



HAR SINAI T E M P L E

Dear Har Sinai Temple Family,

Please read through the enclosed packet of information ASAP.

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This joint mailing is being sent in an effort to efficiently consolidate mailings and conserve our funds. This High Holy Days Packet will also be available on our website: www.harsinai.org

You can send all forms to the Temple Office. Please pay close attention to the deadlines for returning each form.

L'Shanah Tovah, Have a Sweet Year!



BOOK OF MEMORY

The High Holy Days will soon be here. Once again, we will offer a special Book of Memory with tributes to our beloved departed whose memories are consecrated at our Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. This booklet, a fitting expression of devotion and respect to our relatives and friends, will be available at the Yizkor Service. This custom combines the *mitzvot* (commandments) of *Zikaron*, "loving memory" and *Tzedakah*, "sacred giving."

Return this form with the names of those you wish to commemorate, and please indicate those who have died since last Yom Kippur. The names of those who have been laid to rest during the past year are recorded in the Book of Memory and read at the Yizkor Memorial Service.

In addition to the standard listing of names option, we are offering you the opportunity to purchase either a half-page or full-page remembrance. All you need to do is provide the names of those you wish to honor, and we will design the page for you.

Check One of the Following:

- Individual Names \$ 40.00 for up to 5 names, and \$5.00 for each additional name.
 Half-Page \$118.00
 Full-Page \$218.00

Check here if you would like to use the same listing as last year.

We wish to memorialize our loved ones in the Book of Memory

Names:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

REMEMBERED BY: _____

*IF DEATH HAS OCCURRED SINCE LAST YOM KIPPUR, PLEASE PLACE A CHECK BY THE NAME
AND PROVIDE THE DATE OF THEIR PASSING*

Our gift of \$_____ is made in memory of our departed relatives and friends.

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

Mail this completed form with your payment **to arrive no later than Monday, August 16, 2021** to:
Har Sinai Temple, 2421 Pennington Road, Pennington, NJ 08534 **Attn: Book of Memory**

HAR SINAI TEMPLE

HIGH HOLY DAYS 5782

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Rosh Hashanah

Mon.	September 6	7:30 pm	Rosh Hashanah Eve Service
Tue.	September 7	8:45 am 10:00 am	Children's Service Morning Service

Shabbat Shuvah

Fri.	September 10	6:00 pm	Shabbat Shuvah Service
Sun.	September 12	12:30 pm	Lunch & Tashlich (at Rosedale Park)

Yom Kippur

Wed.	September 15	7:30 pm	Kol Nidre Service
Thurs.	September 16	8:45 am 10:00 am 1:30 pm 3:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:00pm	Children's Service Morning Service Study with Rabbi Goldson Contemporary Afternoon Service Yizkor Memorial Service Neilah Concluding Service & Havdalah Congregational Break Fast



Memo: To: Members of Har Sinai Temple
From: Religious Practices Committee
Re: Sanctuary Seating Reservations for the High Holy Days

We are happy to inform you that we will be offering our services for the High Holy Days both in-person and live streamed via Zoom. We are continuing to follow New Jersey's COVID guidelines in an effort to be extremely careful and cautious for everyone's health and safety.

So, for the High Holy Days, we will be limiting the number of seats in Har Sinai's sanctuary to 150, which will allow for additional space between each row and seat, as needed. The policy with respect to wearing masks in the sanctuary during services will be determined as close as possible to the holidays.

We have heard from many Temple members that they look forward to attending in person this year. To accommodate as many people as possible, we will be taking reservations and assigning seats for specific services. Thus, we have created a **Reservation Form**, which you will find on the opposite side of this letter or on our website at www.harsinai.org **Please complete this form and return it to the Temple office by Friday, August 6th**. Please indicate your first, second, and third choice of the services that you (and your family members) would like to attend in person. This will help us to provide preferred seating for as many people as possible. If it is not possible to offer you seats at a specific service, please know that every service will be streamed live via Zoom and recorded, too. In addition, we will make sure that everyone has the High Holy Days prayerbook to use at home.

We will continue to monitor recommendations about COVID protocols. Should any new mandates be issued by the state of New Jersey due to the new COVID variants, we will certainly act accordingly and will pivot to all online services, if needed. As always, we will continue to communicate clearly and often with everyone about this.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please feel free to contact the Temple office. We look forward to celebrating the upcoming Holy Days with you in-person and online. In the meantime, enjoy a wonderful summer.

L'Shalom,

Jill Schwartz
Religious Practices Committee Chair



HAR SINAI T E M P L E

HAR SINAI SEATING FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS RESERVATION REQUEST FORM

NAME: _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER(S): _____

SERVICE	NUMBER OF SEATS REQUESTED	PRIORITY* (1,2,3 etc)	ANY SPECIAL NEEDS
Rosh Hashanah Eve Sept. 6 th – 7:30 p.m.			
Rosh Hashanah Morning Sept. 7 th – 10 a.m.			
Kol Nidre Sept. 15 th – 7:30 p.m.			
Yom Kippur Morning Sept. 16 th – 10 a.m.			
Yom Kippur Afternoon Sept. 16 th starts at 3 p.m. (includes Yizkor & Neilah Concluding Service)			

*Please let us know if in-person attendance at this service is especially important to you by ranking it accordingly. Knowing this will help us assign seating in the case where we have a greater request for in-person attendance than what the sanctuary accommodates.

