuals who seek a safe space for prayer and reflection.

Meditative Afternoon Service**4:30 pm**

Through meditation, story, and song, this unique worship experience will allow us to deepen our prayers and continue opening our hearts to the sanctity of this sacred day. This service will be led by Saul Kaye.

Yizkor and Neilah Service**5:30 pm**

Our afternoon memorial is a moving way to remember our loved ones. Yizkor will be followed by Neilah, the concluding service.

ASHLEY JEROME is thrilled to be joining the team at

PTBE as the new Youth Educator! She is a native of Foster City and began her Jewish journey at PTBE, becoming Bat Mitzvah and continuing through Confirmation. After working with many Jewish organizations around the country, she is excited to be returning to Peninsula Temple Beth El, her home congregation. Ashley will be overseeing the Madrichim program and fellowship, along with the new PTBE High and 8th grade programs. In addition, she will be working with our SMRTY teens to bring engaging events that teens will want to be a part of! She loves hanging out with her new baby Aiden, exploring fun new restaurants, and the TV Show *Friends*!



Come meet Ashley and Rabbi Dennis at this year's teen Yom Kippur gathering—**#SoulCareForTeens**—and build your spiritual tool kit for 5780!

DO A MITZVAH



CHAI GIVING



Chai is the Hebrew word for life and the number 18. Chai Giving, our annual fundraiser, is about making life the best it can be for our PTBE families! It provides a way for us to contribute annually as a community. Pledge today and pay by May. Send in your donation by December 22 for applicable 2019 tax deductions.

SSH

PTBE's Sunday Sandwich Hevre (SSH) is a group of volunteers that meets to make sack lunches for people in need. The lunches are distributed through Samaritan House. We need your help to stock our pantry!

On Erev Rosh Hashanah and Rosh Hashanah morning, please pick up grocery bags after services and fill them with the items listed below. Please return filled grocery bags only to the temple and drop them off on the tables set up just inside the wooden gate. (PTBE campus will be closed on October 1, 14, and 21.)

Please do not bring your food donation to Yom Kippur services at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

We appreciate the specific items listed below. Please adhere to the list as we may not be able to use other items.

- Fruit cups
- Jelly in plastic squeeze bottles—no glass jars, please
- Sandwich Cookies—Oreo style, not individually packaged
- Juice boxes or pouches—minimum 6 oz. each

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Days of Awe give us the opportunity to remember our departed loved ones by inscribing their names in our annual Yom Kippur Book of Remembrance. If you have sent in your reply card and wish to receive a hard copy of the Book, please pick up your copy before the Yizkor Service in the hotel foyer.



SUKKOT

Community Sukkot Celebration with Peninsula Jewish Community Center
800 Foster City Blvd, Foster City
Sunday, October 13, 4–6 pm

Come share Sukkot with PTBE and the PJCC! Celebrate in the beautiful PJCC *sukkah* and enjoy music, food, and crafts. \$5 per person. Free for infants ages 1 & under.

BEW Mitzvot for Sukkot
Sunday, October 13th, 1–3 pm
PTBE Sukkah

Join BEW for a salad bar lunch and a good deed or two. We will hear about Border Relief efforts and opportunities, and create care kits to keep in our cars for those in need. \$10 for lunch and supplies. RSVP by October 6 to Pam Barasch at pbarasch@yahoo.com.

Erev Shabbat Service Celebrating Sukkot **Friday, October 18, 6:30 pm**

Our resilience, our connection with nature, and our gratitude can all be expressed in the symbols of the *sukkah*. Join us for Shabbat Services on Sukkot to connect with the resonant themes of this holiday while enjoying our typical Shabbat peace and rest.

Yizkor—Shemini Atzeret **Monday, October 21, 8:30 am**

The Jewish calendar provides four occasions during the year when special memorial services are held: Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret (the last day of Sukkot), the last day of Passover, and Shavuot.

