With the summer sunshine finally brightening our days, September seems so far away, but before we know it, however, the High Holy Days will be upon us.

To help you plan for the High Holy Days at Washington Hebrew Congregation, we bring you the Guide to Services and Tickets for 2018:

The Key and High Holy Day Service Schedule, found on pages 3 and 4, will help you complete the enclosed Ticket Request Form;

General Service Descriptions, which can be found on page 5, describe our main High Holy Day worship experiences for adults and children;

Holiday-Specific Services, on pages 6 and 7, provide information about special services and opportunities to enrich your High Holy Day experience; and Before & Beyond the High Holy Days, on page 7, highlights the services and experiences that round out our fall holidays.

Before you begin your summer plans, please take some time to review the Guide, complete the enclosed Ticket Request and Memorial Book Forms, and return both to Temple in the envelope provided by Wednesday, August 15. The High Holy Day Seating Office welcomes your questions but is unable to process ticket requests via phone or email.

Later this summer, we will mail your High Holy Day tickets as well as news of special Washington Hebrew Congregation programming, features, and events for the fall and beyond. We look forward to sharing the beauty and joy of the High Holy Days with you.
Ticket Information

Temple Members
High Holy Day tickets are free for members of Washington Hebrew Congregation and their children under the age of 30, provided the member’s Temple account is in good financial standing as of June 30, 2018.

Questions about your membership status? Call Lindsay Feldman, 202-895-6321.

Out-of-Town Guests?
You may request tickets for visiting friends or family who belong to a congregation out of our area. To complete the request, your guests must also have their synagogue fax or mail a Reciprocal Seating Request form to the Seating Office at WHC.

Going Away for the High Holy Days?
WHC members in good standing who will be away for either or both of the High Holy Days may request a Reciprocal Seating form to attend services at another Reform congregation. To request a form, please email seating@whctemple.org or call 202-895-6319.

Not Using Your Tickets This Year?
If you find that you will not be using tickets you requested for one or more High Holy Day services, please return them to Temple so we can accommodate everyone’s needs and preferences in the most timely manner.

Questions & Resources

Seating Office: Joyce Isaacson – 202-895-6319 or seatingoffice@whctemple.org
2239 Tickets: Valerie Bluestein – vbluestein@whctemple.org
Membership: Lindsay Feldman – 202-895-6321 or lfeldman@whctemple.org
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Babysitting: Maria Thompson – 202-895-6311 or mthompson@whctemple.org

Key
To help you discover the right services for you and your family members, the key below describes the icons you will see on the following pages.

- M Multi-Generational—“Babies to Bubbes”
- A Adults
- YP Young Professionals in their 20s and 30s
- T Teens
- F Families with Children in Grades K – 6
- P Families with Toddlers through Pre-K
High Holy Day Service Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Sunday, September 9

**Rosh Hashanah Under the Stars**
5:00 pm (grounds open at 3:30 pm) at JBSC

*Congregational Service*
6:00 pm at Temple

*New!* Worshippers attending this service will use *Mishkan HaNefesh*, the new *machzor* (High Holy Day prayerbook) that is similar in style and layout to our weekly prayerbook, *Mishkan T'filah*.

**2239 Service**
7:45 pm at First Congregational UCC: 945 G Street NW, Washington, DC

Rosh Hashanah Day: Monday, September 10 (all services at Temple)

**Congregational Service:** 9:00 am
**Preschool Services:** 9:30 am and 11:00 am
**Congregational Service:** 11:30 am
**Family Service and Tashlich:** 2:00 pm

Kol Nidre: Tuesday, September 18

**Congregational Services**
6:00 pm and 8:45 pm at Temple

**2239 Service**
7:45 pm at First Congregational UCC: 945 G Street NW, Washington, DC

**Family Service**
7:00 pm at Temple

Yom Kippur Day: Wednesday, September 19 (all services at Temple)

**Congregational Service:** 9:00 am
**Preschool Services:** 9:30 am and 11:00 am
**Congregational Service:** 11:30 am
**Study Sessions**
Throughout the day, beginning at 11:15 am

**Family Service:** 2:00 pm

**Teen Service:** 3:15 pm

**Poetry and Music Hour:** 3:15 pm

**Afternoon, Yizkor, and Neilah Services:** 4:00 pm

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General Service Descriptions

**Congregational Services**

*Suggested for: Adults and Teens*

At these services, Washington Hebrew Congregation’s rabbis challenge our intellect and awaken our spirit with sermons that help us reflect on the past year and inspire us to move forward. Our cantors, joined by the Festival Choir, bring the beautiful music of the High Holy Days to life with voices that lift us up and guide us toward spiritual renewal.

On Rosh Hashanah Day, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur Day, our traditional High Holy Day prayerbook, *Gates of Repentance*, guides our worship. This year, on Erev Rosh Hashanah, the Congregational Service at Temple will pilot *Mishkan HaNefesh*, a new Reform High Holy Day prayerbook that is similar in style and layout to *Mishkan T’filah*, the prayerbook we use on Shabbat.

All Congregational services have open seating for worshippers with the exception of the 6:00 pm and 9:00 am services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, where WHC’s Historic Seat holders can request to use their Historic Seats.