HIGH HOLY DAYS TICKET REQUEST FORM FOR GUESTS

Members of Har Sinai Temple will not need tickets in order to attend services during the High Holy Days. We recognize that this is a time when friends and family visit and wish to attend as guests. Guests who are friends or families of members are asked to purchase tickets in advance for a nominal fee. There is a separate rate for other guests who are attending services during the holidays.

To purchase tickets, please complete this form and **return it to the Temple Office by Monday, August 16th**.

I wish to purchase tickets for the High Holy Days:

	One Holiday	Both Holidays
Member's Guest	\$100	\$200
Non-member Guest	\$200	\$400

Children, Students with ID, and Military Personnel do not need tickets.

Members of other URJ congregations can arrange for courtesy tickets at no charge.

Please note: Har Sinai Temple does not turn anyone away who would like to pray with us during the High Holy Days but cannot afford a ticket. Please call the Temple Office to make arrangements for any of the above.

___ I am a Temple member purchasing a ticket(s) for family or friends

Number of tickets needed for: Rosh Hashanah _____ Yom Kippur _____

___ I am not a Temple member purchasing a ticket(s)

Number of tickets needed for: Rosh Hashanah _____ Yom Kippur _____

Names of Guests planning to attend: _____

Guests Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Guest's Phone: _____

Member's Name (if applicable): _____

I am enclosing \$ _____ for tickets to attend High Holy Days services at Har Sinai Temple.

(For non-members, please note that the cost of these tickets may be applied toward a new membership, if arrangements are made with the Temple office prior to November 1, 2021.)

Payments by Credit Card can be made online at www.harsinai.org



Dear Friends,

This has been a challenging year filled with fear of illness and isolation from one another. We are now in a period of recovery and renewal. Most of us are moving forward, and we now have the mental and emotional space to feel more peace and even gratitude. As we prepare for the High Holy Days, I am reminded of a lovely story.

A little boy used to come home from school each day,
And disappear into the forest behind his house.
After watching him go off into the woods, his father asked him:
“Son, where do you go every day?
Who is it you meet in the forest?”
The boy said: “I go to the forest to talk to God.”
The father gently chided the boy:
“Son, don’t you know that God is everywhere!
God is the same in the forest as God is right here at home.”
“That’s true, father,” said the boy. “God is the same in the forest
as he is right here at home. But I’m not the same.
When I’m in the forest, I feel different.”

In each of our lives
There are special places and unique times
In which we can encounter the sacred dimension of existence.
They are the same, but we feel different when we visit them.
We hear more clearly in these places and at these times
We see more vividly and feel more deeply in these places.
We think with more direction and depth.

For me, one of these places is in the sanctuary on the High Holy Days.
I invite you to join me in finding a sacred space during our services this year.

May God bring us into this New Year gently, sweetly, and with gratitude and peace.

Shana Tova,

Rabbi Jordan Goldson

ALIYAH & SERVICE PARTICIPATION

Har Sinai Temple provides opportunities for its members to participate in services during the High Holy Days. We will be assigning readings in English and Hebrew for the various services. Members who return this form to the Temple Office ***by Friday, August 6th*** will be contacted and offered an opportunity to participate. We will try to accommodate preferences of services to the greatest extent possible, but parts at evening services are limited. Please check all the services that you plan to attend.

NAME OF MEMBER	TELEPHONE NUMBER
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

I will be present at the following services (please check):

All Services

Rosh Hashanah

Monday evening, September 6

Tuesday morning, September 7

Yom Kippur

Wednesday evening, September 15

Thursday morning, September 16

Thursday afternoon, September 16

I would prefer the following honor:

I would like to read an English part.

I would like to read a Hebrew part.

I would like to have a Torah Aliyah.

I would like to chant from the Torah or Haftarah.

I would like to blow the Shofar.

I am willing to serve as an usher before or during services.

I would like to help set up the Break Fast.

Please return this form to the Temple Office by Friday, August 6th

Email: rabbijg@harsinai.org

Mail: 2421 Pennington Road, Pennington, NJ 08534

HIGH HOLY DAYS WISH LIST

The High Holy Days season is a time when many people want to make special donations to our Temple. It is also a season in which our Temple has many extraordinary expenses. This year, we thought we would help potential donors by providing a list of some of the specific expenses incurred during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. You can make the donation in honor or memory of a loved one, and, if you so wish, your donation will be acknowledged during services on the High Holy Days.

If you would like to assist Har Sinai Temple with any of these expenses, please contact the Temple office at (609) 730-8100. Please do not interpret this list as a limitation; if you would like to honor this season with a donation but for something not on the list, please let us know.

WISH LIST

Musicians – \$500 – The cost of hiring each professional to sing in the choir for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Our total cost is \$2,000.

Flowers – \$300 per service – This year we will purchase fresh flowers for each holiday to beautify the bimah. (*Flowers purchased for the evening service will be used the following morning.*)

Tashlich Lunch – \$750 – This will cover the cost of the food we provide when we gather for lunch and Tashlich at Rosedale Park.

Break the Fast – \$250 – Following the blowing of the Shofar and Havdalah on Yom Kippur, we will break the fast together as we wish each other a Sweet Happy Year.

Yizkor Book of Memory – \$1,000 – Donate the cost of publishing Har Sinai Temple's Book of Memory as a way of paying tribute to your deceased loved ones.

Security – \$400 – The cost of hiring an off-duty police officer for each service. Our total budget for the holidays is \$2,000.

Technology – \$750 – Allows us to upgrade our technology so that we can enhance the livestreaming of our beautiful services.