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There is a song called "Start Fresh" by Judith-Kate Freidman, that appears as a reading in our High Holyday prayerbook that says:

These are the days awe - the shofar blows

With bread in hand - down to the sea

We take time, give thanks

And cast our sadness free

That we may start fresh

That we may come clear

That we may know sweetness and peace

Throughout the year

That we may find love

Where we need it most

And open our hearts and hands

And draw each other close

The Days of Awe are generally seen as days of grandeur, somber reflection, judgment, and of course awe. They are not usually perceived as a happy time. But, in truth, despite all the heavy aspects of the High Holy Days (of which there are many!), it is also a genuinely happy and joyous time of year.

Rosh Hashanah is understood as the birthday of the world, an opportunity for new beginnings, new resolutions, and new directions. Yes, we are told to face our sins and repent, and yes we are told that this is a time in which we are judged by God. This all sounds (and is) pretty serious. But all of this is for the purpose of helping us move towards a better and happier future. By facing our past mistakes, by engaging in repentance, and by focusing on the highest values of our tradition through prayer, we are given the tools to turn over a new leaf, to renew and refresh our lives, and to be part of creating a better future for all. That's a lot to be happy about!

As a congregation, we are also in a time of renewal as we look towards our building move and all the challenges and new possibilities it may bring. As your new rabbi I am honored that I will only be the seventh rabbi in just over 180 years and at the same time excited to have the chance to help guide the congregation into the future at such a time of great opportunity. I am humbled by the awesome responsibility that brings and happy to know I will be working with such wonderful people to make it all happen. I have already met so many amazing members of this community and am looking forward to meeting many more of you as we enter the High Holydays and beyond and work together to create a happy new year for all of us. I can be reached at the temple at 315-475-9952 and by email at rabbiemanuel@templeconcord.org and hope to hear from and meet you all in the months to come.



This year may we all take time, give thanks, and find sweetness and peace as we connect with the rich tradition of Judaism and our congregation and look forward to the opportunity to start fresh in this new year and many more to come. L'Shanah Tovah for a happy, healthy new year!



A Message from the Temple President

Last year when I wrote my High Holiday message, I commented on how wonderful it was to be back in person for services after several years of Zoom only due to the pandemic. I mentioned that it was "somewhat of a surprise" that we were holding services at 910 Madison Street, as our building sale was taking longer than expected. So here we are now, one year later. Though COVID has been largely under control, it still takes its toll as, sadly, many of us know first-hand. And, one year later, our building sale slowly moves forward, at a much slower pace than most would have anticipated, but forward it does continue to move. So, let's focus on one positive aspect of this slow forward movement; once again we get to share community in our historic spiritual home. We get another chance to reflect on the memories that live within these walls, and with an eye to the future, have an opportunity to think about how we will fill our future physical home with new memories, love of Judaism, and carry forward our Reform tradition and community into future. Our building, our "physical space" is important, but our community is truly what makes Temple Concord special.

At Rosh Hashanah we reflect on the past year. It is true that in the world at large, there is much to be concerned about. Our country appears to be as divided as ever, war ravages in Eastern Europe, and Israel is struggling to set her path into the future. Antisemitism is a reality to an extent that few would have anticipated. Nonetheless, we as Jews, particularly at Temple Concord, do what our tradition tells us; we remain a caring community, we support each other, we remain engaged with the key issues of the world at large, and each, in our own way, do what we can to support the concept of Tikkun Olam; to help repair the world.

At Temple, we have undergone many changes and uncertainties. But look at the positive results! You have demonstrated that you wish to be engaged; attendance at various events has been strong. Likewise, attendance at services and Torah study continues to grow. Rabbi Katz provided steady, calm leadership over the past two years, and now Rabbi Emanuel is proving to be the leader we knew he would be. Cantor Kari's joyous voice and music continues to inspire us every week. Despite the challenges that surround us, and the natural apprehension about change that is inevitable, Temple Concord is on a secure path to our future.

This would not be a message from the President if there were no reference to finance and donations. The High Holidays are the time of year of when we kick off our annual Tree of Life Campaign. Aside from your annual membership commitment, Tree of Life is our primary fundraiser to support the operations of the Temple. I urge you to be as generous as your budget allows when you receive your Tree of Life donation request.

Lastly, once again we have the opportunity to participate in our tradition of providing food for those in need in our Temple neighborhood. Our food pantry operates in conjunction with the Food Center at 324, housed at United Methodist church. The food center needs funding to support the many families in the area who are food insecure. Please consider maintaining our tradition of Food for Friends and consider a donation to the Food Center at 324.

