



WELCOME TO THE 5780 HIGH HOLYDAYS

Shalom and Shana Tova.

Summer greetings from Sleepy Hollow where our magenta and lilac impatiens are thriving, and where fiery sunsets over the Hudson River are awe inspiring.

Every June growing up, my Rabbi gave the same sermon to the school kids. He said, "I want you to do three things this summer: Take a walk, read a book, and make a friend." The simplicity of this stuck. That when we recharge in a variety of ways, from active to reflective, intellectual to social, it may be fulfilling. Doing any or all of these may contribute to a meaningful season.

Diversity and choice describe Temple Beth Abraham at the High Holydays. We have you covered whether you come from a Reform or Conservative or Interfaith tradition; if you are steeped in, or new to, Judaism; if you are a weekly or occasional attendee. We welcome you if you choose the familiar, choose the innovative, or if you are searching all together. If you prefer Hebrew, English, experiential or interpretive prayers, or a combination, we offer them. Whether you are most at home with choral, instrumental, or unaccompanied services, we have options for you to find meaning.

Peruse the attached booklet to discover the many ways you may learn, pray, and gather leading up to and during the High Holydays. And we invite your participation if you are able to join our team of greeters and ushers at all our services.

Also find out the several ways you may honor family and friends by naming them in our *Yizkor* (Memorial) booklet, making flower dedications to adorn our *bimahs* (pulpits) or dedicating a nameplate in our new *Machzor* (High Holyday prayer book).

On the Shabbat after Labor Day, we will have a chance to celebrate and invite new friends to join TBA. Come to Friday Night Family Services where we will welcome Yanira Quinones, our new Director of Education. And on Saturday, September 7, from 12:00-2:00pm, we will share TBA's Shabbat Picnic in the Park. Please bring lunch for your family – we'll supply the drinks and dessert. And be sure to bring along any unaffiliated families who are looking for their spiritual home.

This summer and these High Holydays, don't hesitate to let us know how we may make you feel most at home, how we may assist you to recharge and renew.

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President, Board of Trustees

This packet contains all of the instructions and order forms for our upcoming High Holydays. Please complete the enclosed Master Order Form and return to TBA with any payment that may be required no later than Friday, August 23, 2019. For your convenience we have partially completed the form and have enclosed a return envelope.



Rabbi Holtz's High Holyday Message

Dear Friends,

There's an exciting change coming to this year's High Holydays! For the first time in well over thirty years, we will have a new *Machzor* (High Holyday prayer book) in the Reform Sanctuary. (The Conservative Chapel switched to their new *Machzor* several years ago). Actually, it's two separate books – one for Rosh Hashanah and one for Yom Kippur. Last year we used the new book on the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah, and it met with near-unanimous acclaim. We are excited to make the switch fully this year.

The Gates of Repentance was published in the 70's, and it has been a wonderful spiritual companion for the Reform movement. I believe that *Mishkan ha-Nefesh* will be a very worthy successor. The readings, the language, even the layout will give us much to explore. Some of it will be familiar, some less so. I think that all of it will help deepen your High Holyday experience.

As you can imagine, switching to a new *Machzor* is not an inexpensive endeavor. The books are \$50.00/set and we need 1000 sets. You can do the math. As you fill out the enclosed High Holyday forms, please note the order form for the new *Machzor* and consider an additional donation to help cover the books your family will need. We will affix a book plate with your dedication in each one. When you open your brand new *Machzor* this year, you just might find your name!

One more thing. The month of *Elul*, the time for preparation for the Holydays, falls in September this year. That means we will be able to do some pre-Rosh Hashanah programming for those who would like to be more spiritually prepared for the Days of Awe. At least one of those programs will be a tour through the new *Machzor* so it will be a little more familiar when Rosh Hashanah rolls around. Look for all that information in the September Bulletin.

Please note and consider the HHD prayer book form.

Peace and blessings,

2019 / 5780 HIGH HOLYDAY INFORMATION

HIGH HOLYDAY TICKETS

Tickets for all High Holyday services will be issued to TBA members in good standing. Guest tickets are available to purchase for adult children who are not part of your household or supported by you, immediate family members (parents/grandparents), and your guests.

Every TBA family must complete and return the Master Order Form to receive tickets, including guest tickets.

YIZKOR MEMORIAL BOOK

More than any other time of the Jewish year, the High Holydays find us looking back in order to look ahead. It is a time of memories – thoughts of those who we've lost, who've enriched our past, but are not with us as we contemplate our future.

It is traditional on Yom Kippur to honor these loved ones by listing their names in the Memorial Book which is distributed during *Yizkor* services. The book is a declaration of love and a testament of thanks to those who came before.

To honor your loved ones in the Yizkor Book, please complete the Yizkor Memorial Book section on the enclosed High Holyday Master Order Form. We have pre-populated the Form with any loved ones you have honored in the past. Please review carefully and make any corrections/additions on the Form.

