



Washington Hebrew Congregation

Journal

High Holy Days Edition

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Preparing for the High Holy Days at Washington Hebrew Congregation

Washington Hebrew Congregation is entering its 160th year, and the Temple staff has begun to prepare for the High Holy Day season. As one of the most prominent Reform congregations in the country, we look forward to providing you with meaningful opportunities to participate in the rich traditions of our faith. When the shofar calls us to prayer in the fall, our Temple family will worship together during a spiritual and fulfilling High Holy Day season.

In this issue of the *Journal*, you will find information and a schedule of all of our High Holiday services plus your High Holiday Seating Request Form and Memorial Book Form. Please take a few minutes to review all of the information on the following pages and complete and return your forms to the Temple office by **Thursday, July 14** 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 *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 High Holy Day Services

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 and post-B'nai Mitzvah students but are open to all.

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 families.

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, partnered and married).

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

Poetry and Music

Yom Kippur

Through 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 and post-B'nai Mitzvah students but is open to all.

Family Services

Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

Building on the foundation created by our preschool services, and recognizing the importance of inter-generational 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.

Afternoon, Yizkor & Neilah Services

Yom Kippur

These three services flow seamlessly from one to the next. 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 with some of the most beautiful and sacred liturgy for the High Holy Days.

These services are geared toward adults and post-B'nai Mitzvah students but are open to all.

HHD Schedule of Services

Selichot

Saturday, September 24

Dinner – 5:30 pm
Concert – 7:00 pm
Service – 8:00 pm

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 28

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 29

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

Cemetery Memorial Services

Sunday, September 25

Memorial Park, Alabama Avenue – 11:00 am

Sunday, October 2

Garden of Remembrance, Clarksburg – 10:00 am

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

Kol Nidre

Friday, October 7

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, October 8

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, October 8

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 are here to help:

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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, 2011 is eligible to receive High Holy Day tickets. If you have any questions about your membership status, please call Lindsay Fry, 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 (202-895-6319) to have a Reciprocal Request Form faxed to the Temple you will attend.
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 26**. 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 26**.

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 **Thursday, July 14**.