

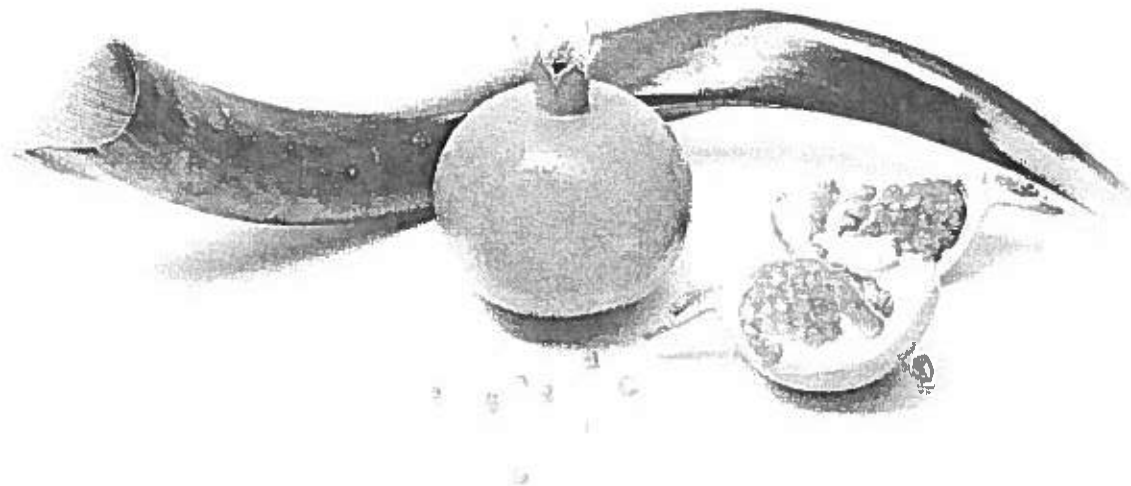


Happy New Year! *L'shanah Tovah!*

Our High Holy Days urge us to discover layers of meaning, spirituality and inspiration through prayer, song, contemplation and joy in our connections to our People, near and far.

**Hear the call of the shofar.
Join us at Congregation Shir Shalom as we gather as a community to experience the powerful themes of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur: love, potential, life and hope.**

***L'shanah Tovah Tikatevu!*
May our High Holy Days be filled with meaning and inspiration and may we be inscribed in the Book of Life for a year filled with goodness, health, and peace.**





CONGREGATION SHIR SHALOM

of Westchester and Fairfield Counties

"Vision looks inward and becomes duty. Vision looks outward and becomes aspiration. Vision looks upward and becomes faith." – Rabbi Stephen S. Wise

Dear Congregants,

The approaching High Holy Days are a special opportunity for inspiration, to discover layers of meaning and spirituality through prayer and song, worship and learning. We gather with friends and family from near and far to celebrate and contemplate, reflect and imagine. Hear the call of the shofar, listen to its voice. Join us at Congregation Shir Shalom to experience the powerful themes of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur: love and potential, life and hope.

Our clergy, staff, and ritual committee members have begun preparing for the High Holy Days planning enriching, meaningful and beautiful worship and learning opportunities for everyone.

You will find in this mailing important logistical information as well as several forms for you to complete. Please refer to the enclosed checklist to confirm all necessary forms have been completed and returned to the office.

Please complete your ticket request form as soon as possible and return it to the office by August 25 to ensure that our office will have enough time to fulfill ticket requests. Tickets in response to requests postmarked after September 12th will be held at the door. To ensure that our staff can complete preparations and respond to all requests, tickets will not be available for pickup from our office. If you have any questions please contact Laura Morris at 203-438-6589 or office@OurShirShalom.org

L'shanah Tovah Tikatevul May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life and may the year 5778 be filled with goodness, health and peace. We look forward to time together during the High Holy Days and throughout the year.

Laurie Dubin and Michael Salpeter
Ritual Committee Co-chairs

We are proud to live our Jewish values by opening the doors of our synagogue to all who want to worship and celebrate with us. We warmly welcome all who wish to participate in Jewish life, regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic background. Our congregation is sustained through the generosity of our members. Tickets are required for High Holy Day services, and you must be current in your financial obligations in order to receive High Holy Day tickets. We are also committed to ensuring that finances will not be a barrier to membership or participation and have a confidential process for making special financial arrangements. For further information, please e-mail Matt Teich at ShirShalomSA@gmail.com.



