



Temple Shir Tikva
High Holy Day Guide
2021 ~ 5782



ברוכים הבאם הביתה

Welcome home to
Temple Shir Tikva

Selichot

Program and brief service welcoming the Days of Awe

Online

Saturday, August 28

8:00 pm

Erev Rosh HaShanah

Traditional Evening Service (VACCINATED-ONLY)

Sanctuary and online

Monday, September 6

8:00 pm

Rosh HaShanah I

Traditional Morning Service (VACCINATED-ONLY)

Sanctuary and online

Tuesday, September 7

9:00 am

Outdoor *B'Yachad* Family-Style Morning Service at Camp Chickami

Outside

11:30 am

Yeladim Young Families Service at Camp Chickami

Outside

2:30 pm

Tashlich ritual for “casting off” the year that has passed

Outside

4:00 pm

Rosh HaShanah II

Traditional Morning Service (VACCINATED-ONLY)

Sanctuary and online

Wednesday, September 8

10:00 am

Private time in the Sanctuary (timeslots available [by reservation](#))

Between September 8-17

Erev Yom Kippur

Kol Nidrei Evening Service (VACCINATED-ONLY)

Sanctuary and online

Wednesday, September 15

8:00 pm

Yom Kippur

Traditional Morning Service (VACCINATED-ONLY)

Sanctuary and online

Thursday, September 16

9:00 am

Outdoor *B'Yachad* Family-Style Morning Service at Camp Chickami

Outside

11:30 am

Afternoon Programming

Primarily online

1:30-4:30 pm

Yeladim Young Families Service

Outside

3:30 pm

Afternoon Service (VACCINATED-ONLY)

Sanctuary and online

5:00 pm

Yizkor Memorial Service (VACCINATED-ONLY)

Sanctuary and online

5:30 pm

Neilah Closing Service (VACCINATED-ONLY)

Sanctuary and online

~6:00 pm

Please see the descriptions of all services and programs on the following pages.

Welcome!

*We are so glad that you will be celebrating with us at Temple Shir Tikva.
The High Holy Days are a time for community, friends, and family to be together.
From all of us at TST, we wish you a sweet and healthy 5782.*

Dear TST family,

One of the Jewish sayings that I am most fond of is: “People make plans, and God laughs.”

I’m not sure whether God is laughing at our planning this year or possibly even crying with us as we have to keep pivoting. As we have shared in previous communications about High Holy Days, we have our plans, and we will change them as it becomes necessary. In making these decisions, our guiding principles remain:

- To provide a High Holy Day experience that is meaningful, engaging, and joyful for our community
- To ensure that we offer services and programming that are as safe as possible
- To follow the guidance from our medical professionals and surrounding community partners

With this in mind, we have decided that all our indoor High Holy Day services will now be vaccine-only and masked. This is in line with the latest CDC guidelines, the plans of local partner synagogues, and the advice of our medical professionals. We have been keeping close track of those who have registered for all our High Holy Day services, and, as of now are pleased to report that everyone who is signed up to attend indoors has already attested to being vaccinated.

The painful part of this decision is the fact that children under 12 and those who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons can therefore not be present inside our Sanctuary for our High Holy Day services. If you are in either of these categories and would like to attend in-person for any of our indoor services, please reach out to the office by September 1, as we are exploring ways to allow you to be present. We will need to hear from you by September 1st in order to put plans in place. Please click [here](#) to register for in-sanctuary services (Rosh Hashanah evening and morning services, Yom Kippur evening, morning and afternoon services). Alongside this, while our **outdoor B’Yachad family-style morning services** will be taking place spread out on the field at Camp Chickami, the advice we are now receiving is that, apart from service leaders, everyone should be **masked** for these services. Please click [here](#) to register for outdoor services (B’Yachad family-style morning services and Yeladim young families services).

As a reminder **all services will be available via the livestream, Facebook and YouTube** for those who prefer not to be in person at this time. For a complete description of our High Holy Day plans, click here.

