



CONGREGATION SHAAREY TIKVAH
HIGH HOLY DAYS 5778 INFORMATION
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Dear Friends,

This booklet and packet of order forms enable you to take full advantage of the High Holy Day offerings and services at Shaarey Tikvah. This is important information. All documents should be read carefully. In order to properly staff and schedule different events, it is important that you return all appropriate registration forms by August 23, 2017.

After reading this booklet, you may choose to fill out the necessary forms on-line at:

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07eefmq66bj5u5n6ao/start>.

This link is shortened in the SPOTLIGHT section on the first page of our website:
www.shaareytikvah.org

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“Tickets” this year will be in the form of a NAME TAG and must be shown to the police officer(s) for admittance to High Holy Day services. You will be given a lanyard upon entry to services. You are asked to wear the name tag but *you are not required to do so*. Please return the lanyard at your last High Holy Day service.

Honors letters and NAME TAGS will be mailed to members in good standing during the week of September 4. As you may remember from your July dues and fees statement, in order to receive tickets for the High Holy Days, members must have met their previous financial obligations to the synagogue and have paid at least 25% of their dues for the current fiscal year (2017-2018) prior to the High Holy Days. Members who find themselves in a financial situation that does not enable them to do so or are unable to pay full dues should please call me at (216) 765-8300 ext. 101 as soon as possible to make other arrangements.

L'Shana Tova!

Martha

Martha Sivertson
Executive Director

MEMBER TICKETS

Members receive High Holy Day NAME TAGS at no charge. They are included with their membership. Seats are not assigned. **TICKETS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE.**

High Holy Day tickets are available to non-members. Ticket prices are as follows:

Members' children thru age 30	No cost
College students (with ID)	No cost
Members of Armed Forces	No cost
Members in good standing from Out of Town Synagogues (with confirmation letter)	No cost
Non-members – Tishrei Membership	\$150/adult

“TISHREI MEMBERSHIP” for NON-MEMBERS

Wanting to show off our wonderful kehillah at more than just Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we encourage non-members to attend a Shabbat service, an educational program, our Sukkah Hop, and/or a Shabbat meal at someone's home during the month of Tishrei. Refer to the **ORDER FORM** to purchase these tickets and to indicate if you would like someone to contact you to learn more about our array of community opportunities.

SECURITY

We take the issue of security seriously. We also want to ensure people's safety within a comfortable environment. Recent events require us to be mindful of possible threats so we can act accordingly. As in past years, a security/police officer will be stationed at each of the two entrances to the building and everyone will be asked to show their tickets.

USHERS AND VOLUNTEERS

A dedicated group of men and women volunteer their time to enable the congregation to come together in a safe and orderly environment. Special security training will be offered this year. In the event of an emergency, please follow the instructions of the ushers.

We continue to have a need for **adult volunteers to usher** for the High Holy Day worship services. We also need **adult volunteers to assist with educational programming, and teens to help in the babysitting rooms and in youth programs.** Please consider volunteering for this important work. Various time slots are available. You are welcome to sign up for more than one shift. Please refer to the **USHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND EDUCATIONAL VOLUNTEER FORMS** to complete and return by August 23. You will be notified of your assignment shortly thereafter.

Thank you to Marvin Engelberg for agreeing to coordinate the High Holy Day ushering.

WHAT TO BRING TO EACH SERVICE

MAHZOR

Our primary prayer book for the High Holy Days is **Mahzor Lev Shalem**, the Conservative Movement's mahzor. Through the generosity of several anonymous donors, we have additional copies for our guests. Please bring your mahzor with you, taking care to inscribe your name in your books. If you would like to purchase a mahzor, please see the **ORDER FORM** or stop by the office to see Roz or Martha.

