



High Holidays 5780 (2019) Information Packet

Dear Friends,

I hope that you are enjoying the summer. The High Holidays begin this year with Erev Rosh Hashanah on Sunday, September 29. Please join us as we gather together as 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
- Babysitting
- Services for Young Children and Families
- Pre-Teen and Teen Programming
- 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-5780 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 10 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

Sunday Evening, Sept. 29–Tuesday, Oct. 1

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre, Tuesday Evening, Oct. 8
Wednesday, Oct. 9

Sukkot

Sunday Evening, Oct. 13–Sunday, Oct. 20

Shemini Atzeret

Monday, Oct. 21

Simchat Torah

Monday Evening, Oct. 21–Tuesday, Oct. 22

I encourage you to join us throughout this upcoming year at the many wonderful programs we have planned. Whether it's a spirited Musical Shabbat, a thought-provoking speaker, a festive program for families, a teen BBYO event or any one of the many other services and special events 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
eileen.robin@templesholom.com

MEMBER TICKETS

High Holiday tickets will be mailed out between September 9 and September 18 to members in good standing. A member is considered to be in good standing if:

- FY 2018-2019 membership dues are paid in full.
- At least one half of current (FY 2019-2020) membership dues are paid by August 15 with the balance due by December 15.
- All past and current balances on Nursery School and Learning Center (Religious School) tuition are paid in full.

If your account is brought up to date after tickets are mailed, 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 Temple lobby during High Holiday services.

Additional ticket information:

- Each member of your household will receive one ticket to be used throughout Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Children under the age of six do not need tickets. Adult children over the age of 26 will not receive tickets.
- Tickets are not transferable, and are only valid for the individual they are issued to. Please be prepared to show photo identification.
- 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 on Yom Kippur afternoon (including Yizkor). These services are open to the community and do not require a ticket.

GUEST TICKETS/RECIPROCAL SEATING

Guest tickets are only available for out of town family or friends. *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 or older.

• Out of Town Guests

A single day ticket, or a full set of services ticket, is available for \$100 or \$300, respectively. Guest ticket orders must be received with payment by the Temple office by September 10. We appreciate your submission of these forms in a timely manner. PLEASE NOTE: GUESTS FROM PRIOR YEARS WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE A TICKET. Forms can be found on our website, www.templeholom.com/high-holidays-5780.

• Reciprocal Tickets

Members in “good standing” at another synagogue who would like to spend the holidays at Temple Sholom should fill out the Guest Reciprocal Seating Form on our website at www.templeholom.com/high-holidays-5780. This form must be received by the Temple office no later than September 10. Once received, reciprocal tickets will be issued.

• Unaffiliated Local Residents

We invite those who are new to the area or who have not previously experienced Temple Sholom’s High Holiday services to attend as our guests. Requests for these complimentary tickets (offered one-time only) should be made to Lori Baden, Associate Executive Director, at 203-542-7172 or lori.baden@templeholom.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 Temple office and a 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

Temple Sholom has 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-5780 by September 10.

Please respect 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-5780 by September 10.

Handicapped Parking

The Temple has a **limited** number of handicapped parking spaces available only to those who have a state-issued permit. **They are available on a first-come, first-served basis** until they have all been assigned. 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-5780.) Completed forms, including a copy of your handicap permit, should be returned **no later than** September 10 to Eileen Robin by email at eileen.robin@templesholom.com or by mail at Temple Sholom, 300 East Putnam Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830. Spaces will only be made available to members who are able to provide the Temple office with a copy of their state-issued handicapped permit and who have submitted a request in advance.

