



FAQs for High Holy Days 5781

The following information can be found on our website, www.adasisrael.org/highholydays:

- Complete service schedule including youth and family services
- In-Person experiences including ark visits, machzor pick-up, community shofar blowing, Selichot services and Tashlich
- Sacred Preparations including MakomDC Learning sessions and Jewish Mindfulness programming

Services:

How do I access all of the services?

-All services will be virtual and online. You can access them by visiting our website, and clicking on the picture of the service location - www.adasisrael.org/highholydays.

What time do services start? End?

The full list of services and times can be found online, www.adasisrael.org/highholydays in the Printable Schedule of Services section and in your High Holy Day booklet on pages 13 - 14.

How will I hear the Torah readings?

The Torah reading will be a part of daytime services. The times can be found in the Printable Schedule of Services section online and in your High Holy Day booklet on pages 13 - 14.

Will there be family services?

Yes, we hope you'll join us for them. Information about the family options can be found online: www.adasisrael.org/highholydays in the Printable Schedule of Youth Services and in your High Holy Day booklet on pages 13 - 14.

Do I need to register for anything?

You do not need to register to connect to our online Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. However, if you want to come to Adas to pick up a machzor, visit the Ark, or participate in any in-person opportunities we are offering, we do require advance registration. Please visit www.adasisrael.org/highholydays to register.

How do I get a machzor?

We are providing machzors for any of our Adas Israel members to borrow. In order to arrange for a pick up, please fill out the following form [here](#). You can also download a PDF version which is available on our High Holy Day webpage, or purchase your own machzor (available in regular print or large print editions) through the Rabbinical Assembly.

What accommodations are there for people with disabilities?

Our main High Holy Day services will be captioned. Other accessibility requests can be sent to inclusion@adasisrael.org and we will do our best to accommodate them.

Will there be an afternoon speaker on Yom Kippur?

Yes. We will have a featured Yom Kippur speaker at 3:30pm on Monday, September 28. The speaker will be announced at a later date.

I'm a dedicated seat holder. Will I be able to sit in my seat?

Unfortunately, not this year as all services will be virtual.



I slept late and missed the beginning of the service. Can I join late?

When you click the play button for viewing services online, you will join the live service in realtime and unfortunately will not be able to start from the beginning. Services will be available for viewing from the beginning once the live stream has ended.

The sermons were fantastic and I'd like to read them more closely and share them with my family and friends. Am I able to do so?

The sermons will be posted within a week after the High Holy Days. They will be shared via social media and on our High Holy Day website, www.adasisrael.org/highholydays.

How will I receive a Memorial Book for the Yizkor service? Can I add a listing?

All members will receive a Memorial Book in the mail along with their High Holy Day booklet. No additional listing requests can be taken at this time.

I didn't receive my tickets. How will I attend services?

As all services are completely virtual this year, no tickets will be sent out. You will receive one final packet of High Holy Day information by mail in the coming weeks.

Will the Kol Nidre service still be in the parking lot and can I attend?

The Kol Nidre service will be virtual only this year. Please join us to view it online at www.adasisrael.org/highholydays.

I have family and friends who aren't members of Adas Israel. Can they still watch services?

Non-members are invited to join us for all services. We encourage anyone who is not a member to make a donation to The Adas Fund, <https://www.adasisrael.org/form/the-adas-fund-2020> in place of purchasing tickets.

Technology:

I'm a novice with technology. Who can I call for help?

We will have a virtual Tech Q&A on Wednesday, September 9 at 7pm. Visit <https://www.adasisrael.org/highholyday-prep> for the Zoom link to attend this program and join us to get some helpful hints. We will also have staff available the day of the High Holy Days should you need additional assistance. The number you should call for technical assistance is: 301-421-4518.

We also highly encourage everyone to test out their technology on Shabbat mornings leading up to the High Holy Days. Please join us every Saturday morning: <https://www.adasisrael.org/shabbat-services-livestream>.

Will I be visible on camera?

You will not be visible on camera, unless you have been asked to participate in one of the services. We still encourage you to dress up to honor the holiday. If you are participating in a Zoom service or learning session, you have the option to keep your camera on or turn it off.