KIPPOT and TALLIT

As a sign of respect for our sacred space, we ask that all guests, Jewish and not, wear kippot throughout their visit to the synagogue. Though this custom is traditionally observed by men, we encourage women to do so as well. All men and women must have their heads covered when ascending the bimah. Jewish men and women over the age of bar/bat mitzvah are strongly encouraged to wear a tallit as well. Extra tallit are available at the door.

SANCTUARY ETIQUETTE AT SERVICES

- Please wait in the rear or side aisles in the sanctuary when the Congregation is standing in prayer or when the Ark is open.
- There should be no entering or leaving during Rabbi Roland's sermons.
- Unless there is an emergency, please do not enter or exit through the doors at the front of the sanctuary during services.
- Please assist the ushers when asked.
- Please keep personal conversations to a minimum.
- At the conclusion of services, please do not leave the sanctuary until after the final benediction.

HIGH HOLY DAY HONORS

In our ongoing effort to promote congregational participation throughout the High Holy Days, we encourage everyone, whether or not they are interested in having an honor, to please fill out the **FORM** and return it to the office **no later than August 23**. We will make every effort to accommodate your request.

This procedure has worked very well over the last several years, and has saved the committee a tremendous amount of time in trying to understand the priorities of the congregational membership. Please complete the **FORM**, even if you will not be attending services for some or all of the High Holy Days. Should you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact either Ed Kneitel at 216.765.1955 or Diane Burgin at 216.921.4004.

YOM KIPPUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Yizkor Service has always been a meaningful part of the Yom Kippur Day. At this time, we call to mind our beloved departed family members and friends. With this act, we unite their memories with the living community. As in past years, our Yom Kippur Book of Remembrance will include the names of your loved ones and will be available on Kol Nidre. ***Only the names of those who have died since last Yom Kippur will be read aloud at the Yizkor Service.*** If you have lost a loved one during this period, please place an asterisk by his or her name and they will be included. On the full list, the Book of Remembrance will contain the donor's name so that a clear relationship will be evident between the deceased and those who remember them. Kindly use the enclosed FORM to list those you wish to be remembered. **To ensure that your names are included, we must receive your list no later than September 11.** It is a tradition to honor those deceased with a charitable contribution to the Synagogue. We *suggest* a minimum donation of \$18.00 per name.

ATTENTION SHOFAR ENTHUSIASTS!

The Neilah Service on Yom Kippur concludes with a final blast of the Shofar. All who wish to participate in the blowing of the final "Tekiah Gedolah," are invited to do so **following** the solo "blast" from the Baal Tekiah's Shofar.

PURCHASING LULAV AND ETROG

Lulavim & etrogim are available for purchase through Frank's Hebrew Bookstore, 14425 Cedar Rd., South Euclid, or Grand Judaica, 1873 S. Taylor Rd., Cleveland Heights.

BABYSITTING SERVICE

Congregation Shaarey Tikvah is pleased to make babysitting services available for families with children from 0 - 4. We hire babysitters based on pre-registration and, therefore, require advance registration and pre-payment. Please use the FORM to register. It is difficult to accommodate unexpected children. Thank you, in advance, for respecting this request.

Babysitting is separate and different from youth educational programming, which is available for children from kindergarten through grade 7.

The babysitting room will have adult supervision and teenage volunteers. In addition to the babysitting room, there will be a separate quiet room for nursing mothers.

Schedule for Babysitting

Rosh Hashanah

Days One and Two: 9:00 a.m. – Conclusion of service
Thursday, Sept. 21 & Friday, Sept. 22

Yom Kippur

Friday, September 29 (Kol Nidre) 6:15 p.m. – Conclusion of service
Saturday, September 30 9:30 a.m. – Conclusion of Musaf

Costs for babysitting services are:

\$60/child Rosh Hashanah 1 & 2, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur

\$50/child Rosh Hashanah 1 & 2 and Yom Kippur

\$20/child Individual sessions

General Rules:

1. All children will be “signed in” and “signed out” using stickers, by either a parent or an adult caretaker. **Siblings under 13 cannot take children to babysitting or pick them up.**
2. If your child becomes inconsolable or is disruptive in the babysitting room, you will be notified.

