



HHD Journal

High Holy Days Edition

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Preparing for the Days of Awe

Soon the blast of the shofar will once again call us to prayer and call us to action. Every year, we approach the High Holy Days with a special yearning to connect our ancient past with our present reality and our dreams for the future. The Temple staff desires to facilitate your preparation for this special time. In this issue of the WHC Journal, you will find your High Holiday Seating Request Form as well as news and plans about the approaching High Holy Days. Please take a few minutes to review all of the information on the following pages so that your participation in the holiday services is as smooth and easy as possible.

While most of the information you will need is contained here, please continue to watch for additional details in future issues of the *WHC Journal* and in our Friday e-newsletter, *Life@WHC*.

For my house shall be a house of prayer for all peoples (Isaiah 56:7)

A Guide to Selecting the “Right” High Holy Day Service

Knowing how difficult it is to choose which High Holy Day service best fits your family’s needs, we have designed a guide to assist you in finding the “right” service for you and your family. For more information please feel free to contact any of the clergy at Temple, (202) 362-7100.

Congregational Services

Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

These services utilize the harmonious voices of our festival choir and cantors to create stimulating moments of introspection through melodic prayer. Rabbis offer sermons that challenge the intellect and the heart and weave pieces of ancient liturgy to create a transformative worship experience.

These services are geared toward adults (post B'nai Mitzvah students, 7th grade and older) but are open to all.

2239 Young Adult Services

Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

Through our 2239 auxiliary, WHC offers young professionals the opportunity to find a social and spiritual home within the congregation. 2239 High Holy Day services, led by a rabbi and cantor, are designed specifically for young adults (single and married). This service encourages participation as well as a sense of tradition.

These services are geared toward young adults in their 20s and 30s.

Preschool Services

Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

These thirty-five minute services, designed for our littlest congregants and their parents, include guitar music, singing and storytelling to teach about the High Holy Days and the importance of celebrating as a community. Our rabbis and Religious School Music Director, Audrey Katz, lead these abbreviated services.

These services are geared toward preschool-aged children and their parents.

Family Services

Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

Building on the foundation created by our preschool services, and recognizing the importance of intergenerational worship, these services encourage families to share sacred space. Using *machzorim* (High Holy Day prayer books) created specifically for elementary school-aged children and their families, services are led by our clergy, Audrey Katz, and our fifth, sixth and seventh grade students.

These services are geared toward K-6th grade students and their families.

Poetry and Music

Yom Kippur

Using musical pieces and poetry selections, this hour offers congregants time to reflect upon their year and their *teshuvah* (repentance) process or simply experience a moment of solitude and personal prayer.

This period of reflection is designed for adults (post-B'nai Mitzvah, 7th grade and older) but is open to all.

Afternoon, Yizkor & Neilah Services

Yom Kippur

These three services flow from one to the next seamlessly. Beginning with the liturgy designed for the afternoon of Yom Kippur, we continue with *Yizkor*, the memorial service—one of Judaism’s most moving and enduring rituals. *Neilah*, the short, concluding service of Yom Kippur, follows *Yizkor*. It contains some of the most beautiful and sacred liturgy for the High Holy Days.

These services are geared toward adults (post-B'nai Mitzvah, 7th grade and older) but are open to all.

HHD Schedule of Services

Selichot

Saturday, September 4

Dinner – 6:00 pm
Concert – 7:00 pm
Service – 8:00 pm

Cemetery Memorial Services

Sunday, September 12

Garden of Remembrance, Clarksburg – 10:00 am
Memorial Park, Alabama Avenue – 2:00 pm

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 8

Congregational Services

Assigned Seating, Kaufmann Sanctuary – 6:00 pm
Unassigned Seating, Kaufmann Sanctuary – 8:45 pm

Family Service

Irwin & Ginny Edlavitch Social Hall – 7:00 pm

2239 Service

Albert & Shirley Small Chapel – 8:45 pm

Rosh Hashanah Day

Thursday, September 9

Congregational Services

*Unassigned Seating, Kaufmann Sanctuary – 9:00 am
Assigned Seating, Kaufmann Sanctuary – 11:30 am

Preschool Services

Albert & Shirley Small Chapel – 9:30 am
Albert & Shirley Small Chapel – 11:00 am

Family Service

Kaufmann Sanctuary – 2:00 pm
Tashlich – 3:15 pm

Kol Nidre

Friday, September 17

Congregational Services

Assigned Seating, Kaufmann Sanctuary – 6:00 pm
Unassigned Seating, Kaufmann Sanctuary – 8:45 pm

Family Service

Irwin & Ginny Edlavitch Social Hall – 7:00 pm

2239 Service

Albert & Shirley Small Chapel – 8:45 pm

Yom Kippur Morning

Saturday, September 18

Congregational Services

*Unassigned Seating, Kaufmann Sanctuary – 9:00 am
Assigned Seating, Kaufmann Sanctuary – 11:30 am

Preschool Services

Albert & Shirley Small Chapel – 9:30 am
Albert & Shirley Small Chapel – 11:00 am

Study Sessions

Various locations – 11:15 am

Yom Kippur Afternoon

Saturday, September 18

Study Sessions Various locations – 1:30 pm

Family Service Kaufmann Sanctuary – 2:00 pm

Teen Service

Irwin & Ginny Edlavitch Social Hall – 3:15 pm

Congregational Services

Kaufmann Sanctuary
Poetry & Music Interlude – 3:15 pm
Afternoon, Memorial & Neilah –
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