Join us for a communal observance for the bereaved to honor the memory of our loved ones.

Sukkah

You are invited to fulfil the mitzvah by bringing your lunch or dinner and eating in the temple *sukkah* on the inside patio. You may also shake the *lulav* and *etrog*. Contact the temple office and we will be happy to provide these for your use while at the temple.

Sukkot

It is the Jewish festival of giving thanks for the fall harvest, as well as the commemoration of the forty years of Jewish wandering in the desert after Sinai.

Simchat Torah

SIMCHAT TORAH

Torah Party Shul-In for all 2nd–5th Graders

**Saturday to Sunday, October 19–20
6 pm–9:30 am**

Get to know your PTBE classmates and celebrate Torah through a fun overnight at the temple. Sleep in the Sanctuary under the Ark! Breakfast Social for 2nd–5th Grade parents 8:30–9:30 am. RSVP by Sunday Oct 6th to Youth Educator Ashley Jerome at ajerome@ptbe.org.

Consecration and Celebration for Students

Sunday, October 20, 10:30–11:45 am

We start our new year of reading Torah by celebrating with our newest learners! All **NEW** students enrolled in our education programs for the first time will receive a blessing on the bimah and a small gift to kick off a sweet year of learning. We'll continue with singing, dancing, and unrolling our Torah for a look up close. Photo ops not to be missed!



Important Ticket Information

TICKETS ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE

This year our services are being held off-site, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City. As such, we have different limitations than we do when utilizing temple space. We ask for your patience and compliance with this year's policies, designed both for your safety and to ensure that we have sufficient seating to accommodate Temple members and their families during these Days of Awe.

Please note the information below for participation in this year's services, which may be different than in years past:

YOUR NAMETAGS ARE ENCLOSED IN THIS PACKET

Nametags are this year's tickets and are required for entry into services. In order to be eligible to receive a nametag, you must be a member in good standing. "In good standing" means that all financial obligations for the 2018–2019 fiscal year have been paid in full, you have renewed your membership, and made your first

dues payment for the 2019–2020 fiscal year. Nametags will be issued for all adults, children, and for young adults up to age 26 and must be shown at the entrance to the Ballroom. Nametags will be worn on lanyards, which will be provided as you enter the foyer leading to the Ballroom. Be sure to wear your nametag at all services.

ADDITIONAL NAMETAGS

Due to space limitations and out of respect for our members and their families, we do not sell High Holy Days nametags to nonmembers.

Due to space considerations, there are limited seats available for purchase, as follows:

- Additional High Holy Days nametags are available to members who request them for members' adult children over the age of 26, unaffiliated parents, and other relatives, at \$180 each. Please call the temple office or email kthacker@ptbe.org to request additional nametags. At that time, we will need

names of all guests for whom you are purchasing nametags. We will bill your temple account.

- If you will be hosting out-of-town guest(s) affiliated with a synagogue in their home city, please call the temple office or email kthacker@ptbe.org as soon as possible to request reciprocal High Holy Days ticket(s) at no charge. The reciprocity process takes a minimum of five days to complete.
- If you will be traveling during the High Holy Days and would like to attend services in your destination city, please call the temple office or email pcapocci@ptbe.org as soon as possible so that reciprocal High Holy Days tickets can be requested on your behalf.

Nametags are for temple members and are intended only for the person whose name is on the tag. For your safety and the safety of your family, we will be checking your nametags closely.

Child Care for Children 3 Months to Pre-K Only

Enjoy your early morning service with your school-age children. Child care will be provided at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Foster City only for infants through pre-K during late morning services on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Registration by **September 13** is required for both sessions; walk-ins will not be accepted. Space is not guaranteed for registrations received after this date. Space is limited. Email apryor@ptbe.org for reservations. Your temple account will be billed.