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**Schedule of High Holy Day Services 2017 / 5778 and
Shuttle Bus Schedule**

Date	Service	Time	Shuttle Bus Schedule
Saturday, September 16	Selichot 7:30 p.m. Dessert Reception 8:00 p.m. Program- to be announced 9:00 p.m. Selichot Service	7:30 p.m.	<i>No shuttle bus service</i>
Wednesday, September 20	Erev Rosh Hashanah followed by a festive Oneg reception	7:30 p.m.	<i>6:45 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. from Jesse Lee Memorial Church (207 Main St, Ridgefield; enter parking lot on King Lane)</i>
Thursday, September 21	Rosh Hashanah, First Day 9:00 a.m. Service 11:30 a.m. Service 2:30 p.m. Tot Service (free, but RSVP is required) 5:30 Tashlich on Lake Truesdale at the home of Paul & Elizabeth Amerling- 33 Lake Shore Dr., South Salem NY.	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	<i>8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. from Jesse Lee Memorial Church</i> <i>No shuttle bus service for Tashlich</i>
Friday, September 22	Rosh Hashanah, Second Day Service Congregational Lunch (reservation required)	10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	<i>No shuttle bus service</i>

(Yom Kippur schedule on other side)



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Date	Service	Time	Shuttle Bus Schedule
Friday, September 29	Kol Nidre	7:30 p.m.	<i>6:45 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. from Jesse Lee Memorial Church (207 Main St, Ridgefield; enter parking lot on King Lane)</i>
Saturday, September 30	Yom Kippur		<i>8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. from Jesse Lee Memorial Church (with a break from 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.)</i>
	9:00 a.m. Service	9:00 a.m.	
	11:30 a.m. Service	11:30 a.m.	
	2:30 p.m. Tot Service (free, but RSVP is required)	2:30 p.m.	
	3:15 p.m. Music and Meditation Service (in the sanctuary); reading of names from the Yizkor memorial book (in a classroom or outside); lay- led discussion (in a classroom)	3:15 p.m.	
	4:00 p.m. Afternoon, Yizkor, and Neilah Services	4:00 p.m.	
	6:50 p.m. (approx.) Congregational Break Fast following the conclusion of services (reservations required)	6:50 p.m. approx.	

**Please look for additional announcements regarding services for
Sukkot and Simchat Torah**



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Description of Services

In order to accommodate everyone who wants to worship and celebrate the High Holy Days with our congregation, we are pleased to offer two options for morning worship on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Both services will be musical and inspirational and include familiar prayers and melodies. We will recite a *Mi Shebeirach l'cholim* (prayer for healing) at both services. There will be a sermon at both services. On Rosh Hashanah, the shofar will be sounded at both services (shofar is not sounded on Yom Kippur). The early service is shorter, and may permit your family to have a special Rosh Hashanah lunch at home or to visit other family in the greater NYC area.

Start Time	Service Length	Torah Service	Shofar Service (Rosh Hashanah only):	Worship Notes:
9AM	Approximately 1.5 hours	Abbreviated Torah reading; no Haftarah reading	Abbreviated Shofar Service (still lots of shofar!)	Cantor accompanied on guitar; some prayers abbreviated
11:30AM	Approximately 2.5 hours	Full Torah reading and full complement of aliyot and Haftarah reading	Full Shofar service	choir and professional musicians supplement Cantor; more traditional prayers
Both services are inclusive of families and feature: -Inspiring and uplifting music, readings, and prayers -Engaging and participatory worship - <i>Mi Shebeirach L'Cholim</i> —Prayer for Healing -Familiar prayers and melodies ("highlights") -Sermon -Shofar service				



High Holy Days Ticket Order Form

For security reasons, tickets are required for anyone age 13 or older at all services.

Please return this form by August 25th.

Tickets requests postmarked after September 12th will be held at the door.

We can only exist with the financial support and generosity of our members. To receive High Holy Day tickets, members must be current in their membership financial obligations. We are committed to welcoming all who wish to join us. Financial assistance is available; please contact our office for more information.

