FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH SCHEDULE

In order to accommodate our growing congregation, to insure adequate sanctuary seating for our members and to provide a more personal worship experience, we are pleased to announce that there will be TWO services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Monday, September 30, 2019.

While this is a significant change to our “traditional” first day Rosh Hashanah service schedule, the clergy along with a special task force decided to institute these two unique services in order to accommodate all our synagogue members.

All are welcome at one or both first day Rosh Hashanah services. No reservations are necessary.

SERVICE TIMES & INFORMATION

8:30am–10:15am: Family Service
This service is geared to families who have elementary and middle school aged children as well as those who might prefer to attend a shorter, yet meaningful service. All the clergy will lead the service and it will include many of the traditional Rosh Hashanah morning prayers, singing, and a shorter sermon.

11:15am–1:30pm: Traditional Service
This service is our “traditional” Rosh Hashanah morning service led by all the clergy and with the choir present.

At the close of Neilah (the final service of Yom Kippur), come to the bimah for a final blast of the shofar. Everyone is invited; please bring your own shofar.
IMPORTANT ROSH HASHANAH PARKING INFORMATION

Please note the following parking instructions as established by the Sands Point Police Department:

- Family Service: parking attendants will direct you to available parking when you arrive. At the conclusion of the service, we encourage you to exit the building promptly and cars will be directed to the Middle Neck Road exit.
- Traditional Service: parking for this service will open at 10:45am. **NOTE:** If you arrive before 10:45am for the 11:15am service, you may be directed to enter on Tudor Lane.

YOM KIPPUR

BOOK OF MEMORY

If you wish your loved ones’ names to be included in the Yom Kippur Book of Memory, please complete the online registration form at [www.commsyn.org](http://www.commsyn.org)

Names from last year will automatically be included, so please submit only new names to be added. Names MUST be submitted online by **Monday, August 19**. After the deadline, we may not be able to include names in the book. Although a donation is traditional and very much appreciated, it is not required for the inclusion of the names of loved ones in our Book of Memory.

HEALING SERVICE

**Wednesday, October 9, 3:00pm**

The Healing Service on Yom Kippur addresses feelings of sorrow, despair and anguish. Its prayers are a powerful means of finding hope as we begin another year. This service offers melodies, meditations, and story sharing to help us cope with physical, psychological and emotional pain in our lives. It is for those who are ill and those who care for them.

YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON STUDY

**Wednesday, October 9, 2:00pm**

**Choosing Life: Maimonides on Reward and Punishment**

**Rabbi Sam Pollak**

Almost a thousand years ago, our great sage Maimonides struggled with questions that still challenge us today: *Does God really reward the righteous and punish sinners, as the Torah seems to teach? Are we even free to choose between blessing and curse at all?* In this study session, we will grapple with these theological issues and more. With guidance from Maimonides’s *Laws of Repentance* and other writings, together we will explore grounds for making life-affirming choices in the coming year.

TASHLIKH

**NEW! FAMILY TASHLIKH**

**Monday, September 30, 4:00pm**

Manorhaven Beach Park

This age-appropriate, family-centered ceremony is a great way to build understanding about the ritual while building a fun family tradition. The ceremony will include a brief story, joyous singing and the blast of the shofar. **Note:** there is no afternoon children’s service at the synagogue this year.

**TRADITIONAL TASHLIKH**

**Monday, September 30, 5:00pm**

2 South Court, Port Washington

This Tashlikh ceremony for older children, teens and adults will be held at the home of Marcy & Randy Todd. We will begin with a light nosh, and then join in prayers and the sounding of the shofar before heading to the water to toss crumbs into Manhasset Bay.

**NEW!**

**Wednesday, October 9, 3:00pm**

**Sailors and Sinners: Yom Kippur’s Theology**

**Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz**

The Book of Jonah (the haftarah reading on Yom Kippur afternoon) offers a theology of openness that informs how we might understand the place of those who are not Jewish in Jewish life. Key questions addressed will include: how open should we be to those who are not Jewish in Jewish life? What are the appropriate boundaries between Jews and Gentiles? How is modern Jewish life impacted by those in our families and synagogues who are not Jewish?