As we continue to pivot and remain flexible with our High Holy Day planning (even though they are less than two weeks away), I want to thank you, the members of our community, for your continued understanding and flexibility as we prepare for these constantly evolving High Holy Days. And I also want to take a moment to thank the staff and lay leadership of the Temple who are working tirelessly and responding to all of the questions and challenges that keep arising – THANK YOU, ALL!

Yours,

Rabbi Danny

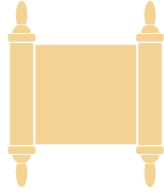
To access all the registration links in one place, [click this link!](#)

Service Options and Descriptions

If you have a question about which service is right for you and your family, please contact our Assistant to the Clergy, Karen Edwards (kedwards@shirtikva.org), who can put you in touch with a member of our clergy.

Traditional Morning Services (vaccinated-only)

Rosh HaShanah I and Yom Kippur Mornings (9:00 am, Sanctuary)



Our 9:00 am Rosh HaShanah Morning and Yom Kippur Morning services will be available in-person and online, offering a full, traditional service. Those who are fully vaccinated are welcome to join us in the sanctuary (by pre-registration only), and all are welcome to join us by livestream. (Note that in previous years, this was offered as our Late Morning Service).

***B'Yachad* Family-Style Services**

Rosh HaShanah I and Yom Kippur Mornings (11:30 am, Outside and Online options)

We will be offering this service in two venues simultaneously **on the field at Camp Chickami** and **livestreamed online**. It will be an interactive service for everyone, especially geared for families with children in grades 3-7. *B'Yachad* means “together” and this is intended a service for us all to join together in prayer and song. (Note that in previous years, this was offered as our Early Morning Family Service).

Camp Chickami is located directly behind Temple Shir Tikva and offers a beautiful outdoor venue for us to celebrate together. **The path to Camp Chickami contains some uneven ground and a flight of stairs. It is possible to access the field in a wheelchair, however it is not easy.**

You must bring your own seating (chairs or blankets): no chairs will be provided. You are encouraged to dress appropriately for an outdoor service (be comfortable, wear sunblock). *Space is plentiful, and we encourage you to bring guests.*

In the event of bad weather, we will **not** offer the outdoor service (and will not schedule a raindate), and you will be able to join the indoor *B'Yachad* service that will be livestreamed from the sanctuary. In case of bad weather, updates about the location of the service will be provided on the Temple Shir Tikva website. (Unfortunately, due to seating restrictions, we will not be able to accommodate last minute additions to our indoor services.)

***Yeladim* Services: For Families with Young Children**

Rosh HaShanah I (2:30 PM) and Yom Kippur (3:30 PM)

For families with young *yeladim* (“children”), ages 0-6. These services are designed for the whole family to join us as we sing, dance, and pray together. Tickets are not required for these services, and we invite you to bring your friends and neighbors. This High Holy Days, we will be gathering outside for our *Yeladim* gatherings, so that we can keep our youngest members safe.

These services are part of our *Yeladim* offerings, which are open to all young families. This year, we are offering a monthly Shabbat *Yeladim* services on Friday evenings, and it is a growing program, offering ways for young families to connect with each other through Temple Shir Tikva.

Yom Kippur Afternoon Program

All of these sessions will be offered online.

Depending on registration, we will offer some of these in person.