Because the children will receive a light lunch and snacks, we need to know of any food allergies. No outside food will be allowed in the babysitting rooms. Should you need to bring any special food items from home for the health of your child, please be mindful of the health considerations of others and our synagogue’s kashrut policy. Please contact Rabbi Roland with any specific questions or requests. All children will be given name tags. They will have to wear them during their stay in babysitting.

FAMILY SERVICES AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

There will be family services, activities, and learning opportunities for youth in kindergarten through 7th grade on both days of Rosh Hashanah as well as on Yom Kippur day. In addition, teen text study sessions will be offered.

It is our expectation that, throughout the duration of the High Holy Day services, your child will be with you, in babysitting, or involved in educational programming. Parents of children in grades K - 7 who would like them to participate in educational programming must return the enclosed **REGISTRATION FORM** no later than August 23 so we can plan our activities appropriately.

Tashlich 5778

Thursday, September 21, 4:45 pm

**at the home of Michele & Bob Reiner
26720 Hendon Road**

with B'nai Jeshurun Congregation

Since at least the 15th century a ceremony known as Tashlich (literally, “casting forth”) has been held among Jews on Rosh Hashanah afternoon. Tashlich is conducted near a body of water – a stream, an ocean, or a well – and commonly includes the recitation of passages from the Psalms and the Prophets.

The name, Tashlich, derives from the prophet Micah’s description of casting forth sins into the depth of the sea. Like the Yom Kippur ceremony of the scapegoat, the Tashlich ceremony is a way of alleviating sins and casting away evil. And like another Yom Kippur ceremony, Kaparot, Tashlich is not a rite devised by the sages, but rather a popular practice eventually accepted by religious authorities. As one scholar speculates, there was a “common custom of throwing sops to the spirits of rivers on critical days of the year.” This practice may explain some of the customs originally associated with Tashlich, such as feeding crumbs to fish.

The significance of water as a purifying element in Judaism is well-known and serves an important function in the Tashlich ceremony, too. Water was connected with the primal waters of creation. It is also associated with the story of the binding of Isaac, which plays an important role in the Rosh Hashanah services. Satan turned himself into a stream to prevent Isaac and Abraham from reaching their goal, but they did not let it stop them. Water is also the breeding ground for fish, which present us with an important metaphor for the Tashlich ceremony. Ecclesiastes teaches that, just as fish may become enmeshed in a net, and birds may be trapped in a snare, so human beings may be caught by calamity when it comes upon them without warning (Eccles. 9:12). And so we can see how the basic themes of Rosh Hashanah – asking for God’s protection and compassion, cleansing ourselves, and casting off our sins – are woven into the folk customs that became Tashlich.

From: *Entering Jewish Prayer* by Rabbi Reuven Hammer.

Please make every effort to join the community and attend this fun, meaningful, family-friendly service. We are grateful to the Reiner family for helping us maintain this tradition. They kindly request that children refrain from climbing on trees and throwing rocks into the lake.

MAZON and Food Donations

Our Jewish tradition impels us to set aside “the corners of our fields” for the poor and the stranger, so that they might share in the bounty of our harvest. For many years, thousands of Jews have given life to that tradition by supporting **MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger** monetarily, and/or by donating food and supplies to local charities. This appeal has raised millions of dollars and millions of pounds of food. This is not just a Cleveland event, but takes place nationwide.

The goal of MAZON’s High Holy Day campaign is to raise money for MAZON’s work in our community and beyond, and to collect food for local charities. Critical to the success of this effort is promoting an understanding that donations of both food (to a local charity) and money (to MAZON) are crucial to finding a long-term solution to the hunger crisis. Shaarey Tikvah supports these efforts by donating food to area hunger centers.