*About Historic Seats: To help finance the construction of the Temple building on Macomb Street in 1955, Washington Hebrew gave its members the opportunity to contribute to our future by investing in High Holy Day seats. The original seats could be passed down one generation, after which they are returned to the open pool of High Holy Day congregational seats.*

**Family Services**

*Suggested for: Families with Children in Grades K – 6 and “Babies to ‘Bubbes’”*

Filled with meaningful prayers, music, and stories, family services are perfect for generations who wish to worship together and help connect children to their heritage and faith. These services, led by our clergy and song leader — with participation from Religious School students — are created especially for elementary school-age children. They use either age-appropriate High Holy Day prayer books or visual t’filah, where prayers and songs are projected on screens enabling a hands-free worship experience.

**Preschool Services**

*Suggested for: Families with Toddlers through Pre-Kindergartners*

Through songs, brief prayers, and stories, our clergy and song leaders create a special, warm community worship experience, one-half hour in length, for our youngest congregants and their families.

**Young Professionals Services**

*Suggested for: Young Professionals in their 20s and 30s*

Building on the energy and spiritual connection our monthly 2239 Metro Minyan services bring to D.C.’s Jewish young professional community, Rabbi Miller leads High Holy Day services designed specifically with millennials in mind. Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre services are held at First Congregational UCC. On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings and on Yom Kippur afternoon, 2239 services are held at Temple.
Holiday-Specific Service Descriptions

Selichot

*Suggested for: Adults and Young Professionals in their 20s and 30s*

We gather at Temple on Saturday night the week before Rosh Hashanah for Selichot, a beautiful and moving candlelit service that urges us to reflect on the year that is ending and helps us prepare for the days of awe ahead of us.

Cemetery Memorial Services

*Suggested for: Adults and Young Professionals in their 20s and 30s*

During the High Holy Day season, our clergy lead a memorial service at each of Washington Hebrew's cemeteries—Memorial Park and Garden of Remembrance. Visiting the graves of loved ones at this time of year gives us a chance to reflect on the lives of those we've lost and feel a renewed sense of closeness to them. By connecting to our past, we fortify ourselves to look to the future and realize our generation is but a link in the chain of our Jewish heritage.

Rosh Hashanah Under the Stars

*Suggested for: Everyone*

Set on the sprawling lawn of the Julia Bindeman Suburban Center (or, in case of rain, in its light-filled indoor worship space), Rosh Hashanah Under the Stars is a contemporary, festive Erev Rosh Hashanah service. It begins at 5:00 pm, but we open the grounds at 3:30 pm with musical entertainment by North American Israeli jazz ensemble Seeds of Sun, featuring Mattan Klein. We provide seating, though many families choose to bring lawn chairs, blankets, and picnics. Our clergy provide a “hands-free” worship experience with prayers displayed on jumbo screens, enabling worshippers to appreciate the beauty and community that surround them.

Tashlich

*Suggested for: Families with Children in Grades K – 6 and “Babies to ‘Bubbes”'*

Casting breadcrumbs into a moving body of water is a centuries-old custom of the Jewish people. As the breadcrumbs move away with the currents, we unburden ourselves of regret and symbolically purify our bodies and souls. Our Tashlich ceremony is held outside, behind Temple, immediately following the Rosh Hashanah family service.

Yom Kippur Teen Service

*Suggested for: Teens*

Topical, interactive, and creative, this service gives high school students a meaningful way to connect to their faith and *teshuvah* (repentance). Designed each year by and for high school students, it weaves liturgy and music with messages and themes to engage teens (and their parents who sometimes accompany them).
Holiday-Specific Service Descriptions

**Yom Kippur Study Sessions**

*Suggested for: Adults, Young Professionals in their 20s and 30s, and Teens*

To enhance the spirit of Yom Kippur and enable congregants to extend their personal reflection, we offer a variety of study sessions and panel discussions after each Congregational service on Yom Kippur morning. Advance registration is not necessary. The Study Session schedule will be published prior to the High Holy Days.

**Yom Kippur Poetry and Music Hour**

*Suggested for: Adults and Young Professionals in their 20s and 30s*

On Yom Kippur — the holiest of holidays — our cantors, Kol Rinah, and Festival Choir lend their voices to soul-stirring musical pieces and poetry selections giving congregants time to reflect upon their year and teshuvah (repentance) or to simply experience a moment of solitude and personal prayer.

**Yom Kippur Afternoon, Yizkor, and Neilah Services**

*Suggested for: Adults, Young Professionals in their 20s and 30s, and Teens*

These three services flow seamlessly from one to the next. Our clergy begin with the liturgy designed for the afternoon of Yom Kippur. *Yizkor*, the memorial service, follows. This holy day closes with *Neilah* — the short concluding service which features some of the most beautiful and sacred liturgy of the High Holy Days.

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**Save the Date: Before & Beyond the High Holy Days**

**Selichot Concert and Service**

Saturday evening, September 1 at Temple

**Cemetery Memorial Services**

*Memorial Park on Alabama Avenue:* Sunday, September 2 at 10:00 am  
*Garden of Remembrance:* Sunday, September 16 at 10:00 am

**Sukkot**

*Festival Service:* Monday, September 24 at 10:30 am

**Simchat Torah**

*“The Big Tent” Congregational Celebration:* Sunday, September 30  
*Festival & Yizkor Service:* Monday, October 1 at 10:30 am