



High Holidays 5778 (2017) Information Packet

Dear Temple Sholom Member,

I hope that you are enjoying the summer. The High Holidays begin this year with Erev Rosh Hashanah on Wednesday, September 20! Please join us as we gather as members of a sacred community to observe the High Holidays.

This packet contains important information on the upcoming High Holidays. Enclosed you will find information regarding:

- Member Tickets
- Guest Tickets/Reciprocal Seating
- Parking and Transportation
- Security Procedures
- Family, Young Children's, Pre-Teen and Teen Services
- Babysitting
- Kol Nidre Appeal
- Sisterhood New Year's Greetings/Book of Remembrance
- Student Outreach

Additionally, if you have questions regarding the forms or need assistance with any aspect of the Holidays, please don't hesitate to contact me, or check www.templesholom.com/high-holidays-5778 for more information.

If you would like to receive a High Holiday honor (such as opening/closing the ark, parading the Torah, or an aliyah), please contact Eve Jedda at eve.jedda@templesholom.com or (203) 542-7156 by September 1 and she will give your request to the Honors Committee. If you are assigned an honor, please respond to your letter by the date indicated.

QUICK CALENDAR:

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday Evening, Sept. 20–Friday, Sept. 22

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre, Friday Evening, Sept. 29
Saturday, Sept. 30

Sukkot

Wednesday Evening, Oct. 4–Wed., Oct. 11

Shemini Atzeret

Thursday, Oct. 12

Simchat Torah

Thursday Evening, Oct. 12–Friday, Oct. 13

I encourage you to join us throughout this upcoming year at the many wonderful programs we have planned for you. Whether it's a spirited musical Shabbat, a thought-provoking speaker, a festive program for young families, a teen BBYO event or any one of the many other services and special programs that are offered throughout the year, your presence is most welcome.

I look forward to greeting you in the coming months.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateyvu. May you be inscribed for a good year.

Eileen Robin, Executive Director

MEMBER TICKETS

High Holiday tickets will be mailed out between September 1 and September 7 to members in good standing. A member is considered to be in good standing if:

- FY 2016-2017 membership dues are paid in full.
- At least one half of current (FY 2017-2018) membership dues are paid by August 15, 2017 with the balance due by December 15, 2017.
- All past and current balances on Nursery School and Learning Center/Religious School tuition are paid in full.

If you do not receive your tickets in advance by September 7, tickets will be available for pick up in the main office or they will be held for you at the Will Call table in the lobby during High Holiday services.

Additional ticket information:

- Each member of your family will receive one ticket to be used throughout Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Children under the age of six do not need tickets.
- For safety and security, tickets will need to be shown ***each time you arrive at Temple Sholom (or Greenwich High School) for a service.***
 - The only exceptions are the Young Children’s Service held in the Main Sanctuary on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur at 1:45 pm, and the programs (including Yizkor) on Yom Kippur afternoon. These services are open to the community and do not require a ticket.
- Tickets are not transferable, and are only valid for the individual they are issued to.

GUEST TICKETS/RECIPROCAL SEATING

Guest tickets are available for out of town family only. (*Guest tickets **may not** be purchased for friends or family members living within a 20-mile radius of Temple Sholom.*) Guest tickets are required for anyone six years and older.

• Out of Town Guests:

A single service ticket, or a full set of services ticket, is available for \$100 or \$300, respectively. Guest ticket orders and reciprocal seating requests must be received by the office by September 6. PLEASE NOTE: GUESTS FROM PRIOR YEARS WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A TICKET. [Forms](#) can be found on our website, www.templesholom.com/high-holidays-5778. We appreciate your submission of these forms in a timely manner.

• Reciprocal Tickets for Members of Other Synagogues

Members in “good standing” at another synagogue who would like to spend the holidays at Temple Sholom must fill out the [High Holiday Reciprocal Seating Form](#) on our website at www.templesholom.com/high-holidays-5778 and must be received by the office no later than September 6.

Once we have an acknowledgement from their congregation, we will issue guest tickets.

• Unaffiliated Local Residents

We invite those who are new to the area to experience Temple Sholom’s High Holiday services as our guest. Requests for these complimentary tickets (offered one-time only) should be made to Lori Baden, Associate Executive Director, at (203) 542-7172, lori.baden@templesholom.com. This offer also extends to full-time college and graduate students at local colleges.

During the holidays, if you have any questions or requests regarding your tickets, please stop at the desk in the foyer and a Temple staff member will assist you. Please be patient. The staff will do their best to accommodate you and your request as quickly as possible.

PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION

Satellite Parking

Because of our abundant attendance for the High Holidays, we have limited on-premise parking. To accommodate everyone, we have made arrangements for parking at off-site locations. Details will be posted on our website at www.templesholom.com/high-holidays-5778 by September 6.

We ask that you respect the wishes and the property of our neighbors and all posted Greenwich road signs.

Shuttle Buses

Shuttle buses will be available to bring you to and from some of the off-site parking locations. More information will be posted on www.templesholom.com/high-holidays-5778 by September 6.