2239 Service

Albert & Shirley Small Chapel – 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

** We invite our 2239 population to join us at the 9:00 am Unassigned Seating
Congregational Services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings.*

We are here to help:

Seating Office:

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seatingoffice@whctemple.org

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HHD Ticket Policies and Instructions

High Holy Day Ticket Policies

1. Any **Temple member** whose account is current as of June 30, 2010 is eligible to receive High Holy Day tickets. If you have any questions about your membership status, please call Lan Swerdlhoff, Membership Coordinator, 202-895-6321, for confidential assistance. If you would like information about unpaid balances on your Temple statement, please call Petra Tchouante in Accounts Receivable, 202-895-6318.
2. If you wish to sit with another member family, please return your request forms together in ONE envelope.
3. If you are going out of town for the holidays and plan to attend services in another city, please call our ticket office for a Reciprocal Request Form, 202-895-6319.
4. If you are having out-of-town guests from another congregation join you for High Holy Day services here at WHC, please have their Temple forward/fax a Reciprocal Request Form to WHC no later than **Friday, August 2**. Due to space limitations, the Temple will do its best to accommodate your out-of-town guests so that they will be able to sit with you; this will most frequently be at the unassigned-seating services.
5. Please return unused tickets to the seating office as soon as possible.

Tickets are intended for use only by the persons to whom they have been designated.

Instructions for Completing the Seating Request Form (page 4)

Your Information:

Provide your name, phone number and email address so we can easily reach you if we have any questions.

Children:

Complete this section for children under 30 years of age who will attend services with you. Children 30 years of age and older must be Temple members to attend High Holy Day services and should complete their own Seating Request Forms.

Out-of-Town Guests:

Complete this section if you have visiting friends or family who will attend services with you. Please be sure that your guest's temple forward a Reciprocal Request Form to our ticket office at the Temple no later than **Friday, August 2**.

Service Selection:

Please indicate for each service you plan to attend, your first and second choices and the number of tickets you will need.

Special Accommodations:

To enable us to help you fully experience the High Holy Days at Washington Hebrew Congregation, please complete the Special Accommodations Request Form below in addition to your HHD Seating Request Form if you require any special accommodations.

Return Forms:

Please return your Seating Request Form (page 4) and, if applicable, your Special Accommodations Request Form (below) in the envelope provided to Temple as quickly as possible. Priority will be given to forms returned by **Tuesday, June 29**.

Special Accommodations Request Form

Name _____ Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Seating Needs

If you are unable to climb the stairs to the Tyser Balcony or have special circumstances regarding seating, please let us know how we can accommodate your needs: _____

Parking Needs (requests honored as space permits)

Please let us know if you:

_____ have a handicap parking tag (tag number: _____).

_____ are unable to climb two steps to ride the remote parking shuttle.

_____ are escorting a disabled passenger who requires assistance at all times *and* have no other passenger available to help with drop-off at the Temple door.

Hearing and Vision Assistance

Kaufmann Sanctuary and the Albert and Shirley Small Chapel are equipped with an infrared listening system – wireless headphones will be available. Sign language and oral interpretation will be provided at all Congregational unassigned seating services in the Kaufmann Sanctuary, and LARGE PRINT prayer books are available for your use.

High Holy Days Seating Request
Priority given to all forms returned by June 29

Name(s) _____

Home phone _____ Alternate phone _____ Email _____

Please list below your children under 30 years of age as of July 1, 2010 who will attend services.

Child's name _____ Age _____ Child's name _____ Age _____

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Out-of-town guests (Reciprocal Request Form required – please see page three)

Name _____ Relationship _____

Home address _____ Phone _____

Home congregation _____ Congregation phone _____

EREV ROSH HASHANAH – Wednesday, September 8

| | 1st | 2nd | # of Tickets |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Congregational Service – <i>Assigned Seating</i> 6:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Family Service..... 7:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Congregational Service – <i>Unassigned Seating</i> 8:45 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

KOL NIDRE – Friday, September 17

| | 1st | 2nd | # of Tickets |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Congregational Service – <i>Assigned Seating</i> 6:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Family Service..... 7:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Congregational Service – <i>Unassigned Seating</i> 8:45 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

ROSH HASHANAH DAY – Thursday, September 9

| | 1st | 2nd | # of Tickets |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Congregational Service – <i>Unassigned Seating</i> 9:00 am | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Preschool Service..... 9:30 am | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Preschool Service..... 11:00 am | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Congregational Service – <i>Assigned Seating</i> 11:30 am | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Family Service..... 2:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

YOM KIPPUR MORNING – Saturday, September 18

| | 1st | 2nd | # of Tickets |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Congregational Service – <i>Unassigned Seating</i> 9:00 am | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Preschool Service..... 9:30 am | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Preschool Service..... 11:00 am | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Congregational Service – <i>Assigned Seating</i> 11:30 am | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

2239 HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

For Jewish Young Adults Ages 22 to 39

| | | # of Tickets |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Erev Rosh Hashanah..... 8:45 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Kol Nidre..... 8:45 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Yom Kippur Afternoon..... 4:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings, we invite you to join us at the 9:00 am Congregational Services:

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|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Rosh Hashanah Morning..... 9:00 am | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Yom Kippur Morning..... 9:00 am | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON – Saturday, September 18

| | 1st | 2nd | # of Tickets |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| Family Service..... 2:00 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Teen Service..... 3:15 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Congregational Service..... 3:15 pm | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |

Includes Poetry/Music Interlude and Afternoon, Memorial and Neilah Services