	Family Track	Program Track	Spiritual Track
1:30-2:30 pm	<p>For Families: Explore our <i>Hineini middot</i> (character traits) for September, <i>achrayut</i> (responsibility) and its connection to the High Holy Days as we create visual or performance art about our own families. This program is for families and children in grades K-6. Younger siblings invited, too!</p>	<p>Rabbi Blumberg and Rabbi Danny in Conversation: After the success of last year’s interview, join Rabbi Blumberg and Rabbi Danny as they have a Q&A session about the pressing issues affecting Judaism and our world.</p>	<p>Meditation Experience Jewish meditation as a discipline for quieting the mind and living a more spiritually meaningful life. All are welcome.</p> <p>Access the link through the Weekly Schedule.</p>
2:30-3:30 pm	<p>For Teenagers: Welcome aboard the TST HHD Monorail! Next stop... Disney Imagination Campus! In the spirit of Yom Kippur, we will look both inwards and outwards at what in our lives – and our world – seeks attention, and how we can imagine solutions to our problems. This program is for teens in grades 7-12.</p>	<p>The Book of Jonah: Our Yom Kippur afternoon Haftarah is the Book of Jonah. He may be the most successful Prophet in our Bible, and yet he is most well known for being swallowed by a giant fish. Join us as we delve deeper into the text to learn about Jonah and the lessons for today.</p>	<p>Yoga Service with Holly Glick Jewish yoga helps us to find strength, flexibility, and balance through the music and language of our tradition. No prior yoga experience necessary.</p> <p>Access the link through the Weekly Schedule.</p>
3:30-4:30 pm	<p>For Young Children: It’s time for Yom Kippur <i>Yeladim</i>, a service designed for our youngest members (0-6), with songs, prayers, dancing and a story.</p> <p>THIS SERVICE WILL BE OUTSIDE AND IN-PERSON, as well as on livestream.</p>	<p>Healing Service: Join Rabbi Jordi for a service of reflective prayer, poetry, comfort, and care in community, for all of us in need of healing—for ourselves and those we love.</p>	<p>Mussar with Caryl Shaw A Yom Kippur experience of the Jewish spiritual practice for directing our hearts toward a meaningful, ethical life. Bring a pen and note pad to participate.</p> <p>Access the link through the Weekly Schedule.</p>

Yom Kippur Afternoon Services

Afternoon service

We continue our day of reflection, music, and prayer with the traditional afternoon service, including the humorous story of the book of Jonah.

Yizkor

We join for a service of memory, in song, poetry, and quiet contemplation, remembering those who have died.

Neilah: The Closing of the Gates

Join us for the closing service of Yom Kippur. As we conclude the day, our mood shifts from solemnity to joy, as we celebrate our emergence into the new year.

Selichot: Forgiveness Through the Lens of Mussar

Saturday, August 28, 8:00 pm (Zoom)

Selichot is a beautiful tradition of joining together on the Saturday evening before Rosh Hashanah to mark the beginning of the High Holy Day season, including reflection, song, and changing the Torah scrolls into their special white mantles for this sacred time. Join our congregant and Mussar group leader Jay Gainsboro for a Zoom session to explore the High Holy Day theme of forgiveness through the lens of Mussar, our Jewish spiritual-ethical tradition. This session will be appropriate for those who have studied Mussar before and those who are exploring it for the first time and will conclude with a brief online service.

Private Time in the Sanctuary

Our Sanctuary space, in the presence of our *Aron HaKodesh* (Ark) with the Torah Scrolls inside, is a special place for our community. This High Holy Day season, we want to offer people an opportunity to reserve time to be in the Sanctuary for private prayer and reflection. For some, this will be a supplement to attending services in that space, as a chance for quiet introspection; for others who cannot attend services in-person due to concerns about being with crowds, this will provide an opportunity to come into the Sanctuary with plenty of space to pray. There is no specific activity that people are required to complete while in the Sanctuary, and so this will be personal time for anyone who needs it.

[Click here to register for private sanctuary time.](#)

Things to Know

Tickets for Members of Temple Shir Tikva

This year, we are asking congregants to register for specific services in advance. Seating for in-sanctuary services is limited, to allow more space between attendees. By registering in advance, you will help us make sure that there are seats for everyone who will be attending, and you will help us know who is present in case we need to contact congregants who attended specific services after the event. It is important you attend only your pre-registered service. If you need to change your registration, please contact the TST office.



As in past years, tickets for members in good standing (who have either paid or made arrangements to pay their annual fees) are free for all family members up to 25 years old. You may purchase tickets for extended family members, age 26 and up, for \$100. Tickets for friends are \$200 per ticket.