Another option would be a monetary donation to **MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger**. Anyone that would like to take advantage of this option is welcome to leave a check made out to MAZON with the office or send a check to MAZON, 1990 S. Bundy Drive, Suite 260, Los Angeles, CA 90025-5232.

We hope each member/family will fill a whole grocery bag (or more) of much needed donations and bring it back to shul by **Sunday, October 15**. Volunteers will then sort and rebag the groceries for presentation to area hunger centers. Items especially desired are: diapers, baby food, desserts, canned items (i.e. pasta, fish, soup, vegetables and fruit). Donations of toilet paper and paper towels are always needed.

Anyone who wishes to help sort or deliver food items, please join us on **Sunday, October 15** from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon at the synagogue. If anyone has food to donate, but cannot get it to the synagogue, please feel free to call the office for a pick-up.

L’shana Tova Tikvatevu!

Coming Events at Shaarey Tikvah

September ***9*** ***Alternative Musaf Service***
 9 ***Lunch & Learn***
 16 ***Birthday Shabbat***

October ***1*** ***Intergenerational Sukkot Project (with Upcycle)***
 7 ***Birthday Shabbat***
 8 ***Sukkah Hop***
 10 ***Sisterhood Sukkot Brunch***
 12 ***OkTORAHfest***
 20 ***Chaverim Shabbat***
 28 ***Sisterhood Shabbat***

November ***4*** ***Birthday Shabbat***
 5 ***Kristellnacht Commemoration***
 17 ***Pajama Neshama***

December ***1*** ***Chaverim Shabbat***
 10 ***Concert for, with, and by Cantor Gary***

<i><u>Pajama Neshama</u></i>	<i><u>Chaverim Shabbat</u></i>
<i>Jan. 19, 2018</i>	<i>Feb. 9, 2018</i>
<i>March 16, 2018</i>	<i>April 13, 2018</i>
<i>May 18, 2018</i>	

**Schedule of Services and Important Information
5778 Yamim Noraim – Days of Awe 2017**

SELICHOT – NEW THIS YEAR

Mizrachi Selichot	Sunday mornings, Sept., 3, 10, & 17	8:30 a.m.
	Saturday, Sept. 16	8:30 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH

Rosh Hashanah Eve	1 st Eve	Wednesday, September 20	8:00 p.m.
Morning Services	1 st Day	Thursday, September 21	8:00 a.m.
Torah Service	1 st Day		9:15 a.m.
Tashlich (see p. 7)		Thursday, September 21	4:45 p.m.
Morning Services	2 nd Day	Friday, September 22	8:00 a.m.
Torah Service			9:15 a.m.
Shabbat Shuvah		Saturday, September 23	9:00 a.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre		Friday, September 29	6:45 p.m.
Morning Services		Saturday, September 30	9:00 a.m.
Torah Service			10:30 a.m.
Yizkor			12:30 p.m. (approx.)
Mincha			5:00 p.m.
Neilah			6:00 p.m.
Break Fast (Sponsored by Jackie Chernin in memory of her husband, Dr. Jack Chernin)		(approximately)	7:50 p.m.

SUKKOT

Sukkot Eve	1 st Eve	Wednesday, October 4 (in the Roland Family sukkah)	6:00 p.m.
Morning Service	1 st Day	Thursday, October 5	9:00 a.m.
Evening Service	2 nd Eve	Thursday, October 5	7:30 p.m.
Morning Service	2 nd Day	Friday, October 6	9:00 a.m.
Shemini Atzeret	Eve	Wednesday, October 11	6:00 p.m.
Morning Service & Yizkor		Thursday, October 12	9:00 a.m.
Simchat Torah	Eve	Thursday, October 12	5:30 p.m. OkTorahfest <i>(details in next Gateways)</i>
			7:00 p.m. Maariv
			7:15 p.m. Hakafot
Simchat Torah	Day	Friday, October 13	9:00 a.m.