**BREAK-THE-FAST**

**Wednesday, October 9, 6:45pm**

At the conclusion of Yom Kippur services, please come for a light breaking of the fast with a dairy meal. Tickets are: $20/adult, $5/child ages 4-12. Sponsored by Sisterhood.
HIGH HOLY DAY SEATING & TICKETS

SANCTUARY SEATING

MEMBER TICKETS
All member families (including children through age 26) automatically receive tickets for the Main Sanctuary. Single member households receive a ticket for a companion. Tickets will be mailed in mid-September. All are welcome at one or both first day Rosh Hashanah services. No reservations are necessary.

Note: Tickets are issued to members is good standing who have paid their 2018/2019 Commitment to Giving in full.

ADDITIONAL FAMILY TICKETS
Members may request up to four (4) additional tickets for their immediate family who wish to worship in the Main Sanctuary. These tickets (valid for all High Holy Day services) have a minimum donation of $54 each and are for your children ages 27+, parents, in-laws, siblings, etc. You may request these tickets by completing the online “Additional Family Tickets” order form by Monday, August 19.

IMPORTANT SEATING INFORMATION
Seating is on a first-come, first-seated basis. We request that you refrain from saving seats. Overflow seating will be available in the outdoor worship space (tent) and in the Multi-Purpose Room or Beit T’filah with streaming of services.

SPECIAL SEATING
We are happy to arrange seating for members who are elderly or physically challenged. Please contact Jean Gatz at 516-883-3144 ext. 328, to make these arrangements no later than one week prior to the appropriate service.

TENT/MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM SEATING
Additional seating is available in our beautiful outdoor worship area (tent) with a view inside our sanctuary or in our indoor Multi-Purpose Room with live-streaming of services.

Tickets (valid for all High Holy Day services) for Additional Extended Family and Friends of our Members have a minimum donation of $54 each and can be ordered online at www.commsyn.org.

Tickets (valid for all High Holy Day services) for Non-synagogue Members have a minimum donation of $118 and can be ordered by completing the “Non-Member Tickets” form by Monday, August 19 at www.commsyn.org.

RECIPROCAL SEATING TO REFORM SYNAGOGUES
Reciprocal seating at most Reform, Liberal or Progressive synagogues is available to our members who plan to be out of town for the Days of Awe. Please contact Annette at 516-883-3144 ext. 322 or arosalia@commsyn.org. to make these arrangements.

If your guests are affiliated with another synagogue, they are welcome to join us at no charge. Please have them reach out to their synagogue to obtain reciprocal seating information. These requests can be emailed to Annette, or faxed to 516-883-4203.

WELCOME THE NEW YEAR WITH A FESTIVE KIDDUSH!
Sunday, September 29
After services, let’s wish each other a good year and enjoy some homemade baked goods, fruit, coffee and tea. If you would like to contribute to our celebration, we need bakers (no nuts), fruit platters and gluten-free options. Please contact Jane Ronis at chefforanight@yahoo.com

DAYS OF AWE CHILD CARE
Child care will be available for children ages 3–6 during BOTH Rosh Hashanah services on Monday, September 30 (8:30am and 11:15am) and on Yom Kippur morning, Wednesday, October 9. Child care opens 30 minutes prior to each service.

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SEE PAGE 1 FOR DAYS OF AWE SERVICE SCHEDULE INCLUDING NEW FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE TIMES

DAYS OF AWE 2019 IMPORTANT DEADLINES

MONDAY, AUGUST 19
Reserve Additional Family Tickets
Submit names for the Book of Memory

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
RSVP for Community Break-the-Fast

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
RSVP to bake for Erev Rosh Hashanah Kiddush

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Add your name to the Congregational Rosh Hashanah Greeting Card

THE JOYOUS FESTIVALS CONTINUE!

RAISE AND DECORATE THE SUKKAH
Sunday, October 13
9:30am: Join Brotherhood in raising the Sukkah. Please contact Phil Roman at romanlaw@hotmail.com to volunteer.

4:30pm: Decorate the Sukkah and then enjoy dinner. Sponsored by Sisterhood. Please rsvp at www.commsyn.org.

SUHKOT MORNING SERVICE
Monday, October 14
9:00am: Light breakfast in the Sukkah follow services.

SIMCHAT TORAH/SHMINI ATZERET
Sunday, October 20
5:00pm: Pre-holiday dinner
6:30pm: Prayers and dancing with the Torah.

SIMCHAT TORAH MORNING SERVICE
Monday, October 21
9:00am: including Yizkor. Light breakfast following services.