



HOPE

Shir Tikvah

High Holy Days 5781 | 2020

Rosh HaShanah • September 18-19

Yom Kippur • September 27-28



Dear Shir Tikvah,

Standing in the ruins of the Second Temple nearly 2000 years ago, the rabbis faced an existential question: would Judaism die off or could they adapt to a new reality while remaining true to the core teachings of Jewish ideas, texts and rituals?

We are the inheritors of their ability to evolve, to imagine a new world into being.

Six months ago, none of us could imagine planning for the High Holy Days in a time of global pandemic, so much of our “normal” lives turned upside down.

We did not know that Minneapolis would be in the heart of a global uprising for Black Lives Matter and the radical transformation of policing and public safety following the death of our neighbor, George Floyd (z”l), at the hands of four police officers.

This moment has called upon us to pause and reimagine what the High Holy Days will look like this year. Please read this brochure; in it, you will find important information about how we gather. We’ll worship together on Zoom; we’ll learn together at home; and, provided public health officials deem it low risk, we will provide opportunities to gather safely outside, wearing masks, six feet apart.

We feel the weight of these changes with you. We are striving to meet all this moment demands of us. We will do our best to provide an inspiring, nourishing, joyous, transformative High Holy Days and hold the work of personal and communal *t'shuvah*—turning our hearts and our lives and our communities towards greater wholeness, hope, and justice.

Hayom harat olam, we sing after the shofar is sounded.
Today the world is born, the possibility of each of us and our world born anew.

May we begin this year anew, with newfound hope and resilience, imagination and courage to join together and do the holy work this moment demands.

L'shalom,

Rabbis
Michael Adam Latz
Arielle Lekach-Rosenberg
Debra Rappaport

Board President
Bruce Manning



Pictured L to R: Rabbi Arielle Lekach-Rosenberg, Rabbi Debra Rappaport, Rabbi Michael Adam Latz and Bruce D. Manning.



How We Gather

We will gather together in a variety of ways that allow people to engage with the High Holy Days deeply and meaningfully, including:



1.

HOME-BASED RESOURCES

for personal, household or pod-based practice throughout the High Holy Days, including texts and guided reflections in our High Holy Days *Haggadah* and a streaming playlist featuring our incredible community musicians.



2.

STREAMING ONLINE SERVICES

and other virtual all-community rituals and experiences via Zoom, from the month of Elul through Simchat Torah.



3.

IN-PERSON EXPERIENTIAL OFFERINGS

designed to allow for social distancing, including Sunday Shofar in the Park during Elul, chances to sign up for slots to stand before the ark, and the Yom Kippur food drive.



4.

THE OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN A HAVURAH

(community of practice), which will likely meet virtually (though some in person gathering may also be possible).



5.

THE HUB

www.shirtikvahhighholydays.org

All information for your Shir Tikvah High Holy Days experience can be found here: www.shirtikvahhighholydays.org. It will be updated regularly and included in our weekly enews. If you are not receiving Shir Tikvah's weekly enews, please email Sara at sara@shirtikvah.net.



When We Gather

Elul Programs

For Adults

Beginning in late August, we begin the work of *Teshuvah 2020: A guided journey through grief, turning and returning for a just and joyful world.* There will be self-study, havruta (partner) and group learning options.

For Everyone

Sunday Shofar in the Park: Join us at a local park to hear the Shofar!* Sundays August 23 & 30, September 6, 13 & 20.

**Provided public health officials deem it low-risk.*



High Holy Days

S'lichot

Saturday, September 12

Rosh HaShanah

Friday, September 18 &
Saturday, September 19

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 27 &
Monday, September 28

Shabbat Sukkot

Friday, October 2

Sukkot Programs

Sunday, October 4—Thursday, October 8

Shabbat Simchat Torah

Friday, October 9



5781: A Year of Living Generously

As we strive to meet all this moment demands of us, we ask you to join us: to be cocreators in all we seek to experience these High Holy Days, to participate and build our High Holy Days with your financial gift. We ask that you meet this moment by giving big and giving generously. To make your gift, please complete the enclosed form or contact Sara at sara@shirtikvah.net for assistance.

Youth & Family

Fuel for Elul: Sunday Shofar in the Park

Sundays August 23 & 30,
September 6, 13 & 20

Tashlich

We cast away our transgressions into the water at Minnehaha Creek (across from Shir Tikvah) and set goals for 5781. Sunday, September 20

Jewish Moral Imagination during the High Holy Days

Stay tuned for more information about Youth and Family Education and Engagement opportunities during the High Holy Days season.



STIFTY's High Holy Days Food Drive

Minneapolis saw an incredible outpouring of support in the wake of George Floyd's murder and the riots, and the need to support our community remains. Stay tuned for information from the STIFTY Board on their plans for this year's High Holy Days Food Drive.



Why We Gather

Yizkor, Remembering Our Loved Ones (z"l)



For Jewish people, remembering our loved ones who have died is always an important religious act, ever the more so during the High Holy Days. Please watch for information about special ways to observe Yizkor this year. As is our custom, join us as we give generously in memory of our loved ones.

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