Member First and Last Name(s) as you would like them to appear on name tag:

Name _____

Name _____

Name(s) of family members (13 to 25 years old) residing in your household

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Additional ticket needs:

Number of tickets

Needed:

Cost

Member relatives

\$100.00 each

\$ _____

Non-related guests

\$360.00 each

\$ _____

Member relatives include parents, siblings, grandparents, and adult children (26 years and older).

Non-related guest tickets can be purchases at a cost of \$360 per individual over age 13 or \$720 per family. A family is considered one or two adults and up to three children age 25 or younger.

Please list names as you would like them to appear on name tag:

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Please check off the Rosh Hashanah service you wish to attend on September 21st

___ 9:00 a.m. Service

___ 11:30 a.m. Service

Please check off the Yom Kippur service you wish to attend on September 30th

___ 9:00 a.m. Service

___ 11:30 a.m. Service

Name on Card _____

Billing address _____

Credit Card number _____

Expiration _____ CV2 _____

Visa _____ Mastercard _____ American Express _____



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General Information

Parking and Shuttle Bus Service

Because we have parking for only about 75 cars on our lot, we kindly request that you consider parking at our off-site locations (see below) to leave the parking spaces in our Temple lot for older adults, differently-abled members and families with very young children.

Parking will be available at Westmoreland as well as at Jesse Lee Memorial Church (207 Main St, Ridgefield; enter parking lot on King Lane) on Erev Rosh Hashanah, the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre) and Yom Kippur. On the second day of Rosh Hashanah, additional parking is available at Westmoreland only.

A shuttle bus will run between Jesse Lee Memorial Church and the Temple on Erev Rosh Hashanah, the First Day of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur.

There is no shuttle bus from Westmoreland; a walking path from the Westmoreland lot leads to our Temple. When using the Westmoreland lot, please park only in designated parking spots, not on the grass or roadway.

- **Directions to Jesse Lee Memorial Church (207 Main Street; enter parking lot on King Lane):**
From Temple parking lot, turn left (East) onto Peaceable Street
Peaceable Street becomes King Lane; turn right into Jesse Lee Memorial Church parking lot
- **Directions to Westmoreland:**
From Temple parking lot, turn right (West) onto Peaceable Street
Turn right at next street (Westmoreland sign)
Turn right onto Holmes Avenue, continuing to parking lot

Temple Driveway

We are under strict orders from the Ridgefield Police and Fire Departments to keep driveway access to the Temple open during all services. Accordingly, parking is not permitted in the Temple driveway. Please drop off passengers quickly in front of the Temple and keep the driveway clear for the shuttle bus. Please park in designated areas only, away from "No Parking" signs and fire lanes. We are very grateful for the cooperation of our neighbors, so please do not park in any way that would compromise our relationship with them. Please do not park on Peaceable Street. Your adherence to these rules is important for the safety of our congregants and guests.

Babysitting

Children of all ages are welcome at all services. For those who desire it, babysitting will be available in the Temple building for children age six and younger. Reservations are required; a form to reserve babysitting is enclosed in this packet.

Hearing Assistance and Large Print Prayer Books

We have a small number of headphones/wireless receivers and large print prayer books for those who need them. If you would like a headset or large print prayer book, please see an usher.

Attire

Shoulders and midriffs should be covered. We ask that men and boys wear dress shirts and long pants, and jackets and ties are encouraged. If you choose to wear a tallit, we encourage you to bring your own for morning services and Kol Nidre.

Decorum

Please turn off all electronic devices when entering the Temple. Congregants are asked to refrain from entering or exiting the sanctuary when the Ark is open or the congregation is standing. Children who are not in babysitting should be with their families in the sanctuary. Children should not roam in the hallways during services.

5778 High Holy Days

Easy Fast. Easier Break-Fast.