Handicapped Parking

The Temple has a limited number of handicapped parking spaces. **They are available on a first-come, first-served basis.** To reserve a handicapped space, please fill out the [Request for Handicapped Parking form](#) below (also available on our website, www.templesholom.com/high-holidays-5778.) Completed forms, including a copy of your handicap permit, should be returned to Eileen Robin at Temple Sholom, 300 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830 **no later than September 6.** Spaces will only be made available to members who are able to provide the Temple with a copy of their state-issued handicapped permit and who have submitted a request in advance.

Handicapped Parking Request Form • High Holidays 5778 (2017)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone and/or Email Address: _____

I require handicapped parking on the following dates (check all that apply):

Rosh Hashanah

- Wednesday Evening, September 20
- Thursday, September 21
- Friday, September 22

Yom Kippur

- Friday Evening, September 29 (Kol Nidre)
- Saturday, September 30, Morning Services
- Saturday, September 30, Afternoon Programs/Services

Please enclose a copy of your state-issued handicapped parking permit with this form and return *NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 6* to:

**Eileen Robin
Temple Sholom
300 East Putnam Avenue
Greenwich CT 06830
Fax: 203-661-4811**

SECURITY PROCEDURES

For the safety of everyone, we ask that you please cooperate with the Greenwich Police and our private security officers who will be monitoring Temple Sholom and Greenwich High School. In addition, please also adhere to the following:

- The Temple driveway must remain clear at all times.
 - You may drop off passengers in the driveway, but please do not park or leave a car standing in the driveway for any reason.
- Please do not park in or obstruct the road between our lot and Christ Church. You will be subject to towing by Greenwich Police.
- Please do not bring backpacks, briefcases, cameras, recording devices, suitcases and/or large bags—you will not be allowed to bring them onto the shuttle buses or into the building.
- All handbags and personal items brought into the building are subject to search. If an item is deemed inappropriate, you will be asked to leave it in your car.
- Umbrellas will not be permitted in the building.
 - In the event of inclement weather, receptacles will be placed outside the building to store your umbrellas. It is a good idea to tag your umbrella to make it easier to identify. We ask that you please be respectful of other people's property.

Temple guidelines for the High Holidays:

- Please be sure that your cell phone and other electronic devices are turned off when you enter the building.
- Please keep your voices down as you enter the building and be considerate of those in worship. (Sanctuary and Social Hall doors are not soundproof.)
- Please do not bring food and drink into the building.
 - If you plan to bring non-perishable food for the food drive over the High Holidays, there will be receptacles outside at Temple Sholom and Greenwich High School. You will not be permitted to bring groceries into the building or Greenwich High School.
- Please remember that the rooms in the Temple are purposely kept cool during the holidays so remember to bring a sweater if you think you will need one.
- No strollers of any kind are permitted in the Chapel, Davis Lounge, Sanctuary or Greenwich High School, in accordance with the Connecticut State fire code.
 - Due to the congestion in the foyer and the coat room, all strollers must be left outside of the building. Please tag your stroller.

These policies and procedures are done with the best interest of everyone's safety and security in mind.

FAMILY, YOUNG CHILDREN'S, PRE-TEEN and TEEN SERVICES

Family, Pre-Teen and Teen Services will be offered on both the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah (Thursday, September 21 and Friday, September 22) and Yom Kippur (Saturday, September 30). Tickets are required for these services. Young Children's Family Services (children in Kindergarten and younger) will be offered in the afternoon on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, and are open to the community. Tickets are not required. Details will be posted on our website at www.templesholom.com/high-holidays-5778.

BABYSITTING

Babysitting for children ages 18 months–7 years old is available each day beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 1:30 pm. Children will enjoy holiday enrichment activities, craft projects, and snacks. If you would like babysitting services for your child(ren), please fill out the [Babysitting Request Form](#) on our website at www.templesholom.com/high-holidays-5778, and return to Alice Schoen by September 13. For questions, contact Alice at 203-542-7165 or alice.schoen@templesholom.com.

KOL NIDRE APPEAL

This year, Kol Nidre Appeal cards will be mailed immediately after Rosh Hashanah. Please return your appeal card on Kol Nidre evening. Temple Sholom's annual budget depends on the generosity of our collective membership. The Kol Nidre Appeal, which provides over 20% of our annual revenue, is counted on to support our basic expenses including: facility costs, salaries and benefits, Shabbat kiddushes and dinners, etc. The dollars received through our Kol Nidre Appeal are a significant factor in balancing the Temple's budget.

We hope that you will give generously within your means and that you will consider increasing your donation over prior years. It is very important that every member contribute something to the Kol Nidre Appeal as part of the collective responsibility to maintain our common Jewish home at Temple Sholom. We are deeply appreciative of your support.

SISTERHOOD NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS/BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Each year, Sisterhood prepares two High Holiday publications: New Year's Greetings (mailed to all members) and a Book of Remembrance (distributed at services on Yom Kippur). The funds raised from these two publications are used to support all of Sisterhood's programs, as well as many Temple functions and programs.

People who wish to participate should mail their completed form and contribution before the September 1 deadline.

Please contact Tracey Goodman, tracey.goodman@templesholom.com, who is coordinating this effort, with any questions or to request additional forms.

STUDENT OUTREACH

If you have a student who is away at school and you would like Temple Sholom to keep in touch with them throughout the year via letters and special holiday care packages, please fill out the [Student Outreach Form](#) on our website at www.templesholom.com/high-holidays-5778. While this program is free, we ask that you please consider helping underwrite this program.