



HIGH HOLY DAYS 2025/5786 INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

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Dear Friends,

As we approach the High Holy Days, I've been reflecting on the past year with deep gratitude on the warmth and generosity of this kehillah, *community*. I'm looking forward to entering this sacred season together with a strong sense of connection, shared purpose, and openness to the year ahead.

I encourage you to read through this packet for new and updated information that may pertain to your High Holy Days experience. We hope you'll take advantage not only of services and programmatic offerings but also offer your time for one of the many volunteer needs.

L'shana tova!

Holly Sukol, Executive Director

You can complete the enclosed registration forms OR register online by scanning the QR code on the first page of the registration packet.

Please return/submit all registration forms by September 1, 2025.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

All services will be in person and most will be live-streamed. Links will be made available before the HHD.

Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah	Monday, Sept. 22	7:00pm
Morning Services Day 1	Tuesday, Sept. 23	8:30am
Tashlich (<i>at Ursuline College</i>)	Tuesday, Sept. 23	5:00pm (<i>Not live-streamed</i>)
Morning Services Day 2	Wednesday, Sept. 24	8:30am
Shabbat Shuvah	Saturday, Sept. 27	9:00am

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre	Wednesday, Oct. 1	6:30pm
Morning Services	Thursday, Oct. 2	8:30am Morning Services 12:30pm Yizkor (<i>approx.</i>) 5:00pm Mincha 6:00pm Neilah (<i>approx.</i>) 7:45pm Break Fast

Sukkot

Morning Services Day 1	Tuesday, Oct. 7	9:00am
Morning Services Day 2	Wednesday, Oct. 8	9:00am
Shemini Atzeret	Tuesday, Oct. 14	9:00am Morning Service (<i>with Yizkor</i>)
Erev Simchat Torah	Tuesday, Oct. 14	6:00pm OkTorahfest 7:30pm Maariv and Hakafot
Simchat Torah	Wednesday, Oct. 15	9:00am

As service timing will vary, we encourage you to join us as close to starting time as possible.

MEMBER REGISTRATION & TICKETS

REMEMBER: Member adults do not need to register for the High Holy Days. As a member in good standing, you can attend High Holy Days services at no charge as a benefit of membership. We are happy to take 'register to attend' off your to-do list this season.

Tickets will again be in the form of nametags. These will be available at the front (South) door when you attend your first service and must be shown to the police officer(s) for admittance to High Holy Days services. You will be given a lanyard or clip for your nametag upon entry. Please wear your nametag at all times and return the lanyard/clip at your last High Holy Days service.

Member children will still need to be registered for childcare/children's programming. Childcare and programming information can be found on Page 4 of this booklet and registration can be completed in the Registration Packet or online.

To register your adult children (26 and older) or non-member guests who will be joining you at CST for the High Holy Days, please see Page 6 of the Registration Packet or online.

HIGH HOLY DAY HONORS

In our ongoing efforts to promote congregational participation, we asked everyone to complete the form sent out via email in July.

If you did not fill out the form but are interested in having an honor, please contact Matt Fieldman (mattfieldman@gmail.com) or Elise Braverman-Plotkin (ebravermanplotkin@gmail.com) immediately! They will make every effort to accommodate your request(s).

YOM KIPPUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

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, October 1. Only the names of those who have passed since last Yom Kippur will be read aloud at the Yizkor Service. The Book of Remembrance will contain your name so that a clear relationship will be evident between the deceased and those who remember them.

Please complete the Book of Remembrance portion of the Registration Packet, or online, to have names included.

SECURITY

IMPORTANT: The only entrance to High Holy Days services will be the front (South) doors.

We take the issue of synagogue security seriously. As in past years, a security/police officer will be stationed at each entrance. Volunteer security ushers will serve as additional sets of eyes, assisting officers in identifying and greeting our members and guests.

CHILDCARE & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

We are pleased to make childcare available for families (including non-members) with children ages 1-5 and programming for children in grades K-7. Children will receive a light lunch and snacks on Rosh Hashanah 1 & 2 and Yom Kippur.

Childcare for children ages 1-5 and programming for children in grades K-7 will be available for the services below:

Rosh Hashanah *Days 1 & 2* | September 22 & 23 · 9:00am – conclusion

Kol Nidre | October 1 · 6:30pm – conclusion (**Only for ages 1-5**)

Yom Kippur | October 2 · 9:00am – conclusion

NEW THIS YEAR: To help cover the cost of educators, babysitters, supplies, and snacks, all childcare and programming will now include a participation fee.

Participation Fee:

\$60/child for All Services

\$20/child for Individual Services

Please refer to Childcare & Children's Programming portion of the Registration Packet, or online, to register your children.

NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION & TICKETS

High Holy Days tickets (nametags) are available for non-members as well. As we hope to show off our wonderful kehillah (community) at more than just Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we encourage non-members to attend a Shabbat service, an educational program, and/or a Shabbat or holiday meal at someone's home during the month of Tishrei.

Anyone joining us for the HHD who is not a member of CST must register in advance and pay the designated fee. Nametags will be available at the check-in table upon entering CST.

Non-Member High Holy Days Tickets:

College Students (with ID)	No cost
Active Duty Members of the Armed Forces	No cost
Members of Out-of-Town Synagogues (with confirmation letter provided to CST office)	No cost
Members' children ages 26-30 and not married	No cost
Members' children over 30 and/or married	\$180/adult
All Other Non-Members	\$180/adult

TASHLICH 5786

“Casting Forth”

The custom of Tashlich provides an opportunity to symbolically cast off that which comes between us and realizing our ideal selves. We are grateful guests of Ursuline College again this year and plan to respect their property leaving it as pristine and peaceful as we found it. Small rocks will be provided for casting. NO BREAD, please.

Tashlich will take place September 23 at Lake Elissa. Directions will be available in the weekly emails or by contacting Debbie at 216-765-8300 x100 or debbie@shaareytikvah.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

USHER/GREETER/SECURITY TEAM

We continue to have a need for adult volunteers to usher for the HHD worship services. Please consider volunteering for this important work. Various shifts are available and you are welcome to sign up for more than one shift.

South Doors Ushers: Welcome congregants and guests and supplement the police security

West Doors Ushers: Welcome people into the sanctuary and provide assistance as needed

Check-In Greeters: Greet congregants and guests and ensure name tags are worn/displayed

Floater: Be available to assist the other ushers at expected peak times and serve as a circulator during those busiest periods of the High Holy Days

Please refer to the Volunteer portion of the Registration Packet, or online, to indicate your interest and availability. We will be in touch by mid-September with your assignment(s).

CHILDREN'S HIGH HOLY DAYS EXPERIENCE TEAM

Thank you for supporting the youngest members of our congregation with your time and being part of the Children's High Holy Days Experience Team!

Ages 1-5: Read stories, play age-appropriate games, etc.

Grades K-7: Lead a learning, facilitate age-appropriate games, etc.

Snack Helpers: Prepare/serve snacks (all food and instructions provided) for kids' snack break

Check-In Table: Greet congregants and guests and ensure name tags are worn/displayed

Please refer to the Volunteer portion of the Registration Packet, or online, to indicate your interest and availability. We will be in touch by mid-September with your assignment(s).

CORNERS OF OUR FIELDS FOOD DRIVE

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 hunger relief organizations by donating food and supplies or money.

This year, we are asking our community to support local families as well as those affected by the war in Israel.

- **Want to donate food and supplies?** Shaarey Tikvah invites each member/family to donate a grocery bag (or more!) of food and/or much-needed supplies. Donations must be dropped off by Friday, October 17.
 - Especially Needed Items: diapers, baby food, desserts, canned items (i.e. pasta, fish, soup, vegetables, fruit). Donations of toilet paper and paper towels are always needed.
- **Want to donate monetarily?** You can donate by credit card or by sending a check made out to Shaarey Tikvah, with ‘Corners of Our Fields’ in the memo.
- **Want to help sort or deliver donations?** Join us on Sunday, October 19 from 10:00 to 11:30am at the synagogue to sort donations and/or to help take donations to the various local food banks during the following week. Register to volunteer on Page 5 of the Registration Packet, or online.

HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR ALL

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 personal mahzor with you, taking care to inscribe your name in your books. If you would like to purchase a mahzor, please see the Registration Packet or contact the office.

KIPPOT and TALLITOT | As a sign of respect for our sacred space we ask that kippot are worn at all times in the synagogue. Though this custom is traditionally observed by men, we encourage women to wear a head covering 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. Tallitot and kippot are available at the door.

SANCTUARY ETIQUETTE

- Please wait in the rear or aisles when the congregation is standing in prayer or when the Ark is open.
- Keep our sanctuary beautiful by throwing away any trash, collecting any personal items, and tidying your area before leaving services.
- Please minimize leaving or entering during Rabbi Roland's sermons.
- Please keep personal conversations to a minimum.
- At the conclusion of services, please do not leave the sanctuary until after the final benediction.
- Unless there is an emergency, please do not enter or exit through unauthorized doors.

CONGREGATIONAL SHOFAR BLAST

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 (South Euclid), Grand Judaica (Cleveland Heights), Gross Schechter Day School, or Mandel Jewish Day School.



Name: _____

2025/5786 High Holy Days Registration Forms



Please complete the required information and include payment for appropriate programs/options. Checks can be made payable to Congregation Shaarey Tikvah or credit card payments can be made through the CST website.

Online registration is available by scanning the QR code.

Please submit registration and payment to the office by September 1, 2025.