**Your family is invited to join our
Congregation Family to celebrate!**

Email Address:

Family Name:

Telephone #

of Family Members: () Donation: (\$)

**Please help us defray the cost of the Break-fast with a donation
(Suggested Donation \$18 per person)**

Join The Breakfast Volunteer(s):

() **I will make one Kugel for the event.** (Please take aluminum pan from lobby)

Type: () Contains Nuts () Dairy-Free () Family Recipe ()
Gluten-Free () Vegan () Other:

() **I/we will volunteer for the event.**

Type: () Kitchen () Pavilion Set Up () Clean Up

Volunteer Names:

Yom Kippur Break-fast September 30th, 2017

Please return this form by **September 11th** to make your reservation

Congregation Shir Shalom 46 Peaceable St, Ridgefield, CT 06877

Telephone: 203.438.6589 Fax: 203.438.5488 Email: office@ourshirshalom.org

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**Your family is invited to join our
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sign up form on reverse side!





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Join us for Selichot
Saturday, September 16th

7:30 pm Dessert Reception

8:00 pm Program- to be announced

9:00 pm Selichot Service

**We will gather for a dessert reception followed by
Havdalah and Selichot services.**

**Our Selichot service will incorporate High Holy Days
prayers and melodies to help us prepare for Rosh
Hashanah and Yom Kippur.**

**We hope you will join us for this moving, meaningful
and intimate evening of discussion, music and prayer.**

Please contact synagogue office with any questions.

office@OurShirShalom.org



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Tot Rosh Hashanah and Tot Yom Kippur Services for families with children under age 6

*All children are always welcome and encouraged to attend all services in our sanctuary.
This children's program is an additional option for families with children in this age group.
We encourage you to bring all who would enjoy attending. Non-members are welcome!*

Tot Rosh Hashanah
Thursday, Sept. 21, 2:30 pm



Tot Yom Kippur
Saturday, September 30, 2:30 pm



Join us as we:

- ✧ sing special High Holy Day songs
- ✧ hear a story
- ✧ listen to the Shofar
- ✧ enjoy apples & honey on Rosh Hashanah

These Tot Services are open to members and non-members at no cost, but an RSVP is required by Friday, September 9. Non-member adults are also required to have a complimentary ticket. Please let us know if you will be attending.

Yes! We will attend:

Rosh Hashanah: Thursday, September 21st

Yom Kippur: Saturday, September 30th

Child Name/Age: _____

Child Name/Age: _____

Name(s) of Guardian(s) and relationship: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____



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Yizkor (Memorial) Book

Entries due to the synagogue office by Friday, August 25

We prepare a Yizkor (Memorial) Book each year for Yom Kippur to remember deceased loved ones. The Yizkor Book will be distributed during our Yom Kippur Yizkor service.

To include the name of a loved one in the Yizkor Book, please complete the form below (use additional pages if necessary).

It is customary to honor the memory of a loved one by making a donation. Many congregants consider a donation of \$18 per name to be a fitting gesture. Your donation will help our congregation exist as a living and growing memorial to the traditions and values that were important to your loved ones.

Yizkor Book Entry Form

Please print clearly.

Your name as you would like it to appear (Cohen family or Moses and Miriam Cohen):

Phone: _____ Email: _____

____ I would like my family's entry in the Yizkor Book to appear exactly as it appeared last year. (No need to complete the listings below.)

____ I would like my family's entry in the Yizkor Book to have the same listing as last year, plus I would like to include the following additional names. (Add new listings below.)

____ I would like to include the following names in the Yizkor Book.

Enclosed please find a donation of \$ _____

Name (Last, First) _____ Relationship (and to whom) _____

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Name (Last, First) _____ Relationship (and to whom) _____

Name on card _____

Billing address _____

Credit Card number _____

Expiration _____ CV2 _____

Visa _____ Mastercard _____ American Express _____



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High Holy Day Donation Opportunities

In an effort to make the High Holy Days comfortable and beautiful for all, our congregation incurs supplemental expenses. Please consider a contribution to offset these expenses by completing the form below and returning it to the synagogue office. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Police/Security	\$ 5,400
High Holy Days Musicians (flute, violin, piano)	\$ 3,600
Shuttle Bus Service	\$ 1,800
High Holy Days Administrative Costs	\$ 720
Memorial Book Printing	\$ 540
Babysitters	\$ 360
Mishkan HaNefesh Dedications	\$ 54 (both volumes)
General Donation to Defray High Holy Days Costs	\$ 54

I would like to donate \$_____ for _____

I would like to dedicate _____ set(s) of prayer books,

In honor/memory (circle one) of: _____

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Name on card _____

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Second Day Rosh Hashanah Luncheon

Please return this form by **Friday, August 25th**
to the Shir Shalom office.