Shana Tova to all; I look forward to seeing everyone at Temple this year.



Jeffrey Lefkowicz Temple President

* IN-PERSON HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES REGISTRATION *

Temple Concord's main priority for all events is the safety of our congregation.

In supporting our Security Team's commitment to our well-being,

we ask that you register for In–Person High Holiday services.

This will also enable our staff to prepare accordingly and ensure services run smoothly.

<u>REGISTER ONCE HERE</u> TO ATTEND THESE SERVICES IN-PERSON:

Rosh Hashanah Evening

Rosh Hashanah 1st Day

Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day

Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur Day: Morning & Afternoon Services (incl. Yizkor & Ne'ilah)

REGISTER HERE:

Yom Kippur Day Study Session—Maggid Jim Brulé Study Session

REGISTER HERE:

Simchat Torah Service / Consecration Experience

REGISTER HERE:

Sh'mini Atzeret Morning Yizkor Service

* HOW DO I ATTEND ZOOM SERVICES *

The following High Holiday ZOOM services require registration:

REGISTER ONCE HERE TO ATTEND THESE SERVICES ON ZOOM:

Rosh Hashanah Evening

Rosh Hashanah 1st Day

Rosh Hashanah 2nd Day

Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur Day: Morning & Afternoon Services (incl. Yizkor & Ne'ilah)

REGISTER HERE:

Yom Kippur Day Study Session— Maggid Jim Brulé Study Session

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You will receive an email confirming your registration and supplying you with the link and other necessary information to join. PLEASE DO NOT FORWARD THIS EMAIL TO OTHERS!

For Registration Assistance or dial-in numbers Call the office (315) 475-9952.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM / FAMILY SERVICES

Children's program will be available during morning services in the Frensdorf Lounge on the lower level during the following times, with a family service led by *Maggidah* Jessie Kerr-Whitt, beginning at 11:00 am:

ROSH HASHANAH 1ST DAY MORNING SERVICE

Saturday, September 16 @ 9:30 AM — 11:00 AM

YOM KIPPUR DAY

Monday, September 25 @ 9:30 AM — 11:00 AM

Parents are welcome to stay with children during the Children's Program

BABYSITTING

Babysitting will be available during morning services in the Frensdorf Lounge on the lower level:

Rosh Hashanah:

Saturday, September 16: 9:30 to 11:00 am

Yom Kippur:

Monday, September 25: 9:30 to 11:00 am





REGISTER HERE

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S'lichot

Saturday, September 9	S'lichot Family Potluck Dinner Program and Service (In-person & Zoom)	5:30 pm	
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Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 10	Woodlawn Cemetery Memorial Service	11:00 am
Friday, September 15	Erev Rosh Hashanah & Shabbat Service (In-person & Zoom)	8:00 pm
Saturday, September 16	First Day Morning Service (In-person & Zoom) Childrens Program (k-3)	10:00 am 9:30 am
	Family Service Taschlich at pond near Barry Park	11:00 am 4:30 pm
Sunday, September 17	Second Day Morning Service (In-person & Zoom)	10:00 am

S'lichot for All!

a time for reflection חלים מלים ו

All Ages Welcome! Dinner, Craft, S'lichot Service!

Everyone is encouraged to join us for our S'lichot Program this year! Please bring a dairy/pareve dish for a potluck dinner, which will be followed by a make-your-own Tzedakah box craft, and concluding with the S'lichot Service.

Pick up our High Holiday Gift to you from Temple Concord Clergy, Board & Administrative Team! Machzorim (Prayer Books) will also be available for pick up if you plan to attend High Holiday Services on Zoom.



JOIN RABBI EMANUEL & CANTOR EGLASH
Saturday, September 9th @ 5:30 PM
in-person at Temple Concord
Service available on Zoom



REGISTER HERE FOR IN-PERSON

REGISTER HERE FOR ZOOM



Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 24	Kol Nidre Service (In-person & Zoom)	8:00 pm
Monday, September 25	Morning Service (In-person & Zoom)	10:00 am
	Childrens Program (K-3)	9:30 am
	Family Service	11:00 am
	Study Session with Maggid Jim Brule (In-person & Zoom)	1:00 pm
	Afternoon Service, <i>Yizkor, Neila, Havdalah</i> (Inperson & Zoom) followed by a light Break-the-Fast	3:00 pm

