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Selichot - September 12

Rosh Hashanah - September 18-19

Shabbat Shuvah - September 25-26

Yom Kippur - September 27-28



In this time of distance and separation, may the sounds of the shofar, the sweetness of the words of our tradition, and the joy of faith bring us closer than ever.

L'Shanah Tovah,
The Clergy, Staff, Officers, and Board of Trustees of
Congregation Gates of Prayer

Selichot

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Selichot Concert
with Jordan Lawrence
September 12 - 8pm
Manheim Social Hall

On the Saturday preceding Rosh Hashanah, we gather for a service of reflection. Cantorial Soloist Jordan Lawrence will present a concert featuring songs that will prepare us for the coming Days of Awe. At the conclusion of the concert we will reveal our Torah Scrolls in their white covers.

RSVP Required and Livestream Available



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Online Worship

Our High Holy Day worship services will be available online in their entirety. This will include full participation of congregants who have prerecorded their readings and honors. The times of these services will be identical to last year (and will be listed below). You can find these services streaming on the Gates of Prayer website.

In-Person Worship

For in-person worship, the sanctuary will be expanded to include the Manheim Social Hall and we will follow our established health safety guidelines. The services will be 40 minutes long and will be available to 50 people via RSVP. We will conduct these services as often as necessary to ensure that everyone who wishes to attend is able.

Health and Safety Guidelines

- Those with compromised immunity or at higher risk of COVID-19 complications should not attend in-person worship
- Masks covering the nose and mouth must be worn at all times
- A temperature and symptom check will be required at the door
- The Loewy Lobby will be a no-shmooze zone; please go directly to your seat
- Social distancing is required at all times
- Congregants will be dismissed by section at the end of each service to reduce potential crowding at the door
- Water fountains will be disabled but you may bring your own water to each service
- The sanctuary will be sanitized after every service
- Bring your own kippah and/or tallis if you'd like to wear one

How to RSVP and Attend Worship

Online worship is free and available to all through our website (www.gatesofprayer.org).

In-person worship requires an RSVP. As you will see on the following page, we will be offering up to 5 in-person options for each service. We will only open them up as needed, though, so for each service the second option will only become available once the 50 person maximum capacity has been reached.

For example, we will offer an Erev Rosh Hashanah service in person at 8pm on September 18th. If we reach 50 RSVPs, we will open up a second identical service at 4pm. If that service reaches 50 people, we'll open up an option at 6pm. Again, we will have five options for each service. The services will be opened up in the order as listed below.

Online Worship Schedule - Available at www.gatesofprayer.org

Erev Rosh Hashanah - September 18 at 8pm

Rosh Hashanah - September 19 at 10:15am

Kol Nidre - September 27 at 8pm

Yom Kippur Morning - September 28 at 10:15am

Tikkun Midot Hanefesh - September 28 at 1pm

Yom Kippur Healing and Torah - September 28 at 3pm

Yizkor and Neilah - September 28 at 4:30pm

In-Person Worship Schedule - Click to RSVP

Erev Rosh Hashanah - September 18 at 8pm*

*6pm and 4pm services will be added if necessary. 8pm and 6pm services on September 19th if necessary.

Rosh Hashanah - September 19 at 11am*

*9am and 1pm services will be added if necessary. 11am and 9am services on September 20th if necessary.

Tashlich - September 19 at 4pm

Led by Rabbi Bob Loewy at Bonnabel Boat Launch. No RSVP required.

Yizkor and Healing Service - September 25 at 8pm*

*5pm and 7pm services will be added if necessary. 9am and 11am services on September 26 if necessary.

Please note that these services are taking place on Shabbat Shuvah, which is between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. If we do not require additional Yizkor and Healing services on Saturday morning, we will proceed with Torah study and a traditional Shabbah Shuvah service.

Kol Nidre - September 27 at 8:30pm*

*5:30pm, 10pm, and 4pm services will be added if necessary. 7pm service is full.

Yom Kippur - September 28 at 11am*

*9am, 1pm, 3pm, and 5pm services will be added if necessary.

PLEASE NOTE:

In-person services will only be available if Jefferson Parish is in Phase 2 or 3. If we are in Phase 1 or in a shutdown, only online worship will be available.

Some Notable Differences

Parking

Given that our services will have a 50 person limit, we do not anticipate any issues with parking in our parking lot. If the lot is full, overflow parking is still available at St. Clement of Rome.

Mazon

For health and safety reasons, we are not asking that anyone bring a food item to donate. Instead, please consider donating to a hunger relief organization prior to attending worship.

Shmoozing

We all know that one of the best parts of the High Holy Days is seeing our community together in the sanctuary. While the instinct to shmooze will certainly be present, we must avoid the temptation.

Children's Programming

We will not be able to offer services that are specific for tots and children. We hope you will take advantage of the programming offered by J-FLEx and the Louise Manheim Center for Early Education during the holidays. Also, the in-person worship will not contain full length sermons and will be appropriate for children. Please be sure that your children are in masks and remain with you throughout the service.

Sukkot and Simchat Torah

Typically by this time we are able to share the schedule for all Fall holidays. Due to the ever-changing nature of the pandemic, we will issue a follow up schedule for Sukkot and Simchat Torah as we get closer to those dates. We will offer the most fulfilling and engaging program that the environment will allow at that time. Thank you for your understanding.



Book of Remembrance

[Click here to complete this form electronically.](#)

We would like to have the following included in the 5781/2020 Book of Remembrance: (please check one)

- Please print the same as last year.
- Print last year's list and also include these additional names.
- This is a new list. (Was not in last year's book).

A. In Loving Memory Of: (Please print in the order you wish listed.)

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

B. Remembered by: (Please print names below as you want them listed)

Please accept our contribution of \$_____ as an offering to the Temple at Yom Kippur in memory of our loved ones.

(As a guide, it is suggested a minimum of \$50 be donated for a listing up to five names)

Submitted By: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please return this form by August 28



Once again, our very own Carol Sadowsky has created a stunning and colorful work of art for our annual High Holiday card fundraiser. We hope we can count on you to participate. For a donation of \$18, you can have your name (as well as spouse and children) included on the card, which will be sent to all members of Congregation Gates of Prayer in the coming weeks. You can also purchase individual cards for \$2 each. The deadline is Aug. 24.

Write your check for \$18 (plus \$2 for each blank card ordered), made payable to CGoP Sisterhood or pay online at www.gatesofprayer.org/sisterhood.

You can also pay your 2020-21 Sisterhood dues online. If paying by check, please enclose the form on the web site and send to:

Congregation Gates of Prayer Sisterhood/HHD Card
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