



HIGH HOLY DAYS 2026/5787 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 join us for services and programs this season and also encourage you to sign up for one of the many volunteer opportunities.

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 August 26, 2026.

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	Friday, Sept. 11	7:30pm
Morning Services Day 1	Saturday, Sept. 12	8:30am
Morning Services Day 2	Sunday, Sept. 13	8:30am
Tashlich (<i>at Ursuline College</i>)	Sunday, Sept. 13	5:00pm (<i>Not live-streamed</i>)
Shabbat Shuvah	Saturday, Sept. 19	9:00am

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre	Sunday, Sept. 20	7:00pm
Morning Services	Monday, Sept. 21	8:30am Morning Services 12:45pm Yizkor (<i>approx.</i>) 5:25pm Mincha 7:00pm Neilah (<i>approx.</i>) 8:10pm Havdalah 8:20pm Break Fast

Sukkot

Morning Services Day 1	Saturday, Sept. 26	9:00am
Morning Services Day 2	Sunday, Sept. 27	9:00am
OkTORAHfest	Friday, Oct. 2	6:00pm <i>Learn more about this on page 5!</i>
Shemini Atzeret	Saturday, Oct. 3	9:00am Morning Service (<i>with Yizkor</i>)
Erev Simchat Torah	Saturday, Oct. 3	7:30pm Maariv & Hakafot
Simchat Torah	Sunday, Oct. 4	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. 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 ask that everyone complete and return the HHD Honor Request Form. If you feel strongly about not having an honor during the High Holy Days, please be sure to return the Request Form indicating your preference. Honor assignments will be sent out by early September.

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, September 20. Only the names of those who have passed since last Yom Kippur will be read aloud at the Yizkor service.

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 is 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.

CHILDREN'S HIGH HOLY DAYS EXPERIENCE

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. While we hope you will take advantage of this experience, we would like to remind you that children are always welcome in the sanctuary during all services.

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 12 & 13 · 9:00am – conclusion

Kol Nidre | September 20 · 6:30pm – conclusion (**Only for ages 1-5**)

Yom Kippur | September 21 · 9:00am – conclusion

Participation Fee:

\$60/child for All Services

\$20/child for Individual Services

This participation fee covers the cost of educators, babysitters, supplies, and snacks and meals.

Please refer to Children's High Holy Days Experience portion of the Registration Packet or online form, 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, and/or an educational program.

Anyone joining us for the HHD who is not a member of CST must register in advance and pay the associated 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 Over Age 26 and/or Married	\$180/adult
All Other Non-Members	\$180/adult

TASHLICH 5786

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 again take place September 13 @ 5:00pm at Lake Elissa. Directions will be available in the weekly emails or by contacting Debbie at 216-765-8300 x100 or debbie@shaareytikvah.org.

OKTORAHFEST – SHABBAT EDITION

Friday, October 2 | 6pm

NEW THIS YEAR: Join us for a special new twist on one of our favorite traditions! Because Simchat Torah falls on Shabbat this year, OkTORAHFest is transforming into a festive Shabbat dinner equally inspired by the warmth, community, and hearty spirit of a traditional Oktoberfest. Gather around the table for delicious food, great company, and plenty of laughter as we celebrate together and begin the joyous conclusion of our Sukkot festivities. We think you'll love this new format, which gives us even more time to connect, share a meal, and celebrate as one community. Prost...and l'chaim!

Registration will be available beginning in September.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

USHER/GREETER/SECURITY TEAM

NEW THIS YEAR: Last year's Usher/Security Team volunteers will be contacted via email during the first week of August and asked to cover the same shifts as during the 2025 High Holy Days season.

If you *did not* volunteer for the Usher/Security Team in 2025 but are interested in volunteering this year, please consider supporting 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 late August 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 and lunches

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 early September with your assignment(s).

CORNERS OF OUR FIELDS FOOD DRIVE

Our tradition commands us to set aside the yield of the corners of our fields for those in need, so that they may share in the bounty of our harvest. We do so by supporting local hunger relief organizations through the donation of food and supplies or money.

- **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 9.
 - 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 on the CST website 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 11 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. Please bring your personal mahzor with you, taking care to inscribe your name in your book. Through the generosity of several anonymous donors, we have additional copies for our guests. We have a limited number of these mahzorim available to borrow. If you would like to purchase a mahzor, please see the Registration Packet or online form 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 entrance to the sanctuary.

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 a final communal Tekiah Gedolah will be invited to do so at the end of the service.

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.

ELUL OFFICE HOURS

Beginning August 17th, CST will only be open for drop ins:

- **Tuesday mornings from 10am-1pm**
- **Thursday afternoons from 12pm-4pm**



We appreciate the fact that congregants may have matters that are best addressed in person. We encourage you to reach out to Rabbi Roland, Holly, or Debbie to set up a time to meet with them if you are not available during these hours. Thank you!

2026/5787 High Holy Days Registration Forms



Please complete the required information and include payment for appropriate programs/options. Online registration is available by scanning the QR code.

Checks can be made payable to Congregation Shaarey Tikvah or credit card payments can be made through the CST website.

Please submit registration and payment to the office by August 26, 2026.

MEMBER INFORMATION

REMEMBER: 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
Request to Receive/Not Receive an Honor			Page 3
Register Children for Childcare or Programming			Page 4
Volunteer for the Usher/Greeter/Security Team			Page 5
Volunteer for the Children's High Holy Days Experience Team			Page 6
Volunteer for the Corners of Our Fields Food Sorting Team			Page 6
Register as a Non-Member or Bring Guests/Adult Children			Page 7
Make My/Our Pledge to the Shofar Campaign			Page 8
Purchase One or More Mahzor Lev Shalem			Page 8

Please refer to the page numbers above as they may be more correct than those in the info packet.

