



CONGREGATION SHEARITH ISRAEL

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HIGH HOLIDAYS! 2019/5780

Erev Rosh Hashanah Sunday, September 29

6:15pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv
7:06pm - Candle Lighting

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Monday, September 30

8:30am - Shacharit
5:00pm - Mincha
5:30pm - Tashlich/Ma'ariv
7:53pm - Candle Lighting

Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Tuesday, October 1

8:30am - Shacharit
7:00pm - Mincha/Ma'ariv
7:51pm—Havdallah

Kol Nidre Tuesday, October 8

6:30pm - Mincha
6:54pm - Candle Lighting
7:00pm - Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur Wednesday, October 9

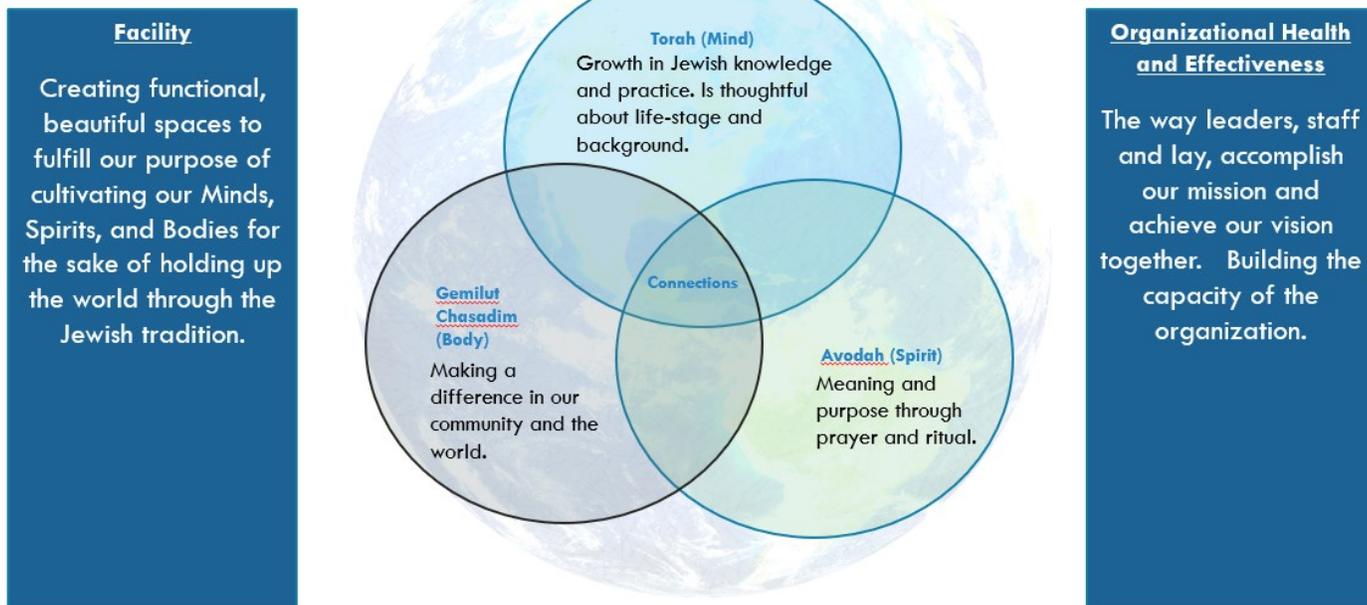
9:00am - Shacharit
11:30am - *Yizkor
2:00pm - Afternoon Programming
5:15pm - Mincha
6:30pm - Neila
7:36pm - Ma'ariv/Havdallah and
Shofar Blowing
Congregational Break Fast

***Yizkor start time is approximate**

Welcome from Rabbi Ari Kaiman

5779 was a big year for our congregation. At High Holidays last year, I spoke about the way our congregation “holds up the world” through *Torah* (Education), *Avodah* (Prayer), and *Gemilut Chasadim* (Selfless acts of love). Our strategic planning committee orchestrated a big conversation to dream together. We commissioned five task forces based on what we learned.