Handicapped Parking Request Form • High Holidays 5780 (2019)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone and/or Email Address: _____

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

Rosh Hashanah

- Sunday Evening, September 29
- Monday, September 30
- Tuesday, October 1

Yom Kippur

- Tuesday Evening, October 8 (Kol Nidre)
- Wednesday, October 9, Morning Services
- Wednesday, October 9, Afternoon Services/Programs

Please enclose a copy of your state-issued handicapped parking permit with this form and return *NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 10* to:

**Temple Sholom
Attention: Eileen Robin
300 East Putnam Avenue
Greenwich, CT 06830**

SECURITY PROCEDURES

For the safety of everyone, please cooperate with the Greenwich Police and our private security officers who will be monitoring Temple Shalom 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 circle in front of the main doors/handicapped ramp, 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 either building.
- All handbags and personal items brought into either 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 either building.
 - In the event of inclement weather, receptacles will be placed outside both buildings to store your umbrellas. It is a good idea to tag your umbrella to make it easier to identify.
- No strollers of any kind are permitted at Temple Shalom 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 both buildings. Please tag your stroller.

Temple guidelines for the High Holidays:

- Please be sure that your cell phone and other electronic devices are turned off when you enter either building.
- Please keep your voices down and be considerate of those in worship. (Sanctuary and Social Hall doors are not soundproof.)
- Please do not bring food and drink into either building.
 - If you plan to bring non-perishable food for the food drive, there will be receptacles outside at Temple Shalom and Greenwich High School. You will not be permitted to bring groceries into either building.
- Please remember that the rooms at Temple Shalom and Greenwich High School are purposely kept cool during the holidays so remember to bring a sweater if you think you will need one.

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

BABYSITTING

Babysitting for children ages 18 months–7 years old is available on the first day of Rosh Hashanah (September 30) and on Yom Kippur (October 9) beginning at 9:00 am and ending at 1:30 pm. Children will enjoy holiday enrichment activities, craft projects, and snack.

If you would like babysitting for your child(ren), please fill out the Babysitting Request Form on our website at www.templesholom.com/high-holidays-5780 and return to Alice Schoen by September 20 to secure your spot and take advantage of our Advance Registration discount. For more information or for questions, please contact Alice Schoen at 203-542-7165 or alice.schoen@templesholom.com.

SERVICES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Young Children's Services (geared for families with children in pre-school and younger) will be offered in the afternoon on the first day of Rosh Hashanah (Monday, September 30) and Yom Kippur afternoon (Wednesday, October 9) and are open to the community. Details will be posted on our website at www.templesholom.com/high-holidays-5780. Tickets are not required.

Family Services (geared for families with children in Kindergarten and older) will be offered on both the first and second days of Rosh Hashanah (Monday, September 30 and Tuesday, October 1) and on Yom Kippur (Wednesday, October 9). Tickets are required for these services.

PRE-TEEN AND TEEN PROGRAMMING

Pre-Teen and Teen Programming will be offered on the first day of Rosh Hashanah (Monday, September 30) and on Yom Kippur (Wednesday, October 9). Tickets are required to attend.

KOL NIDRE APPEAL

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 critical to support our basic expenses including: facility costs, salaries and benefits, Shabbat kiddushes and congregational dinners, etc. The dollars received through our Kol Nidre Appeal are a significant factor in balancing the Temple's budget.

Kol Nidre Appeal cards will be mailed immediately after Rosh Hashanah. Please return your appeal card on Kol Nidre evening (Tuesday, October 8).

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 hope that you will give generously within your means and that you will consider increasing your donation from prior years. We are deeply appreciative of your support.

SISTERHOOD NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS/BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Each year, Temple Sholom's 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.

All Temple members will receive more information about the High Holiday publications by mail. If you would like to participate, please mail your completed form and contribution to the Temple office before the September 13 deadline.

For questions or to request an extra copy of the form, contact Temple member Sally Schneider, who is coordinating this effort, at 203-918-0403 or SholomHolidayBooks@gmail.com.

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 notes and special holiday care packages, please fill out the Student Outreach Form on our website at www.templesholom.com/student-outreach. While this program is free, we ask that you please consider making a donation to help underwrite this program.