Please make checks payable to Congregation Shaarey Tikvah or visit shaareytikvah.org/donate to pay using a credit card.

MEMBER INFORMATION

NEW THIS YEAR: Member adults do not need to register for the High Holy Days. As a member in good standing, you are entitled to High Holy Days tickets and we are happy to take 'register to attend' off your to-do list this season.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

I/We Would Like To:	YES	NO	If YES, complete:
Include Names in the Book of Remembrance			Page 2
Register Children for Childcare or Programming			Page 3
Volunteer for the Usher/Greeter/Security Team			Page 4
Volunteer for the Children's High Holy Days Experience Team			Page 5
Volunteer for the Corners of Our Fields Food Sorting Team			Page 6
Host New or Non-Members for a Shabbat or Sukkot Meal			Page 6
Register as a Non-Member or Bring Guests/Adult Children			Page 7
Purchase One or More Mahzor Lev Shalem			Page 8
Make My/Our Pledge to the Shofar Campaign			Page 8

Name: _____

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 and 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, October 1. Only the names of those who have passed since last Yom Kippur will be read aloud at the Yizkor Service. If you have lost a loved one during this period, when filling in the form, please circle 'Yes' so that their name(s) may be read aloud.

The Book of Remembrance will contain your name so that a clear relationship will be evident between the deceased and those who remember them. It is traditional to honor those deceased with a charitable contribution to the synagogue. We suggest a minimum donation of \$18 per name, but any amount will be accepted.

To ensure that your names are included, we must receive your list no later than September 1, 2025.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE INFORMATION *Please print carefully*

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Print the same names as last year (check only if no changes)

Print the same names as last year **AND** those below

Print **ONLY** the names below

Name: *Additional names can be written on the back of this page*

**Deceased since Yom
Kippur 2024/5785?**

_____	Yes	No
_____	Yes	No
_____	Yes	No
_____	Yes	No

Remembered By: _____

If you are unsure which names you included in 2024/5785 contact Debbie at 216-765-8300 x100 or debbie@shaareytikvah.org.

Name: _____

CHILDCARE & CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING REGISTRATION

Childcare for children ages 1-5 and programming for children in grades K-7 will be available:

Rosh Hashanah 1	9:00am – conclusion of services (9:30am for K-7)
Rosh Hashanah 2	9:00am – conclusion of services (9:30am for K-7)
Kol Nidre	6:30pm – conclusion of services Only Ages 1-5
Yom Kippur	9:00am – conclusion of morning services (9:30am for K-7)

Cost for Childcare for Children Ages 1-5:

\$60/child for All Services

\$20/child for Individual Services

There is no cost for programming for children in grades K-7.

SECURITY NOTE: Children are not permitted to congregate in the lobby, hallways, or social halls at any time during the High Holy Days. All registered children will be given nametags and are expected to wear them. Your child(ren) should be in childcare/programming or with your family in the sanctuary at all times.

Please return this form to the synagogue no later than September 1, 2025. We hire babysitters and plan activities based on pre-registration so please note that we may not be able to accommodate children who are not registered for childcare/programming.

Please write the name and age/grade (as of Fall 2025) of each child and indicate which day(s) they will/may be present. Please also indicate your child/ren's food allergies.

NAME	AGE / GRADE	RH1	RH2	KOL NIDRE	YK	FOOD ALLERGIES

☐ I understand that my child(ren) will not be allowed to congregate in the lobby, hallways, or social halls at any time. I understand that my child(ren) will be directed to join programming or sit with our family in the sanctuary and if they do not comply, they will be escorted to the sanctuary by childcare/programming staff and could be asked not to return to programming if the issue persists.

Name: _____

VOLUNTEER | Ushers, Greeters, & Security Team

Thank you for your commitment to supporting our congregation with your time and being part of the High Holy Days Usher/Greeter/Security Team. **If you only want to volunteer for the check-in table, please indicate that in the 'Notes' column.**

South Doors Ushers: Welcome congregants and guests and supplement the police security

West Doors Ushers: Welcome people into the sanctuary and provide assistance as needed

Check-In Greeters: Greet congregants and guests and ensure name tags are worn/displayed

Floater: Be available to assist the other ushers at expected peak times and serve as a circulator during those busiest periods of the High Holidays

Please indicate ALL shifts for which you are interested in volunteering and return to the office by September 1, 2025. Assignments will be made by the High Holiday Usher Committee in mid-September based on the highest needs. We will notify you of assignments by mid-September.

