

High Holy Days 5781 at Temple Beth David

The High Holy Day season is a time of introspection and renewal. As we celebrate the New Year we reflect on our lives and rededicate ourselves to living with goodness and purpose. This year brings unique challenges. We hope you will join our community as we offer comfort and support, strengthen our connections to one another, and shape new memories at home.

All of our main worship services will be remote and livestreamed from our sanctuary. All outdoor in person services, weather and safety permitting, will also be livestreamed so that all can participate in the manner that is most comfortable.

L'Shanah Tovah U'Metukah – Wishing you a good and sweet New Year.

High Holy Day Service Schedule

Selichot Saturday, Sept. 12

Havdalah (Zoom)	7:00 p.m.
URJ Selichot Service	7:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah, 1st Day

Evening Service	Friday, Sept. 18	7:00 p.m.
Morning Service	Saturday, Sept. 19	9:30 a.m.
Shofar Service (outdoors)	Saturday, Sept. 19	11:45-12:15 p.m.
Yeladim Youth Service (outdoors)	Saturday, Sept. 19	3:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah, 2nd Day

Morning Service (outdoors)	Sunday, Sept. 20	10:00 a.m.
Tashlich (outdoors) @ Buckmaster Pond	Sunday, Sept. 20	12:00 p.m.
Shorashim Family Hike & Tashlich	Sunday, Sept. 20	3:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidrei	Sunday, Sept. 27	7:30 p.m.
Morning Service	Monday, Sept. 28	10:00 a.m.
Study (Zoom)	Monday, Sept. 28	1:00 p.m.
Yeladim Youth Service (outdoors)	Monday, Sept. 28	1:00 p.m.
Afternoon Healing/Contemplative Service (outdoors)	Monday, Sept. 28	3:00 p.m.
Individual Sanctuary Time	Monday, Sept. 28	1:00-4:00 p.m.
Yizkor Service	Monday, Sept. 28	5:00 p.m.
Neilah and Havdalah (Zoom)	Monday, Sept. 28	5:45 p.m.
Share Break Fast (Zoom)		6:30 p.m. (approximate)

All are welcome to access our services through livestream and you will not need a paper ticket.
Additional information will be provided via email and on the Temple website. For those participating who are not yet members, we hope you will support our community by making a gift to the Temple if you are able. Outdoor services will require advanced sign-up and temple members will have priority for seating.

Additional High Holy Day Information

The health and safety of our community is essential. All of our services will be streamed “live” by the clergy from the sanctuary, along with pre-recorded participation from temple members. Outdoor options on the temple parking lot will require advanced sign-up, along with masks, physical distancing, and adherence to MA health guidelines. Please bring your own prayer book or tablet if possible. You will find Livestream and Zoom links and outdoor sign-ups in your email. There will be additional information on our temple website. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make the holiday experience more accessible for you.

We use the new Reform *machzor*, *Mishkan HaNefesh*. To facilitate your use at home, an electronic edition is available. Alternatively, you can purchase your own, or sign-up to pick up a set from the temple.

The High Holy Days begin **Saturday Evening, Sept. 12** with *Selichot* (meaning forgiveness), a spiritually moving service and sounding the shofar. This year, the Union for Reform Judaism is pleased to offer a one-hour virtual *Selichot* experience. Led by our movement’s rabbis and cantors, it provides meaningful reflection, song, and prayers from *Mishkan HaLev*, a *Siddur for Selichot*. It also includes a visual ritual for changing of the Torah mantles to white, led by leaders in communities around North America **including our very own rabbis in the Temple Beth David Sanctuary!** We will begin together for *Havdalah* and brief discussion via Zoom, then you will be invited to view our movement-wide service.

Shofar on Rosh Hashanah Day:

For this part of the service, we will sound the Shofar and recite the special blessings outdoors.

Children are Welcome:

Children are encouraged to participate in all services. Although we are unable to offer childcare this year, youth services including special songs, prayers, and a story will be held outdoors at temple.

Shorashim Family Hike & Tashlich Experience at Hale on Sunday, Sept. 20 at 3:00 p.m.

Meet at Cat Rock Field, we will walk to Noanet Pond for Tashlich, then enjoy a distanced hike.

Sanctuary Sign-Up

This year you will be able to sign-up for individual/family time in our sanctuary during the days between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, and to light a candle in memory of a loved one on Yom Kippur afternoon.

Adult Learning with Rabbi Hank Zoob on Yom Kippur Afternoon - “*Jonah, a Prophet of God or a Dummkoff?*” Delve into the Book of Jonah to wrestle with the pros and cons of Jonah’s prophetic career.

Yom Kippur Afternoon Service:

This service will focus on healing, holiness, and the pursuit of racial justice. It will include abbreviated Torah and Haftarah selections.

Neilah & Havdalah: You will be able to see one another on Zoom screens – let’s all conclude together!

Break Fast: This year our Member Connections Committee will help match you to break the fast with fellow congregants over Zoom.