Welcome Home
Shalom aleichem.
Boachem l’shalom.
Barchuni l’shalom.
Tzeitchem l’shalom.

Welcome Home.
Come home with peace.
Bless with peace.
Go forth with peace.

Anthem upon returning Home on Erev Shabbat
It is joyous to dwell at home.

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ashrei yoshvei veitekha
This year’s High Holy Day theme is NOT about houses or bricks or mortar.

It is an invitation to a place where we breathe a bit easier, and can be our fullest selves.

“Home” is that space in the world where we can recenter, and where we find we belong... no matter what.
Dear Adas,

There is a legend that on Friday nights when we sit down for Shabbat dinner, ministering angels visit our homes. We invite them in, they see us, they bless us with peace, and then they leave, journeying to the next home to offer the same. This is all captured liturgically with the singing of Shalom Aleichem, a 4 part poem of open-hearted invitation.

Shalom Aleichem – Hello. Welcome. We are so glad you are here. Your presence matters. You belong here, because here is yours, too. Here you are an angel. We all are.

Boachem L’Shalom – This is an invitation to enter. We know it isn’t always easy. We know there are other pressing matters in your life. We know you don’t always feel the open arms intended for you. Nevertheless, the loving invitation persists. Because after all, this is your home.

Barchuni L’Shalom – You are a blessing. You receive blessings upon entry. You give blessings as you enter as well. It is no small thing that our tradition recognizes the power of one person’s blessing, conferred upon another. After you enter, don’t hold back. Give and receive abundantly.

Tzeitchem L’Shalom – Thank you for offering us your presence and blessings. No need to linger. The next residence is waiting for your gracious company as well. See you next week, if not before then amidst the whirling of the week to come.

This time-honored Friday tradition is larger than Friday nights, though. It is a paradigm, a blueprint, for drawing out an ancient formula for what it means to create the idea and feeling of “home.”

A space in which we encounter each other as more than what we’ve known ourselves to be in the past, but also pure potential and possibility.

A space in which we recognize one another as a force for blessing, for light, for love, and even redemption.

A space in which the High Holy Day tendons—the melodic embrace of ancient liturgy—wraps us in sacred memory and nudges us toward the next opportunity.

A space in which words of Torah become both the candle and torch blazing a trail toward a New Year.

As we step over the threshold into a new year, we are grateful for your presence and hopeful that together we will continue to build a home together. A home with doors and windows wide open so that the work that we do in our sacred home flows out to the city and the world.

May this be a sweet year. Shanah tovah.
“But...”

“I’m not observant enough.”
“I don’t really know enough people here.”
“I’m not typically there on Shabbat.”
“I don’t fit in somehow.”
“I don’t know Hebrew, or the prayers.”
“I don’t always agree with what’s being said.”
“I don’t think I believe in God”

You are what makes Adas... Adas.

Welcome Home.
High Holy Days In A Nutshell

Services will be held in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary, Outdoor HaMakom Tent, and Gewirz Beit Am.

General admission passes for all services will be mailed to all Adas member households roughly ten days before Rosh Hashanah. Additional guest & family passes can be reserved at adasisrael.org/highholymdays.

A full array of Youth & Family services and experiences will be offered throughout the holidays.

Services in the Charles E. Smith Sanctuary & Outdoor HaMakom Tent will also be accessible via livestream.
Selichot
Saturday, September 9

Rosh Hashanah
Friday, September 15 - Sunday, September 17

Kol Nidre
Sunday, September 24

Yom Kippur
Monday, September 25
Service Schedule

HIGH HOLY DAYS AT ADAS ISRAEL

*Schedule Subject To Change

COMMUNITY SUNSET SERVICE 6:45-7:45pm
Led by Adas Clergy, Sermon by Rabbi Krinsky • Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🎶 🎼

SHACHARIT 8:15am
Led by Adas Clergy • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎶
TEM-Led (8:45am) • Gewirz Beit Am

FAMILY SERVICE 9am
Led by Rabbi Solomon • Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🎶

TORAH SERVICE 9:15am
Led by Adas Clergy • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎶 🎼
TEM-Led (9:45am) • Gewirz Beit Am

MUSAF 10:45am (including sermon)
Led by Adas Clergy, Sermon by Rabbi Alexander • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎶
Led by Adas Clergy, Sermon by Rabbi Holtzblatt • Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🎶
TEM-Led (11am) • Gewirz Beit Am

MINCHA/MAARIV 6pm
Led by Adas Clergy • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎶

EREV ROŠ HAHANAH
Friday, September 15

COMMUNITY SUNSET SERVICE 6:45-7:45pm
Led by Adas Clergy, Sermon by Rabbi Krinsky • Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🎶 🎼

ROSH HAHANAH DAY 1
Saturday, September 16

SHACHARIT 8:15am
Led by Adas Clergy • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎶
TEM-Led (8:45am) • Gewirz Beit Am

