



**CONGREGATION
SHIR SHALOM**
of Westchester and Fairfield Counties

“The words of our prayers must not fall off our lips like the dead leaves in the autumn. They must rise like birds – out of the heart– into the vast expanse of eternity.”

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel

2019/5780 High Holy Days Registration Forms



**We are a vibrant and inclusive community
inspired by Jewish values and traditions.**

Please review and complete this document,
in its entirety, and return to the Main Office with a
check or credit/debit card information before
Friday, September 6, 2019.



Dear Friends,

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. 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 information for you to complete. Please complete your ticket request form as soon as possible and return it to the office by September 6th to ensure that our office will have enough time to fulfill ticket requests. Tickets in response to requests postmarked after September 23rd will be held at the door. If you have any questions please contact Laura Morris at 203-438-6589 or office@OurShirShalom.org.

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.

L'shanah Tovah Tikatevu May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life and may the year 5780 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



Join us for Selichot Saturday, September 21st

**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 the synagogue office with any questions.
office@OurShirShalom.org*



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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 *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 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
- *Mi Shebeirach L'Cholim*-Prayer for Healing
- Familiar prayers and melodies ("highlights")
- Sermon
- Shofar service



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High Holy Days Worship Schedule 2019 / 5780

Date	Service	Time	Shuttle Bus Schedule
Saturday, September 21	Selichot 7:30 p.m. Dessert Reception 8:00 p.m. Program to be announced 9:00 p.m. Selichot Services	7:30 p.m.	<i>No shuttle bus service</i>
Sunday, September 29	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>
Monday, September 30	Rosh Hashanah, First Day 9:00 a.m. Service 11:30 a.m. Service 11:30 a.m. Youth Service 2:30 p.m. Tot Service (free, but RSVP is required) 5:00-5:30 p.m. Tashlich off site at Amerling Home	9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 5:00-5:30 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>
Tuesday, October 1	Rosh Hashanah, Second Day Congregation 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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Yom Kippur

Date	Service	Time	Shuttle Bus Schedule
Tuesday, October 8	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>
Wednesday, October 9	<p>Yom Kippur</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Service</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Service</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Youth Service</p> <p>2:30 p.m. Tot Service (free, but RSVP is required)</p> <p>3:15 p.m. Music and Mediation Service (in the sanctuary); reading of names from the Yizkor memorial book (in a classroom or outside); lay-led discussion (in a classroom)</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Afternoon, Yizkor, and Neilah Services</p> <p>6:50 p.m. (approx.) Congregation Break the Fast following the conclusion of services (reservation required)</p>	<p>9:00 a.m.</p> <p>11:30 a.m.</p> <p>11:30 a.m.</p> <p>2:30 p.m.</p> <p>3:15 p.m.</p> <p>4:00 p.m.</p> <p>6:50 p.m. approx.</p>	<p><i>8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. from Jesse Lee Memorial Church (with a break from 1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.)</i></p>



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Youth Service

A New Worship Experience

We are thrilled to announce the creation of a new participatory service/worship opportunity especially for children ages 7-11. Starting at 11:30AM, it will run concurrently with the "Late Service" on Rosh Hashanah (Day One only) and Yom Kippur.

Rabbi Emily (our rabbinic intern for the 2018-2019 school year) is returning for a special, limited engagement to help organize and lead our Youth Service! Our new option for worship will engage students in meaningful prayer and will be a great opportunity to learn about the High Holy Days.

We will be using a special, age appropriate prayer book, may incorporate some projected "visual worship" during our service, which will feature a story instead of a sermon. The service will be held upstairs (either in the Youth Lounge or Classrooms) and will last approximately 60-90 minutes. We will provide a delicious snack on Rosh Hashanah following the conclusion of worship, and age appropriate activities on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to keep your children engaged until the conclusion of our Late Worship Services.

Students can bring a shofar on Rosh Hashanah to practice during our Youth Service and play during our final *Tikiah G'dolah*. We are seeking high school students to help lead portions of the service as well as a few adults to help maintain order. Please let us know if your students plan to attend so we can be sure to have enough chairs set up.

Tashlich

We invite you to join us for the Jewish custom of *Tashlich*. *Tashlich* occurs during the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah.

*“Today we have come to this body of water to perform the **Tashlich** ceremony; seeking, symbolically, to cast away our accumulated sins and transgressions, to send away our unworthy thoughts, to purify our hearts and our souls, as the new year begins.”*

Graciously hosted at the home of Paul and Elizabeth Amerling, we will observe *Tashlich* on Monday, September 30th, at 33 Lake Shore Drive, South Salem, NY, at 5:00 p.m.



Tot Rosh Hashanah & 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. Our tot services children's program is an additional option for families with children under age 6. We encourage you to bring all who would enjoy attending. ALL are welcome.

Tot Rosh Hashanah
Monday, Sept. 30, 2:30 p.m.

Tot Yom Kippur
Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2:30 p.m.

Join us as we:

Sing special High Holy Days songs Hear a story
Listen to the Shofar Enjoy apples & honey on Rosh Hashanah
Pray together Learn about the High Holy Days

Tot Services are open to congregants and community members at no cost, but an **RSVP is required by Friday, September 6, 2019.** Adults are required to have a complimentary ticket. Please let us know if you will be attending.

