



HAR SINAI

TEMPLE

Dear Har Sinai Temple Family,

We know it's still summer, but it's time for us to start thinking about the upcoming High Holy Days! Please read the enclosed information and return all forms to the Temple Office at your earliest convenience.

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This High Holy Days Packet will also be available on our website: www.harsinai.org.

L'Shanah Tovah! Have a Sweet Year!



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HIGH HOLY DAYS 2022/5783

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Rosh Hashanah

Sun.	September 25	7:30 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Eve Service
Mon.	September 26	8:45 a.m.	Children's Service
		10:00 a.m.	Morning Service

Shabbat Shuvah

Fri.	September 30	7:00 p.m.	Shabbat Services
Sun.	October 2	9:00 a.m.	Breakfast & Tashlich (at Har Sinai Temple)

Yom Kippur

Tues.	October 4	7:30 p.m.	Kol Nidre Service
Weds.	October 5	8:45 a.m.	Children's Service
		10:00 a.m.	Morning Service
		2:00 p.m.	Afternoon Service
		3:30 p.m.	Yizkor Memorial Service
		4:00 p.m.	Neilah Concluding Service &
Havdalah		5:00 p.m.	* Services Conclude *

*** PLEASE NOTE: ALL SERVICES FOR ROSH HASHANAH AND YOM KIPPUR WILL BE HELD AT
The Unitarian Universalist Church of Washington Crossing (UUCWC)
268 Washington Crossing Road, Titusville, Hopewell Township, NJ 08560
ALL SERVICES WILL BE STREAMED VIA ZOOM, AS WELL.**



Dear Har Sinai Temple members,

We are fortunate to have a number of volunteers who are working on our High Holy Days Committee to plan for our services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This packet of information includes most of the information you will need in order to prepare for and participate in our services this year.

Services for the High Holy Days will be offered both in person and live streamed via Zoom. We are continuing to monitor New Jersey's COVID guidelines and will adjust our protocols if necessary in order to be cautious with regard for everyone's health and safety.

This year, Har Sinai will be holding **ALL** services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur nearby at the **Unitarian Universalist Church of Washington Crossing (UUCWC), 268 Washington Crossing Road, Titusville, Hopewell Township, NJ 08560**. Their sanctuary is spacious and beautiful (there are NO crosses anywhere), and there is ample parking for those who wish to attend any of the High Holy Days services in person. The UUCWC is also exceptionally well-equipped for us to Zoom our services for those who prefer to watch from the comfort of their home.

Our choir has been rehearsing with our pianist, Mark Sobol, and our Cantorial Soloist, Elana Gleason. Madeleine LeBeau, whom you may have met at Rabbi's installation service or during a summer Zoom service she led, will also be singing during the Yom Kippur afternoon service. Our tradition of beautiful music continues, and we know you will find the services particularly beautiful and inspiring this year.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we will be using the new *Mishkan HaNefesh* prayerbooks for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur (two books). We hope to have enough prayerbooks at the UUCWC for everyone attending in person. However, if you know you will be watching services from home and will need the books, please contact the Temple Office at (609) 730-8100 or office@harsinai.org.

We will need some help before, during, and after the different services — everything from moving items to and from the UUCWC, helping to efficiently park cars in the lot, greeting congregants and ushering, and more. If you are able to help in any way, please contact the Temple office or email me at jillschwartz18@gmail.com.

Please take a look at the information in this packet, and complete and return any forms that apply to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Temple office or Rabbi Goldson. We look forward to celebrating the upcoming High Holy Days with you in person and online.