HOLIDAY & DATE	SHIFT TIME	NAME <i>(List all in time slot)</i>	NOTES
Erev Rosh Hashanah Mon., September 22	6:30 – 7:45pm		
	7:45pm – conclusion		
Rosh Hashanah, Day 1 Tues., September 23	8:15 – 9:30am		
	9:30 – 11:00am		
	11:00am – conclusion		
Rosh Hashanah, Day 2 Wed., September 24	8:15 – 9:30am		
	9:30 – 11:00am		
	11:00am – conclusion		
Kol Nidre Wed., October 1	6:00 – 7:30pm		
	7:30pm – conclusion		
Yom Kippur Thurs., October 2	8:15 – 9:30am		
	9:30 – 11:00am		
	11:00am – 12:15pm		
	12:15pm – break		
	4:45 – 6:00pm		
	6:00pm – conclusion		

Name: _____

VOLUNTEER | Children's High Holy Days Experience Team

Thank you for supporting the youngest members of our congregation with your time and being part of the High Holy Days Children's Programming Team.

Ages 1-5: Read stories, play age-appropriate games, etc.

Grades K-7: Lead a learning, play age-appropriate games, etc.

Snack Helpers: Prepare/serve snacks (all food and instructions provided) for kids' snack break

Check-In Table: Greet congregants and guests with children and ensure name tags are worn/displayed

Please indicate ALL shifts for which you are interested in volunteering and return to the office by **September 1, 2025**. We will be in touch with by mid-September with assignments and if you selected 'Ages 1-5' or 'Grades K-7,' to learn about what you are interested in doing.

HOLIDAY & DATE	SHIFT TIME	NAME	Ages 1-5	Grades K-7	Snack Help	Check-In Table
Rosh Hashanah 1 Tues., Sept. 23	Before 11:00am					
	After 11:00am					
Rosh Hashanah 2 Wed., Sept. 24	Before 11:00am					
	After 11:00am					
Kol Nidre Wed., October 1	6:30 – 8:00pm					
Yom Kippur Thurs., October 2	Before 11:00am					
	After 11:00am					

Name: _____

VOLUNTEER | Corners of Our Fields Food Sorting Team

I/We Would Like To:	
Sort food and donations on October 19 (10:00 – 11:30am)	
Deliver donations during on October 19 and/or the week of October 20	
Be available to pick up donations from congregants who are not able to drop them off	

HOST NEW OR NON- MEMBERS FOR A SHABBAT/HOLIDAY MEAL

I/We Would Like To Host: *Please check all that apply*

☐	Shabbat Dinner (Friday night)
☐	Shabbat Lunch (Saturday following services)
☐	Sukkot Meal (Multiple opportunities)
☐	Any Meal

Best Contact for Those You Will Be Hosting: _____

Dietary Restrictions Observed in My/Our Home: *Please check all that apply*

☐	Gluten Free	☐	Pescatarian	☐	Vegetarian/Vegan
☐	Nut Free	☐	Kosher	☐	Kosher-style
☐	None of These	☐	Other: _____		

Name: _____

NON-MEMBER & GUEST REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Preferred Contact Method: *Phone* *Email*

Names of Family Members Attending: (circle 'Adult' or 'Child')

_____ *Adult* *Child*

_____ *Adult* *Child*

_____ *Adult* *Child*

_____ *Adult* *Child*

I/we would be open to having an honor during services: Yes No Maybe

		Cost Per	Quantity	Total
Non-Member Adult	Regular Tickets	\$180/ea		\$
	Out of Town, College, Military Tickets	\$0/ea		\$
Adult Child(ren) of Members	Ages 26-30 and Not Married	\$0/ea		\$
	Age 30+ and/or Married	\$180/ea		\$

Please contact me about:

A Shabbat or Sukkot dinner hosted at a congregant's home Yes No

Other upcoming Shaarey Tikvah events and programs Yes No

Nametags will be available for pick up at the check-in table before all of the HHD services.

Name: _____

SHOFAR CAMPAIGN

Your gift to the Shofar Campaign provides essential operating support for Shaarey Tikvah.

While the official appeal will be sent out closer to the High Holy Days, you are welcome to include your annual donation with these forms. You may indicate your pledge on the forms below or by returning the pledge card that will be sent out in the coming weeks. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

If you would like to know what you pledged last year, please contact Debbie at 216-765-8300 x100 or debbie@shaareytikvah.org.

PAYMENT SUMMARY

	Cost Per	Quantity	Total
Book of Remembrance	<i>(Suggested \$18/name)</i>		
Childcare for Ages 1-5	<i>Refer to pricing on Page 3</i>		
Mahzor Lev Shalem*	\$40		
Non-Member/Guest Tickets	<i>Refer to pricing on Page 7</i>		
Shofar Campaign Donation			
		<i>Grand Total</i>	

*Mahzorim may be purchased/picked up before the HHD during regular business hours.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Amount

_____ Check Enclosed *Please make all checks out to Shaarey Tikvah*

_____ Credit Card *Can make payment at shaareytikvah.org/donate*

_____ Billed to my Shaarey Tikvah account