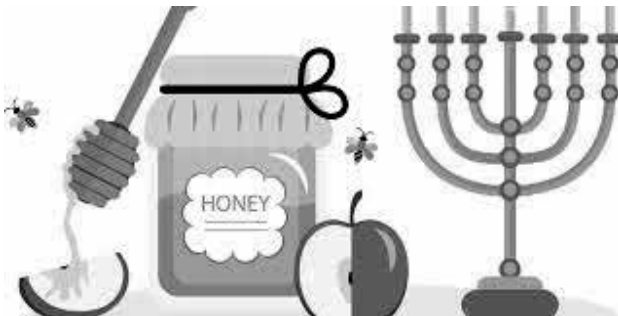
Yes! We will attend:

- Rosh Hashanah , Monday, September 30, 2:30 p.m.
- Yom Kippur, Wednesday, October 9, 2:30 p.m.

Child name/age: _____

Child name/age: _____

Parent/Guardian email: _____



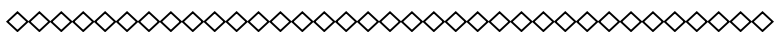
PIZZA IN THE HUT

Friday, October 18 at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for pizza and munchies, decorate our sukkah, spend time with friends and enjoy a brief service immediately following at 6:00 p.m.

Bring along natural or seasonal items to help decorate our Sukkah!

\$5 each or \$25 per family, ages 4 and under are **FREE**. Please enter your pizza payment **TOTAL** onto the Payment form. Thank you.



Babysitting

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. Please circle below to indicate the services for which you would like babysitting for your children.

- Erev Rosh Hashanah
- Rosh Hashanah first day
- Rosh Hashanah second day
- Erev Yom Kippur – Kol Nidre
- Yom Kippur

Please indicate how many children require babysitting: _____

Yizkor (Memorial) Book

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 names 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.

Please enter your donation on the Payment Form. Thank you for your contribution.

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 listing 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.

Name (Last, First)	Relationship (and to whom)
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High Holy Days 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, entering the total on the payment form, and returning both forms to the synagogue office. All contribution are greatly appreciated.

Police/Security	\$ 5,400
High Holy Days Musicians	\$ 3,600
Shuttle Bus Service costs	\$ 1,800
Youth & Tot Services	\$ 1,800
Babysitting Costs	\$ 1,000
Memorial Book Printing	\$ 540
General donation to defray expenses	\$ 180
I would like to donate	\$ _____

For: _____

Prayer Book dedication

I would like to dedicate _____ set(s) of prayer books at \$54 per set

In honor/memory (circle 1) of: _____

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Thank you for your generosity. Please enter your **TOTAL** prayer book and **TOTAL** other donations onto the **Payment Form**.

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah Luncheon

Please join us for a luncheon on the Second Day of Rosh Hashanah, Tuesday, October 1, at approximately 1:00 p.m., following services. To enable us to plan correctly, please provide the following information: Please enter your luncheon payment **TOTAL (\$18/adults & \$10/child):** onto the **Payment Form**; children age 4 & younger are free. Family maximum of \$54. Thank you.

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 Friday, September 6.

Ticket requests postmarked after September 13 will be held at the door

We can only exist with the financial support and generosity of our congregants. To receive High Holy Day tickets, congregants must be current in their community commitment and financial obligations. We are committed to welcoming all who wish to join us. Financial assistance is available; please contact David Moss: ShirShalomSA@gmail.com for more information.

Congregant First and Last Name(s) for your name tag:

Name _____

Name _____

Names of dependent children, (ages 13-25 residing at home, including college students):

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

Name _____ Age _____

<u>Additional tickets needed:</u>	<u>No. of Tickets</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Immediate adult family members	\$100.00 each _____	\$ _____

Other family members and non-related guests	\$360.00 each _____	\$ _____
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Immediate adult family members include parents, siblings, grandparents and adult children, other than those described above.

Tickets for other family members or non-related guests can be purchased at a cost of \$360 per individual age 13 or older or \$720 per family. A family is considered one or two adults and up to three children age 25 or younger.

Please list first and last names, age and relationship

Name _____ Age _____ Relationship _____

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Name _____ Age _____ Relationship _____

Name _____ Age _____ Relationship _____

PAYMENT FORM

Number of immediate adult family members	x \$100 ea. =	
Number of other family members & non-related guests	x \$360 ea. =	
Break the Fast; number of attendees	x \$18 ea. =	
RH 2nd Day lunch; Adults	x \$18 ea. =	
RH 2nd Day lunch; Children	x \$10 ea.	
Yizkor names	x \$18 ea. =	
Pizza in the Hut	x \$5 ea. or = \$25 per family	
Prayer Book Dedications	x \$54 per set =	
Additional donations		
TOTAL:		

Provide the following information, along with payment by check or credit card:

Enclosed Check No. _____

OR

Name on Credit card _____

Billing address for Credit Card:

Credit Card Number _____

Expiration Date: _____ CV2: _____



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High Holy Days Food Drive 5780



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

We could use a few volunteers to help supervise distribution and collection of food bags at the High Holy Day services.

Please contact SocialAction@OurShirShalom.org or contact Debbie Landzberg and Debbie Lavin with any questions.

Thank You!



5780 High Holy Days

Easy Fast. Easier Break the Fast

Your family is invited to join our congregation family to celebrate!

Email address:

Family Name:

Telephone #:

of Family Members Attending: ()

PLEASE help us defray the cost of the Break the Fast with a donation:

(Suggested donation \$18 per person) **DONATION:** \$ _____

Break the Fast 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 the Fast October 9, 2019

Please return this form by September 30th

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