THE BIG IDEA: A VISION FOR OUR FUTURE



Collaborations Across Organizations

We thought deeply about who we are today, and we dreamed about who we will become in the future. The planning process is coming to a conclusion soon, and in 5780, I expect to see our dreams begin to actualize.

This past year we learned so much together. We explored the intersection of Science and Morality through our Scientists in Synagogues Program, we contemplated preparing for the end of life with the Ready or Not: Jewish Perspectives on the End of Life series, we continued our enrichment through Synagogue Scholars and Authors. Our partnership with American Jewish Committee brought Rabbi David Rosen as a scholar in residence. We learned, sang and shared congregational life with our rabbinic intern, Sammy Rosenbaum.

We continued our work caring for one another, and our community around us. The Ahaw family had frequent visitors from our congregation, and we worked hard to give them a good welcome to this city. Under the broad idea of [Ahavat Chinam](#), baseless love, we are launching several new social justice initiatives to make a difference in our community. Please click on the link and indicate your interest to get involved in 5780.

This year was far from normal or easy. We experienced the worst Anti-Semitic attacks that have ever occurred in our great country's history. Mass shootings seem to be normalizing. The status quo is frightening. This coming year, we'll be exploring fear (*yirah*) and love (*ahavah*). I'm hopeful that this frame will help us grow in all areas of our congregation, but particularly in the area of prayer. Over the High Holidays, we'll have some opportunity to practice and think ahead for some initiatives in the congregation.

This will be my fourth High Holidays with the congregation. For perhaps the first time, I don't feel like the "new" rabbi anymore. You have invited me to continue to serve as your rabbi, and I am deeply honored to look ahead to our bright future, bringing meaning and purpose to our lives through Judaism.

May it be a year full of light, hope, holiness and purposeful work,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ari Kaiman". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Rabbi Ari Kaiman

Welcome from Congregation Shearith Israel Presidents, Rick Kaplan and Faith Levy

We are delighted, happy, and honored to welcome you to Congregation Shearith Israel! Shana Tova (Happy New Year) to you and our entire community! With all of the division and noise the world brings to our lives, it is great to come Home for the Holidays and be together.

These are exciting times for our Synagogue. As Rabbi Kaiman begins his fourth year as our spiritual leader, he has brought joy to his teaching and to our services. His spirituality, kindness and caring are apparent in all his interactions. He has been innovative in bringing new approaches to ritual and prayer.

Our Strategic Planning Committee has been hard at work this year learning about each of our Jewish journeys and dreams, convening task forces to give substance to our aspirations and will soon be proposing short, medium and long-term priorities for our community.

Our dedicated and devoted staff and volunteers have put forth great effort to create a joyful and meaningful High Holiday experience for all. We are grateful to them and appreciate their commitment.

Thank you for joining us for these Yamim Noraim (Days of Awe). We are glad you have chosen to be part of our community and we welcome you. Shana Tova U'Metuka (May you have a Happy and Sweet New Year!).



Rick Kaplan, Co-President
Shearith Israel



Faith Levy, Co-President
Shearith Israel

TICKET INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP TICKET POLICIES

Tickets for High Holiday services are included with all non-Associate memberships. **Tickets are required to attend all services.** Security protocol will be enhanced, and all tickets will be checked this year. An **Individual membership** includes one adult ticket, and a **Household membership** includes two adult tickets. Tickets are NOT required for those under the age of 18; however, you will receive tickets for adult children ages 18 - 23.

Additional adult tickets for family members or guests can be purchased at a charge of \$80.00 per ticket by contacting Jacinta Cox at 404-503-9909 or bookkeeper@shearithisrael.com.

TICKET PROCESS

Tickets will be mailed, just after Labor Day, to all members in good standing whose membership accounts are current. If you have any questions, or need to make financial arrangements, you may contact Jodi Salomon, Executive Director at 404-503-9905 or executivedirector@shearithisrael.com.

RECIPROCITY GUIDELINES

Congregation Shearith Israel participates in a reciprocal High Holiday ticket arrangement with other USCJ Congregations.

