

High Holy Days Services FAQ:

How many services will there be?

We will potentially be offering multiple services in both indoor and outdoor locations. This will depend on the number of people who sign up in this initial inquiry, so please be sure to sign up if you are planning to attend.

What are the health and safety protocols for High Holy Day services this year?

We will require that all of those attending services wear masks over mouth and nose at all times, maintain social distancing, and follow the single-direction movement floor plan. There will be regular cleaning of heavy-contact surfaces. Seating will be provided and assigned. Machzorim will be issued to those who need one. All congregants must pre-register for services online and complete a health questionnaire before attending.

What if I am not planning on attending services at all this year?

We would like to make sure that everyone has some way to engage meaningfully with the High Holy Days no matter each person's/family's comfort, or ability to attend. There will be the option of a Shofar blowing only mini-service (see Other Service Options) if enough people sign up. We will also be sending out and virtually reviewing instructions for prayer services at home.

Are multiple members of my family able to fill out information on the same form?

In order to more easily assess our numbers for services, we ask that every adult fill out their own form (with the exception of a Plus 1 situation - see next question).

What is Plus 1 and under what circumstances would I be filling that out?

Due to social distance requirements at each of our services, we can only accommodate a maximum of two people sitting next to each other. If there is a member of your family of the same gender living with you who will also be attending services, please check off the Plus 1 and fill in their name so that we can arrange the seating to include them. Please note that, unfortunately, children under the age of 10 will not be able to join us at Rosh HaShanah or Yom Kippur services this year.

What are other service options?

We are offering first night and the two morning services of Rosh HaShanah as well as Kol Nidrei, Yom Kippur morning, and Neilah. We will offer additional services if there is interest/demand for them. Based on the preferences of the people who express interest, we will determine whether they will be held indoors, outdoors, or both. The additional Shofar blowing mini-service will be outdoors only.

Will there be bathroom access for the outdoor services?

Yes. We are in the process of arranging for use of the locker room bathrooms, which have direct access to the field in which we will be conducting outdoor services.

Why is there no Shofar blowing service on Saturday, September 19th?

In any year, when Rosh HaShanah occurs on Shabbat we do not blow the Shofar on that day.