FAMILY SERVICE 9am
Led by Rabbi Solomon • Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🎶

TORAH SERVICE 9:15am
Led by Adas Clergy • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎶 🎼
TEM-Led (9:45am) • Gewirz Beit Am

MUSAF 10:45am (including sermon)
Led by Adas Clergy, Sermon by Rabbi Alexander • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎶
Led by Adas Clergy, Sermon by Rabbi Holtzblatt • Outdoor HaMakom Tent 🎶
TEM-Led (11am) • Gewirz Beit Am

MINCHA/MAARIV 6pm
Led by Adas Clergy • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary 🎶

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🌟 With the Band 🎶 With Cantor Brown & Ensemble 🎮 Closed Captions
SHACHARIT 8:15am
Led by Adas Clergy • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

FAMILY SERVICE 9am
Led by Rabbi Solomon • Outdoor HaMakom Tent

TORAH SERVICE 9am
Led by Adas Clergy • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

SHOFAR & MUSAF 10:45am (including sermon)
Led by Adas Clergy, Sermon by Rabbi Holtzblatt • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary
Led by Adas Clergy, Sermon by Rabbi Alexander • Outdoor HaMakom Tent
Singing Circle, (11:30am) Led by Rabbi Krinsky, Micah Hendler & Rabbi Novick • Gewirz Beit Am

MINCHA/MAARIV 6pm
Led by Adas Clergy • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

MINCHA 5pm
Led by Hazzan Goldsmith • Biran Beit Midrash

KOL NIDRE 6:30pm
Led by Adas Clergy, Sermon by Rabbi Alexander • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary
TEM-Led, Sermon by Rabbi Krinsky • Gewirz Beit Am

OUTDOOR SOULFUL KOL NIDRE 7:30pm
Led by Adas Clergy, Sermon by Rabbi Holtzblatt • Outdoor HaMakom Tent

YOM KIPPUR

SHACHARIT 9am
Led by Adas Clergy • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

TEM-Led (9:30am) • Gewirz Beit Am

FAMILY SERVICE 9am
Led by Rabbi Solomon • Outdoor HaMakom Tent

TORAH SERVICE 9am
Led by Adas Clergy • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

TORAH SERVICE & YIZKOR 10:30am (including sermon)
Led by Adas Clergy, Sermon by Rabbi Holtzblatt • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary
Led by Adas Clergy, Sermon by Rabbi Alexander • Outdoor HaMakom Tent
TEM-Led • Gewirz Beit Am

MUSAF & MARTYROLOGY SERVICE 1:30pm
Led by Adas Clergy • Outdoor HaMakom Tent
TEM-Led • Gewirz Beit Am

AFTERNOON DISCUSSION 3:45pm

MINCHA/MAARIV 6pm
Led by Adas Clergy • Charles E. Smith Sanctuary

MINCHA 5pm
Led by Adas Clergy • Outdoor HaMakom Tent

LATE YIZKOR 5pm
Led by Adas Clergy • Biran Beit Midrash

N’EELAH 6pm (Shofar ~7:45pm)
Led by Adas Clergy, Sermon by Rabbi Krinsky • Outdoor HaMakom Tent
TEM-Led (6:30pm) • Gewirz Beit Am
We are blessed to have so many families in our community. Children, like adults, can feel drawn toward different modalities of prayer. See the following page for a variety of service options to allow our children and their grown-ups to engage in meaningful, communal experiences over the holidays.

More information: adasisrael.org/hhd-families

*Schedule Subject To Change
**ROSH HASHANAH**

*Day 1*

- **Family Service led by Rabbi Solomon**, 9am-10:15am
- **Babysitting for Kids 2-5 years**, Pre-Reg. Required, 9am-1pm
- **Mah Tovu Service**, 10am-10:45am
- **Youth Programs, Pre-K 4-5th grade**, Pre-Reg. Required, 10am-1pm
- **Teen Open Lounge for 6th grade - 12th grade**, 10am-12pm

*Day 2*

- **Family Service led by Rabbi Solomon**, 9am-10:15am
- **Babysitting for Kids 2-5 years**, Pre-Reg. Required, 9am-12pm
- **Youth Programs, Pre-K 4-5th grade**, Pre-Reg. Required, 10am-12pm
- **Families with Infants & Toddlers Rosh Hashanah Celebration**, 10am-11am
- **Teen Open Lounge for 6th grade - 12th grade**, 10am-12pm
- **Family Tashlich**, 12:00pm-12:45pm

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- **Teen Open Lounge for 6th grade - 12th grade**, 10am-12pm

**Family Service**: Geared towards elementary and middle school students and their families

**Babysitting**: Ages 2-5 years old (Must be potty trained and fully vaccinated)

**Mah Tovu Service**: For children and their parents who are 0 - 7 years old
In keeping with our theme, “Welcome Home...”, the Adas Team is excited to announce our 2023 HaMakom Tent Mezuzah Dedication Project.