Sukkot/Simchat Torah

Wednesday, September 27	Sukkah Building	4:00 pm
Friday, September 29	Sukkot Shabbat Service & Oneg in the Sukkah	6:00 pm
Saturday, September 30	Sukkot Festival & Shabbat Service followed by	11:00 am
	Kiddush	
Sunday, October 1	Family Bring-Your-Own Lunch in the Sukkah	12:00 pm
	(after Religious School)	
Wednesday, October 4	Sushi in the Sukkah	6:30 pm
Thursday, October 5	Scotch in the Sukkah	6:30 pm
Friday, October 6	Simchat Torah Dinner, welcoming new members	5:30 pm
	Shabbat & Simchat Torah & Consecration Service	6:30 pm
	with Shabbos Klezmorim Band (In-person & Zoom)	
Saturday, October 7	Torah Study	10:00 am
	Shabbat <i>Sh'mini Atzeret / Simchat Torah</i> Festival &	11:00 am
	Yizkor Service (In-person & Zoom)	



Reciprocity

High Holiday Domestic Courtesy Seating Request For Reciprocity Between North American Congregations Attending High Holiday Services Away from Home Domestic/U.S. and Canada:

This form is to be completed by the visiting congregation and submitted directly to the destination congregation. Further instructions are on the form. Additional information, including verification of an individual's good standing and confirmation of seating availability, should be communicated directly between the visiting and host congregations.

RECIPROCITY FORM

Please complete and email to Diane Sacks diane@templeconcord.org

or mail to the Temple for the attention of Diane Sacks.

Roll of Remembrance

It is the custom of our congregation to inscribe the names of departed loved ones in the Roll of Remembrance.

If you would like to memorialize a departed family member or friend this year, please follow either of the links below.

PRINTABLE ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE FORM

ONLINE ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE FORM

Contact the office if you require assistance.

Please complete prior to September 8, 2023.





2023-2024 The Tree of Life Annual Appeal starts now!

The annual Tree of Life campaign typically funds a myriad of the necessary expenses that keep Temple Concord operational. While we focus on solvency in the present, we have a unique opportunity to look ahead to Temple Concord's future – the next 100 years. This year's Tree of Life Campaign is only the beginning!

Pledge by saving yourself time by using the online link below or if it is your preference, the printable form:

PRINTABLE TREE OF LIFE FORM

ONLINE TREE OF LIFE PLEDGE FORM

Contact the office if you require assistance.

Thank you for your continued support!

Are you attending services on zoom? Would you like to borrow a machzor (prayer book)?

Sign your copy out in the Temple lobby on

S'LICHOT — SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 starting at 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 10:00 AM—11:30 AM & 5:00—6:30 PM

Also during these times, please pick up our High Holiday Gift to you, compliments of Temple Concord Clergy, Board & Administrative Team.



SUKKOT 2023 / 5784

Begins sunset of Friday, September 29, 2023



ORDER YOUR LULAV AND ETROG SET

Each set includes the etrog, lulav, myrtle, willows and lulav bag.

Order deadline is Thursday, og/14 to ensure availability. CLICK HERE to place your order online or email Joan with queries!

BUILDING CONTACT: Mike Fixler

WHEN: Wednesday, September 27

WHERE: Temple Parking Lot

TIME: 4:00 PM

SUKKOT SHABBAT SERVICE

WHEN: Friday, September 29

WHERE: Temple Sukkah

TIME: 6:00 PM; followed by Oneg

SUKKOT FESTIVAL & SHABBAT SERVICE

WHEN: Saturday, September 30

WHERE: Temple Sukkah

TIME: 11:00 AM; followed by Kiddush

FAMILY BYO LUNCH IN THE SUKKAH

WHEN: Sunday, October 1

WHERE: Temple Sukkah <u>REGISTER HERE!</u>

TIME: 12:00 PM (after Religious School) (for numbers)

SUSHI IN THE SUKKAH!

WHEN: Wednesday, October 4

WHERE: Temple Sukkah

REGISTER HERE

TIME: 6:30 PM \$10

SCOTCH IN THE SUKKAH!

WHEN: Thursday, October 5

WHERE: Temple Sukkah REGISTER HERE!

TIME: 6:30 PM \$10



SIMCHAT TORAH 2023 / 5784

Begins sunset of Friday, October 6, 2023



Congregational Simchat Torah and Shabbat Dinner

Welcoming New Members

Italian Dinner including
Pasta, Salad and Dessert
@ 5:30PM

*Please let us know of any dietary restriction



Shabbos Klezmorim Band!

REGISTER HERE
FOR DINNER

REGISTER HEREFOR SERVICE



Shabbat Sh'mini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Festival and Yizkor Service

Saturday, October 7, 2023 @ 11am







If you have any queries, please contact the Office, before the start of the Holiday:

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