In the meantime, enjoy the rest of the summer!
L'Shalom,

Jill Schwartz
High Holy Days Committee Chair



Dear Friends,

I invite you to join us for any or all of the prayer services that we will hold during the upcoming High Holy Days. Whether we are in the sanctuary or at home, we can make prayer a powerful, relevant, and meaningful experience. For some of us, the lengthy synagogue experience can be intimidating. So here are a few perspectives to keep in mind this year that may help you make our services as personally uplifting as possible:

- Five minutes of prayer said with understanding, feeling, and a personal connection to the words and their significance means far more than hours of lip service. So don't look at your prayer book as an all-or-nothing proposition consisting of dozens of prayers that must be recited. Rather, try looking at each page as its own self-contained opportunity for prayer, reflection, and inspiration. If you are successful with one page, that's great; if not, then just move right along to the next page, the next of many opportunities.
- Read slowly through the prayers, carefully thinking about what you're saying, and don't be concerned about lagging behind the congregation. Pages are announced from time to time so you will always be able to catch up.
- If a particular sentence or paragraph touches you, linger there a while. Say the words over and over to yourself. Allow those words to inspire you. Feel them. You can even close your eyes and meditate on them for a few moments.
- You're not proficient in Hebrew? Don't worry. God understands whatever language we speak. And like a loving parent, God can discern what's in our heart even if we can't quite express it the way we would like.
- As you pray on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, you are joined by millions of Jews in synagogues and at home all over the world. By participating in the holidays, you are making a powerful statement about your commitment to Judaism and the Jewish people.

I look forward to sharing these days with you as we usher in the New Year, express gratitude for our blessings, and ask God to bless us, our families, and the entire world with a year of peace and love.

Beth joins me in wishing you a 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 26th** 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

PHONE NUMBER

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

All Services

Rosh Hashanah

Sunday evening, September 25

Monday morning, September 26

Yom Kippur

Tuesday evening, October 4

Wednesday morning, October 5

Wednesday afternoon, October 5

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 blow the Shofar.

I would like to chant from the Torah or Haftarah.

I will participate in the Past Presidents' Torah Processional on Kol Nidre.

I am willing to serve as an usher for 30 minutes during services.

Please return this form to the Temple Office by Friday, August 26th.

Email: rabbijg@harsinai.org

Mail to: Har Sinai Temple, 2421 Pennington Road, Pennington, NJ 08534

**HIGH HOLY DAYS
GUEST TICKET REQUEST FORM**

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 family of members are asked to purchase tickets** in advance for a reasonable 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 **Friday, September 9th**.

I wish to purchase tickets for the High Holy Days:

	<u>One Holiday</u>	<u>Both Holidays</u>
Member's Guest	\$100	\$200
Non-member Guest	\$250	\$500

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. I understand that the cost of these tickets may be applied toward my membership if arrangements are made with the Temple office prior to November 1, 2022.

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

BOOK OF MEMORY

High Holy Days will soon be here, and once again, we will offer a special Book of Memory with tributes to our beloved family and friends whose memories are consecrated at our Yizkor Memorial Service on Yom Kippur. This booklet, a fitting expression of devotion and respect, will be available at the Yizkor Service. This custom combines the *mitzvot* (sacred acts) of *Zikaron*, "loving memory" and *Tzedakah*, "helpful 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 we have lost 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 \$ 50.00 for up to 5 names, and \$6.00 for each additional name.
 Half-Page \$136.00
 Full-Page \$236.00

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,
FOLLOWED BY THE DATE OF DEATH.*

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Mail this completed form with your payment **to arrive no later than Friday, September 2, 2022** to:
Har Sinai Temple, 2421 Pennington Road, Pennington, NJ 08534 **Attn: Book of Memory**

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: \$600 — We hire professionals to sing in the choir for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Our total cost is \$2,400.

Flowers: \$300 per holiday — We purchase fresh flowers for each holiday to beautify the bimah.

Rosh Hashanah Oneg: \$250 — We will gather for a festive Oneg/Kiddush following services on the evening of Rosh Hashanah.

Security: \$400 — We hire security for each of our services.
Our total budget for the holidays is \$2,000.

Technology: \$200 — We hire a technician to livestream each service. The total cost is \$1,000.

Tashlich: \$250 — This covers the cost of the food we provide when we gather for Tashlich.

Printing of the Yizkor Book of Memory: \$1,000 — Donate the cost of publishing our Book of Memory as a way of paying tribute to your deceased loved ones.