When we think of home, a Jewish home, one of the first images that comes to mind is that of a mezuzah. The mezuzah is a symbol that connects, protects, and unites the Jewish community.

Help us fill our HaMakom Tent Mezuzot, which will forever adorn the entrances, with intentions for the coming New Year.

On Rosh Hashanah, please bring your completed intention card (included with this High Holy Day packet).
Jews worldwide mark the approaching High Holy Days with Kever Avot (graves of the ancestors), annual visits to the graves of departed loved ones. Gathering at the grave facilitates healing within families by creating an opportunity to grant forgiveness to one another. Others visit graves to connect with their past and to contemplate the life they want to live.

This will not be a formal service, but an opportunity to come and visit the graves of your loved ones with our clergy and community by your side.
Adas Israel is committed to being a fully inclusive community. These are among the accommodations we are able to provide upon request during the High Holy Days and all year round. Please email your requests to inclusion@adasisrael.org or call the synagogue office in advance to make arrangements.

- Live-streaming of Charles E. Smith Sanctuary & HaMakom Tent Services at adasisrael.org/highholydays
- Captioning of livestreamed services
- Sign Language Interpretation by request
- Gender-neutral restroom
- Nursing Room
- Large-print siddurim and machzorim
- Accessible bimahs and adjustable reading tables
- Wheelchair and partner seating
- Hearing loops and Bluetooth-enabled hearing devices
- Dial-in to select services for homebound members at 202-686-8405
- Quiet room with minimal sensory stimulation
- Noise-cancelling headphone lending library
- Wheelchair-accessible Mikvah
- Complimentary shuttle services to and from Adas Israel
The Adas Fund 2023

In honor of the incredible work of the Adas-member leaders and volunteers of the Anne Frank House.

Once a year, we ask you to contribute to a special campaign. It is the engine that drives all of the meaningful work in our community. We simply cannot operate and continue to serve our community the way you deserve without it. This is The Adas Fund.

This year’s campaign will honor the incredible work of the Adas-member leaders and volunteers of the Anne Frank House. Anne Frank House is a DC-based non-profit, founded and built right here at Adas Israel, by Adas members, that provides long-term supportive housing to formerly homeless individuals.

We can’t think of a more fitting group of leaders and justice-seekers to honor through this year’s campaign, and we seek 100% participation, at any level of giving. Whether that’s $36 or $3,600 or $36,000. Whatever is practical and meaningful for you.

Donate online at adasisrael.org/adasfund
One of the most sacred times to use the Mikvah is during the Jewish month of Elul, in the 30 days leading up to the High Holidays. This is one way to prepare for the sacred season - take a few moments in these living waters to set the intention for your own spiritual growth and commitment in the New Year ahead. All are welcome. Book an immersion at adasisrael.org/mikvah.

Dip in the Mikvah

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR THE DAYS OF AWE

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Selichot in the Outdoor HaMakom Tent

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 AT 8:30PM

This tradition invites us to open ourselves up to the essential work of the High Holy Days: the process of repair and return, of acknowledgment and longing. Please join Adas clergy and your community for a one-of-a-kind evening of personal reflection through song and text.

Not Letting It In: Theatrical Experience

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AT 7PM, GEWIRZ BEIT AM

BAMAH presents an Interactive, Cutting-Edge Experience with Israeli Artist Jason Morris Danino Holt and Rabbi Rami Schwartz. Join us for an improvised, participatory theatrical event that explores the art of confession. Performers model honest conversations and meaningful catharsis, inviting audience members to witness or join them as the process unfolds. With a facilitated workshop on interactive processing to integrate the lessons of the experience into the High Holy Days and beyond.
On Rosh Hashanah, there is a special ceremony where we traditionally go to an ocean, stream, or river to pray and throw breadcrumbs into the water. This serves to symbolically release the things we wish to let go of and set our intention for the coming year. Meet on the Connecticut Ave. Plaza.

Community & Family Tashlich Experience

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High Holy Day Immersion

Enhance your service experience and create meaningful change and growth during the Season of Awe.

Alternative Musaf Singing Circle

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AT 11:30 AM

Join Rabbi Krinsky, Micah Hendler and Rabbi Daniel Novick for a spiritual musaf anchored by communal song. Sitting in concentric circles, we will move through the musical moments of the liturgy, immersing ourselves in the service’s grounding melodies.

Families with Infants & Toddlers Rosh Hashanah Celebration

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AT 10 AM

Families with infants and toddlers (birth-2 years) are invited to a Rosh Hashanah celebration full of song, snacks, and connection. Join us in the Gan space.

Community & Family Tashlich Experience

FAMILY TASHLICH: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AT 12 PM
COMMUNITY TASHLICH: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 AT 2 PM

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