HIGH HOLYDAY FLOWER DEDICATION

We invite you to remember your loved ones by dedicating High Holyday flowers in their memory for Rosh Hashanah and/or Yom Kippur services. Your dedication will be listed in the High Holyday Announcements. Your donation helps to underwrite the cost of the beautiful flowers that grace our *bimahs* (pulpits) and a single donation covers all of the names you wish to include in your dedication.

To honor your loved ones with a flower dedication, please complete the High Holyday Flower section on the enclosed High Holyday Master Order Form.

SERVICE INFORMATION FOR TEENS IN GRADES 7 THROUGH 12

Since there will not be a separate Teen Service, we welcome and encourage all teens to worship together with their families here at TBA. Due to the number of people in the building and the narrowness of the halls, teens (or anyone else!) may only congregate in the rooms designated for this purpose. During the High Holyday season we hope that everyone in our TBA family will help create an atmosphere conducive to worship through appropriate decorum and behavior.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY CENTER

TBA will provide babysitting by **reservation only** for Rosh Hashanah **mornings** and Yom Kippur **morning** only.

{Note: We are no longer offering babysitting on Erev Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidrei, or the afternoon of Yom Kippur}.

Children (ages 2-10) will be provided with snacks, craft projects, and music in Nursery School and Religious School classrooms. Children must be signed into their age appropriate classroom and won't be able to leave unless accompanied by a responsible parent, guardian, or authorized person. The person who signs the child in for babysitting must remain on the premises.

In order to assure sufficient adult supervision, please list on the High Holyday Master Order Form the names and ages of your children who will need babysitting.

DO A MITZVAH-USHER FOR A SERVICE

Help your TBA community by volunteering to usher for one (or more!) of the High Holyday adult or children's services.

Please volunteer to usher by filling out that section of the Master Order Form or by signing up online at: tba-ny.org.

BEGINNING ANEW: A ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE REINVENTED

Social justice and Judaism have gone hand in hand since Abraham pleaded with God to save the condemned cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, by arguing even on behalf of strangers against a perceived injustice. Today many of us are struggling to balance what is asked of us as Jews, as humans, with also trying to live our lives when we have limited resources and time. This Rosh Hashanah we explore how integral Jews have been to social justice and how we can continue to help while maintaining balance in our lives. As before, our service will be interactive, inclusive, and provocative. Group discussions, examination of the traditions, poems, prayers, and songs will all be a part of it. The program is geared to adults and children over 10 (who must be accompanied by their parents). We regret that babysitting is not available for this program. **Monday, Sept. 30, 10:00-11:30am - Shames JCC**

ORDER YOUR OWN ETROG SETS FOR SUKKOT

TBA has arranged to make available *Lulav* and *Eetrog* sets. All sets are 100% Kosher, from Israel, and include all four species – *Eetrog* (citron), *Lulav* (palm), *Hadassim* (myrtle) and *Aravot* (willow). If you would like to order a set for you and your family, please send a check to TBA for \$54.00 per set. Order by Friday, September 20, 2019.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2019

Join us for an enjoyable morning decorating the TBA *Sukkah* for the upcoming holiday of *Sukkot*. This activity is suitable for all family members. A light breakfast will be available. To ensure that we have plenty of refreshments for everyone, please RSVP by contacting Irene Metz at 631-1770, x19, or by email to clergyassistant@tba-ny.org.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS

Reform High Holyday Services and Events

SELICHOT*

Saturday, September 21**

Program and Study in Preparation for the Days of Awe (Program to be Announced) 7:00pm

Refreshments and Social Time followed by *Havdalah* 9:00pm

Selichot Service 9:30pm

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 29 7:30pm

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Reform Service 9:30am

Beginning Anew: A Rosh Hashanah Service Reinvented 10:00am

(at the Shames JCC on the Hudson)

*Tashlich** 4:00pm

Tuesday, October 1** 9:30am

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, October 8 7:30pm

Wednesday, October 9 9:30am

Healing Service* 1:00pm

Afternoon, *Yizkor* (Memorial Service) 3:15pm

& *Neilah* (Concluding Service)**

Conservative High Holyday Services and Events

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Wednesday, October 9 (including *Yizkor*) 9:00am

Healing Service* 1:00pm

Neilah (Concluding Service)** 4:30pm

* Combined Reform and Conservative Services take place for *Selichot*, *Tashlich*, and Healing Services

HIGH HOLYDAY CHILDREN'S SERVICES

ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, September 30 and Tuesday, October 1

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, October 9

**Start times for the services for grades K through 6
will be announced at a later date.**

**** These Services are open to the community and there is no charge to attend. Bring your friends!**

PLEASE NOTE: The temperature in the sanctuaries is deliberately kept cool for the benefit of those presiding - please dress accordingly. Please leave all cell phones and pagers either off or at home.