*Please join us for a luncheon
on the
Second Day of Rosh Hashanah
Friday, September 22, at 1:00 p.m.*

To enable us to plan correctly, please provide the following
information, along with payment by check or credit card:

Family Name: _____

Number of Family Members Attending:

Adults (\$18 per adult) _____

Children (\$10 per child) _____

(children age 4 & younger are free, family maximum of \$54)

Email address: _____

Phone #: _____

Name on Credit Card _____

Billing address for credit card

Credit Card number _____

Expiration _____ CV2 _____

Thank You!



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Babysitting For Children Six Years Old and Younger

Babysitting is available for children six years old and younger during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. We will be providing snacks and drinks for the children. There is no fee but reservations are required.

If you would like babysitting for your child, please complete and return this form to the synagogue office by Friday, September 8th.

Family Name: _____
Address: _____

Please check the boxes below to indicate the services for which you would like babysitting for your child:

- Erev Rosh Hashanah
- Rosh Hashanah First Day ____9:00 am Service ____11:30 am Service
- Rosh Hashanah Second Day
- Yom Kippur – Kol Nidre
- Yom Kippur ____9:00 am Service ____11:30 am Service
- Yom Kippur Music and Meditation Service
- Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
- Yom Kippur Yizkor Service
- Yom Kippur Neilah Service

Names and ages of children:

Please indicate whether these children have any allergies, including any food allergies:

Note: During services, parents are asked to check periodically on their child(ren) in the babysitting room.



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PIZZA IN THE HUT

Friday, October 6, 5:30 pm



Join us for pizza, salad and munchies; decorate our sukkah, spend time with friends and enjoy a brief service immediately following at 6:30 p.m.!

\$5/person or \$15/ family, ages 4 and under are free. Bring along a few gourds or other natural, seasonal items to help decorate our Sukkah!

RSVP by Wednesday, Sept. 20 with number attending to:
Emily Levi—emaf16@aol.com

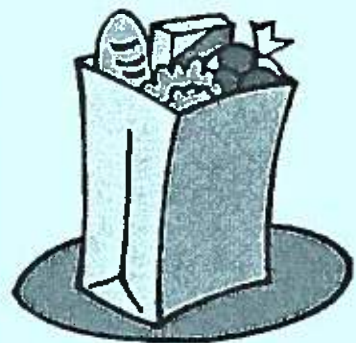
Name on card _____

Billing address _____

Credit Card number _____

Expiration _____ CV2 _____

Visa _____ Mastercard _____ American Express _____



High Holy Days Food Drive 5778

This year our drive will benefit **three** pantries that need our help!

- The Ridgefield Food Pantry •
- The Community Center of Northern Westchester •
- The Daily Bread Food Pantry •

Foods we need most:

- Cereal
- Peanut butter, jelly
- Cans of hearty soup, beef stew and chili
- Rice, pasta and spaghetti sauce
- Canned fruit and canned vegetables
- Canned tuna and canned meat
- Dried and canned beans
- Shelf stable fruit juice
- Diapers, baby food
- Dry and shelf stable milk
- Personal care products (shampoo, toothpaste, etc.)

Additionally, gift cards from Stop and Shop and ShopRite will be happily accepted!

**Please be as generous as possible –
food we collect will be divided three ways-
this will provide for many needy families in
Fairfield and Westchester counties!**

We will collect donation bags during the High Holy Days

Please contact Debbie Landzberg and Debbie Lavin at socialaction@OurShirShalom.org with any questions.

Thank You!



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High Holy Day Check List

Have you completed and returned the following items?

- Ticket Order Form
- Yizkor (Memorial) Book Form
- Donations (including contributions to cover the cost of our High Holy Days prayer book)
- Babysitting Requests
- Tot Service RSVP
- 2nd Day Rosh Hashanah Luncheon RSVP
- Break Fast RSVP and Donation Request
- Pizza in the Hut RSVP