

5781 High Holy Days At A Glance



Below are some of our tentative plans for this year's High Holidays. Check out our interactive High Holy Day calendar on harziontemple.org

Eluminations – As the month of Elul continues to lead us up to the holidays, we are emailing daily inspirational messages and have live daily online learning opportunities led by Rabbi Shawn, Rabbi Haaz, Dr. Ely Levine, Rabbi Ira Flax, Rabbi Moriah SimonHazani, Dr. Sara H. Cohen and others.

Rosh Hashanah Drive Thru – Sunday, September 13 – An opportunity to stop by and drop off food for the annual Federation Food Drive, pick up machzors to use during online services, a special care package with High Holiday materials and treats, and school material for kids in NCCECE and JFGRS. JFGRS families will continue down to the Schuylkill River at River Road for individual Family Tashlich ceremonies with Rabbi Shawn.

Pre-Rosh Hashanah Virtual Seder – Join Rabbi Shawn and Rabbi Haaz for a family-centered experience on Friday evening, September 18, just before Rosh Hashanah begins, to start the holidays off right. Please see the full calendar of High Holiday Family Programming on harziontemple.org.

Rosh Hashanah Moments:

For everyone's health and safety, congregational participation will be **virtual only**. We will only have staff physically in the building for services.

Community Prayer Reimagined: A Har Zion Rosh Hashanah "Mosaic," featuring many of the essential components of the services, including prayers with familiar tunes, portions of Torah Readings by our youth and sermon from Rabbi Haaz, interspersed with input from members of our community.

Family Service and Picnic – Join Norman, Rabbi Shawn and Rabbi Haaz on Saturday afternoon for an outdoor service (weather permitting) geared towards young families. Plan to bring a blanket for your family to sit on (socially distanced) in the field behind the building. (Rain plan will be virtual.) Check out our full Family High Holy Day schedule on harziontemple.org

Online Programming for High Schoolers and College and Beyond (to age 25) – Join Norman on Saturday evening for lounge and discussion sessions for our older youth. There will be two sessions, one for grades 8-12 and one for ages 18-25. The topic is: *Wake Up Call: The boundaries of forgiveness as Jews, as Americans and as human beings.*

Shofar on the Roof – Sunday afternoon we will be opening up the HZT parking lot for live Shofar services. Don't miss this opportunity to hear the Shofar bring in 5781 as part of a short service on-site. There are three assigned time slots – 1 PM, 2:30 PM and 4 PM. Masks required, but feel free to pop out of your sunroof or stand outside of your vehicle on the driver's side! Let's join together to hear the Shofar live!

In-person visits to the Bronstein Memorial Room and the Main Sanctuary – The week between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, you will be able to sign up to come into the building for some quiet reflection in advance of the Yom Kippur holiday and Yizkor.

Yom Kippur Moments:

Adult Education classes on Yom Kippur afternoon to complete your day

Yizkor – Full day of services including Yizkor

Sharing Memories: An Engaging Yizkor Experience – Join Rabbi Haaz and Norman for a memorial service designed for 2nd-5th graders and their families.