Tickets will be emailed the last week in August. Please bring a printed copy of your e-tickets with you when you come to services.

[Click here to register for in-sanctuary services.](#)

[Click here to register for Camp Chickami Outdoor Services.](#)

Reform Movement Congregational Reciprocity Program

If you plan to spend the High Holy Days in person at another Reform movement congregation, [please click on this link](#) to request tickets through the Union for Reform Judaism's Courtesy Seating Request Program.

We welcome members of other congregations to worship with us at TST. Please have your guests be in touch with their synagogue for a link to requests tickets, through the Union for Reform Judaism's Courtesy Seating Request Program. Because of limited seating at many services, synagogues are adopting varying practices with respect to accepting guests from other congregations. Check with the local synagogue to check on their practices before making plans.

Seating in the TST Sanctuary

In the spirit of our sacred Jewish community, seating for High Holy Day services is on a first-come, first-served basis. This allows all members and guests to feel equally welcome in our sanctuary.

Parking

In addition to the parking available at the Temple, parking is available at these locations on Rosh HaShanah, Kol Nidrei, and Yom Kippur:

- **Camp Chickami** (just east of the Temple lot) – on the dirt road.
- **The Islamic Center of Boston** at 26 Boston Post Road Wayland
- **Prime Grill** at 131 Boston Post Road Wayland



Accessibility

If you are in need of special seating, such as an accessible aisle seat, a chair with arms, or space for a wheelchair, please contact Karen Edwards (508-358-9992, kedwards@shirtikva.org) by **Monday, August 30**, to let her know which service(s) you plan to attend and what type of assistance is needed. We ask that you arrive early so that we can ensure appropriate accommodations.

Assistive Listening Devices are available from our Ushers / Greeters.

Parking: If you anticipate needing special parking for reasons of mobility, please contact Karen Edwards (508-358-9992, kedwards.shirtikva.org) by **Monday, August 30**, to let her know which service(s) you plan to attend and what type of assistance is needed.

Other needs: If you have other accessibility needs, we would love to work with you to provide what accommodations we can. Please contact Karen Edwards (508-358-9992, kedwards@shirtikva.org) to discuss your needs.

High Holy Day Food Drive

Due to the limitations of the pandemic, in lieu of a traditional food drive, we are asking for monetary donations to the GBFB equivalent to the cost of one or two bags of groceries. [Follow this link to donate directly to the Greater Boston Food Bank \(GBFB\).](#)

The GBFB is one of largest and most successful programs in the country providing meals to food insecure families throughout Eastern Massachusetts via direct deliveries, mobile food markets, and school-based pantries. During this year's High Holy Days, please consider this impactful holy action of *tikkun olam* (repairing the world).



Security

Safety and security are of utmost important for all of us. Please keep the following points in mind while you are worshipping with us during our High Holy Days:

- Police officers and/or uniformed security personnel will be on duty at all times, monitoring our property and assisting with traffic control.
- The front entrance to the Temple will be open, and all other doors will be locked. For services in the sanctuary, please enter and exit through the front doors only
- **When you arrive at TST please have your tickets out and ready to be checked.**

Borrowing Prayer Books

We know that many of you will want to join our services by watching remotely this year. To support you in participating in these services more fully you are welcome to borrow copies of our *Machzor* (High Holy Day prayer book), *Mishkan Hanefesh*, which comes in 2 volumes: one for Rosh Hashanah and one for Yom Kippur. [Please click here to request prayer books.](#)

Books may be picked up at the Temple any day from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. If you cannot make it to the Temple to pick up prayer books, we can try to have them delivered to you. If you require this, please contact Karen Edwards at kedwards@shirtikva.org.

Free online prayerbooks are also available using these links:

[Rosh HaShanah Machzor Flipbook](#)

[Yom Kippur Machzor Flipbook](#)

Usher and Greeter Volunteer

We are looking for ushers and greeters to welcome and direct our community! [Please sign up using this link.](#)