Name: _____

YOM KIPPUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The Yizkor service is a meaningful part of Yom Kippur. At this time, we call to mind those we have lost 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, September 20. 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.

It is traditional to honor those deceased with a charitable contribution to the synagogue. We suggest a minimum donation of \$18 per name.

To ensure that your names are included, we must receive your list no later than August 26, 2026.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE INFORMATION *Please print carefully*

☐

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 2025/5786?**

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

Remembered By: _____

If you are unsure which names you included in 2025/5786 contact Debbie at 216-765-8300 x100 or debbie@shaareytikvah.org.

Name: _____

HIGH HOLY DAYS HONORS

In our ongoing efforts to promote congregational participation throughout the High Holy Days, we encourage everyone, whether or not you are interested in having an honor, to please complete and return this form by August 26.

We will make every effort to accommodate your request(s)! Thank you for making Shaarey Tikvah the warm, welcoming place we all know and love.

Would you be interested in having an honor during the High Holy Days?

- | | |
|--------------------------|--|
| ☐ | Yes! Happy to help. Please sign me/us up for one of the options below. |
| ☐ | Maybe. I am not a big fan of honors but will help out if needed. |
| ☐ | Maybe. I can't commit right now, but you can ask me if I'm there. |
| ☐ | No, thank you. |

What types of honor(s) are you interested in? Please check all that apply.

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ Ark Opening | ☐ Torah Aliyah – blessing before/after |
| ☐ Carrying a Torah | ☐ English Reading |
| ☐ Hagbah – lifting & displaying the Torah | ☐ Yizkor – ark opening |
| ☐ G'lilah – dressing the Torah | ☐ Yizkor – holding the Torah |

When would you be interested in having an honor? Please check all that interest you:

- | | |
|--|---|
| ☐ Erev Rosh Hashanah (Sept. 11) | ☐ Yom Kippur, Shacharit (Sept. 21, starts around 8:45am) |
| ☐ Rosh Hashanah Day 1 (Sept. 12) | ☐ Yom Kippur, Musaf (Sept. 21, starts around 11:15am) |
| ☐ Rosh Hashanah Day 2 (Sept. 13) | ☐ Yom Kippur, Mincha (Sept. 21, starts at 5:25pm) |
| ☐ Kol Nidre (Sept. 20) | ☐ Yom Kippur, Neilah (Sept. 21, starts at 7:00pm) |
| ☐ I'll take any honor, any time, but I don't want to commit. If I'm there, just call on me. | |
| ☐ I'll take any honor, any time. Just assign me whatever works! | |

Name: _____

CHILDREN'S HIGH HOLY DAY EXPERIENCE 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 Ages 1-5 only
Yom Kippur	9:00am – conclusion of morning services (9:30am for K-7)

Cost for Childcare & Children's Programming:

\$60/child for All Services

\$20/child for Individual Services

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 August 26, 2026. 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 2026) 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

NEW THIS YEAR: Last year's Usher/Security Team volunteers will be contacted via email during the first week of August and asked to cover the same shifts as during the 2025 High Holy Days season.

If you did not volunteer for the Usher/Security Team in 2025 but are interested in volunteering this year, various shifts are available and you are welcome to sign up for more than one. **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 August 26, 2026. Assignments will be made by the High Holy Days Security Committee in mid-August based on the remaining needs. We will notify you of assignments by late August.

HOLIDAY & DATE	SHIFT TIME	NAME <i>(List all in time slot)</i>	NOTES
Erev Rosh Hashanah Fri., September 11	Before 8:30pm		
	After 8:30pm		
Rosh Hashanah, Day 1 Sat., September 12	Before 11am		
	After 11am		
Rosh Hashanah, Day 2 Sun., September 13	Before 11am		
	After 11am		
Kol Nidre Sun., September 20	Before 8pm		
	After 8pm		
Yom Kippur MORNING Mon., September 21	Before 11am		
	After 11am		
Yom Kippur EVENING	Before 6pm		
	After 6pm		

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 **August 26, 2026**. We will be in touch by early September to learn about what you are interested in doing and/or with assignments.

HOLIDAY & DATE	SHIFT TIME	NAME	Ages 1-5	Grades K-7	Snack Help	Check-In Table
Rosh Hashanah 1 Sat., Sept. 12	Before 11:00am					
	After 11:00am					
Rosh Hashanah 2 Sun., Sept. 13	Before 11:00am					
	After 11:00am					
Kol Nidre Sun., Sept. 20	6:30 – 8:00pm					
Yom Kippur Mon., Sept. 21	Before 11:00am					
	After 11:00am					

VOLUNTEER | Corners of Our Fields Food Sorting Team

I/We Would Like To:	
Sort food and donations on October 11 (10:00 – 11:30am)	
Deliver donations on October 11 and/or the week of October 12	
Be available to pick up donations from congregants who are not able to drop them off	

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')*

_____	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Child</i>
_____	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Child</i>
_____	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Child</i>
_____	<i>Adult</i>	<i>Child</i>

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+ and/or Married	\$180/ea		\$

Nametags will be available for pick up at the check-in table before all 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 & Programming	<i>Refer to pricing on Page 4</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 office hours or by appointment Mon. through Thurs. 9am-5pm. Books will also be available for pick up at the HHD check-in table.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Amount

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

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

_____ Billed to my Shaarey Tikvah account