- Registration fee: \$18/child per session
- Drop off: No earlier than 30 minutes prior to start of service
- Pick up: No later than 15 minutes after end of service

Please provide for all of your child's needs, including diapers, filled bottles, snacks, and drinks. Children will be divided into two groups according to age. Please look for signs pointing you to the Syracuse Room to check in. Please include a brief description of your child's special care requirements in your child's diaper bag and/or discuss them with the teachers upon arrival.

Registration required by September 13 for both sessions.

Contact: apryor@ptbe.org

NO WALK-INS

SPACE IS LIMITED

PLEASE RESERVE EARLY

High Holy Days 5780/2019 Important Information

We ask that you read this important information carefully to provide you, our members, with the best worship experience.

- 1** Access into Services at the Crowne Plaza, Foster City: For security and your ease, we will all enter the Ballroom from the foyer double doors. For the safety of our community and for the speediest entry, please wear your nametag.
- 2** Nametags: All members in good standing and their family members (aged 26 or younger) will receive a nametag for services. Nametags are non-transferable. "In good standing" means that all financial obligations for the 2018–2019 fiscal year have been paid in full, and you have renewed your membership and made your first dues payment for the 2019–2020 fiscal year. If you lose your nametag, please check in at the Will Call table and a temporary replacement nametag will be issued. If you did not receive the correct number of nametags in this packet, please notify the temple office immediately.
- 3** Our Two Morning Services: To meet the needs of our growing community there will be two morning services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Please join us for the one service that will best meet your needs. The Tree of Life Family Service (8 AM) is a multigenerational service designed for families with school-age children. The late service (10:30 AM) serves adults and families with teens. By offering these two worship times, we will have enough room for all of our members to worship more comfortably, enhancing our experience as well. We strongly encourage families with school-aged children to select the early morning service. Please note: There will not be child care for school-age children.
- 4** Security: Our community's safety is of primary concern. The side doors in the Ballroom will be used only for exiting from services.
- 5** Please silence your cell phones when you enter the temple and refrain from texting.
- 6** Go Scent-Free: You never know who will end up seated next to you, and they may not have a tolerance for strong perfumes or lotions. For some, strong scents can bring on headaches, migraines, or an asthma attack. Please be considerate and come to services scent free.
- 7** Parking: Since we will be off-site at a public location, there are no special parking permits required this year. The hotel offers a 2-story parking structure on the west side of the building and a smaller parking lot on the east side. Designated accessible parking spaces requiring the disabled placard are limited, but available in both lots. There is also a drop-off point at the front entrance to the hotel.
- 8** Children at Services and Child Care: Since we are gathering in a public space and not on temple grounds, for their safety, children should be accompanied by an adult when not in services. We ask that noise be kept to a minimum to protect the sanctity of the day. Please see www.ptbe.org/worship-at-ptbe for tips for praying with kids. A child care program is available for ages three months through pre-K only during the late morning services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Pre-registration is required and must be received in the temple office by September 13 to guarantee space. Walk-ins will not be accepted. Please email apryor@ptbe.org to reserve your space.
- 9** Saving Seats: This has been a very delicate issue for us all. We understand that you want to be seated with your family and friends during services, but saving a large number of seats is exclusionary to those members who arrive early. Please plan to arrive early enough so your group can be accommodated to sit together. Our ushers, who are themselves members of our temple community, need your support and understanding about this issue. We will try to accommodate you, but seating a member who is already present must take priority.
- 10** Book of Remembrance: If you have placed names of your loved ones in the Book of Remembrance and requested for a printed copy, it will be available to be picked up in the foyer prior to the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur afternoon.

L'shanah tova u'metukah—Best wishes for a good and sweet year!

Your PTBE Clergy, Staff, and Board of Trustees

Dennis J. Eisner, Senior Rabbi

Lisa Kingston, Associate Rabbi/Educator

Laura J. Rumpf, Assistant Rabbi/Educator

Elana Jagoda Kaye, Cantor

Saul Kaye, Music Director

Kate Lauzar, Executive Director

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