Members in good standing, who are attending an out-of-state Synagogue for the High Holidays should contact Jacinta Cox at (404) 503-9909 or bookkeeper@shearithisrael.com, to make arrangements with the Synagogue. Reciprocity is available ONLY to members in good standing and does not include guest tickets.

Reciprocal tickets to Shearith Israel are available to visitors who are members in good standing of an out-of-town synagogue. That Synagogue should email Jacinta Cox at bookkeeper@shearithisrael.com or fax requests to (404)873-6235. All reciprocity tickets will be at the welcome desk and will **NOT** be mailed ahead of time. **All of these requests are due by Monday September 23, 2019.**

STUDENT TICKETS

Full-time undergraduate and graduate students, with a valid school ID, are invited to attend all services at no charge. Students must show their ID at the welcome desk.

SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICES

TASHLICH

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, all are invited to join Rabbi Kaiman in the ceremony of Tashlich. This ceremony is derived from Micah 7:19, "You shall cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." Please join us with your family and friends at Congregation Shearith Israel on Monday, September 30th at 5:30 pm in the parking lot to gather and walk as a group to the stream at the intersection of University Drive and Markan Drive. Please bring a small bag of bread with you to cast into the water, symbolizing the casting of our sins. Wear comfortable shoes. After Tashlich, we will conduct Ma'ariv services before walking back to the Synagogue together.

KEVER AVOT

Kever Avot, visiting the graves of relatives and friends will be held this year on Sunday, October 6, 2019. Join Rabbi Kaiman at **Greenwood Cemetery**, 1173 Cascade Rd. SW, Atlanta, GA 30311 at **3:00 p.m.**, **Crest Lawn Memorial Park**, 2000 Marietta Blvd NW, Atlanta, GA 30318 at **4:00 p.m.** and/or **Arlington Memorial Park**, 201 Mt. Vernon Hwy NW, Sandy Springs, GA 30328 at **5:00 p.m.** If you are in need of a ride to one of the services, please contact the synagogue office and we will do our best to connect you with a congregant who can drive you. If you are driving to one of the services and can offer a ride, please contact the office.

YIZKOR SERVICE

Yizkor services will be held at the synagogue at approximately 11:30am on Yom Kippur, **Wednesday, October 9, 2019**. The Yizkor service start time is approximate, and can fluctuate by 15 - 20 minutes. All yahrzeit plaques will be lit during this service.

CHILDCARE & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Childcare and youth services are for preschool-aged children through high school. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together to pray, sing, and enjoy services as a group. Programming will be held primarily in the Education building. Please help us by reminding your children about appropriate behavior during the High Holidays, and to be respectful of synagogue property. Children must either be in the children's programming or with an adult in the Sanctuary.

REGISTRATION & PROGRAM INFORMATION

For the safety of your child and to maintain the holiness of the services, **all children must be registered and participate** in the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur activities offered at the Synagogue. Those children not registered should remain with their parents **at all times**. Pre-registration is required for all programs and the forms are available on our website at ww.shearthisrael.com.

BABYSITTING

Babysitting will be available for infants from 6 weeks - 12 months. Please complete the online form on our High Holiday webpage.

For questions regarding babysitting, children's, or youth programs, please contact Nancy Gorod, Director of Congregational Learning at (404) 503-9906 or ngorod@shearthisrael.com.

Service Times for Children, Youth, and their families

Elementary School Families:

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 & 2 and Yom Kippur - 10:30am-11:30am

An Immersive Family Tefillah Experience led by Ori Salzberg. We will share the Musicality & Rhythm of prayer, while learning and exploring the tradition in its original Hebrew. The service will be held under the tent adjacent to the Education Building.

Preschool and below:

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Yom Kippur - 10:30am-11:15am

Emily Kaiman will lead a High Holiday Tot Shabbat service for our young children and their families in the Multi Purpose Room.

Teen Service:

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Yom Kippur - 10:30am-11:30am

A teen-only service with our USY advisor, Zach, in the Maziar Chapel.

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