Can I dial in to hear services if I don't want to use the internet?

Yes, you can call 202.686.8405 to listen to the Main Services in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary.



In-Person Experiences:

Are there any opportunities for me to come to Adas?

We have several in-person options available for you to safely visit the Adas Israel building before the High Holy Days. All visits require registration as capacity is limited. You can view all of the opportunities and register online here: <https://www.adasisrael.org/highholydayexperiences#person>

When are the Kever Avot services?

Kever Avot services will be on Sunday, September 13 at 10am. Rabbi Alexander will be at Judean Memorial Gardens and Rabbi Holtzblatt will be at the Adas Israel Cemetery. No transportation will be provided. Please make sure to wear a mask at all times while visiting the cemetery and maintain proper social distancing with clergy and other community members.

When can I hear the shofar blowing?

This year we will have several opportunities to hear the blowing of the shofar while maintaining social distancing guidelines. These opportunities are listed below -

- Please register to join the community shofar dates being held around DC here - <https://www.adasisrael.org/highholydayexperiences#person>
- Every weekday Morning Minyan service held during the month of Elul will feature shofar blowing. For information on our daily minyan services, please visit - <https://www.adasisrael.org/adasairwaves#minyan>
- Over the High Holy Days, please view the specific times in which shofar blowing will occur either online at, www.adasisrael.org/highholydays or in your High Holy Day booklet on pages 13 - 14.

Preparation:

Where can I buy ritual items and Judaica?

The Adas Gift Shop is currently closed due to COVID-19. Please email adasgiftshop@gmail.com for any specific Judaica you may need and one of the shop managers will be in touch to coordinate.

Can I visit the Mikvah for my usual pre-High Holy Day immersion?

The Mikvah is currently closed due to COVID-19. For creative water rituals relating to the New Year that you can perform on your own, please visit www.adasisrael.org/mikvah.

Where can I order holiday meals?

We are fortunate to have several kosher restaurants and grocery stores in the area who are providing meals for the High Holy Days. You can view kosher restaurant options in the DC area here: <https://www.jconnect.org/kosher-food-takeout-and-delivery/>

I live alone and want to share virtual meals with others in the community.

Join a digital High Holy Day watch group or join together virtually to share a holiday meal. We are happy to match you with members of your Adas Israel community to engage in the communal spirit of our live streamed Days of Awe. For more information, please email Marcy.Spiro@adasisrael.org.

I love all of the pre-High Holy Day learning you offer. Where can I find additional information?

Please visit <https://www.adasisrael.org/highholydayprep> for a complete list of our pre-High Holy Day learning.



Will there be meditation on Yom Kippur?

The Meditation session that typically takes place on Yom Kippur afternoon will take place on Tuesday, September 8. You can learn more and register online at - <https://www.adasisrael.org/event/being-present-in-body-and-soul-through-meditation-and-song.html>. We also encourage you to check out Rabbi Holtzblatt's podcast AWAKE which can be found on iTunes.

Can you ask one of the Rabbis to call me before the High Holy Days?

The best way to connect with our Rabbis is to email Roberto.Bacalski@adasisrael.org. He will be happy to help you schedule a phone call.

Miscellaneous:

Are you still collecting food for SOME?

Yes! There will be bins at the Adas loading dock available for you to drop off food, Tuesday-Friday from 9am - 5pm through Sukkot. You can also drop off food if you come to Adas for an in-person experience.

Are there any other volunteer opportunities available?

Yes! We are looking for volunteers to help make phone calls to our full membership and to deliver gift bags to our veteran members. Please email Marcy Spiro for more information and to sign up at Marcy.Spiro@adasisrael.org.

Sukkot:

How do I order a lulav and etrog?

You can order lulav and etrog online at <https://www.adasisrael.org/form/lulav-and-etrog-2020.html>

Are you building a sukkah this year? Can I visit it?

Yes, our wonderful maintenance team will build the Adas sukkah. We will have in-person visits available by registration. More information coming soon.