

Members and Friends:

2020-5781 High Holiday Services and Experiences at and by Northern Hills Synagogue

The High Holidays begin this year in the midst of a very unusual, coronavirus-surrounded time. The Board of Trustees and Executive Committee, our High Holidays Task Force, and our High Holidays Planning Committee have all been working diligently since March to design High Holidays services experiences that will be live, immersive, and rewarding for all of our members and friends!

Here is a summary of our 2020-5781 High Holidays services “menu” and experiences. We hope our High Holiday services provide you with an invigorating, enjoyable and meaningful experience.

- **In-Person Services.** We will conduct in-person services in our Roth Sanctuary, with seating limited to 50 individuals at each service. Seating will be spread throughout the Roth Sanctuary and a portion of the Social Hall to assure safe distancing and maximum per-person ventilation; all attendees will be required to wear masks over their nose and mouth, follow instructions for entering and exiting the Synagogue, sitting in their assigned seats, and to participate vocally in normal speaking voices so as to maximize safety. Requests for in-person attendance must be made in advance. If you did not receive our email message that contains the link to a questionnaire you can complete to make your requests, please call us at (513) 931-6038.
- **Live-Streaming of All of Our In-Person Services.** We will live-streaming each of our in-person services: you will be able to watch -- live -- all of the services from your homes.
- **Re-Imagined Services.** Since those attending in-person will be asked to remain in their seats, and since many will be watching at home, we have revamped our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services so that, regardless of whether you are sitting in the Roth Sanctuary or participating at home, you will enjoy an immersive and captivating service:
 - **Compact Services to Enhance the Viewing Experience.** We have completely revised each of our principal services so that no service will last longer than approximately two hours. We have omitted some familiar but problematic service features to minimize movement (and thereby increase safety) in the Roth Sanctuary and to heighten the flow of the choreography of each service.

2020-5781 HIGH HOLIDAYS SERVICES SCHEDULE

ROSH HASHANAH SERVICES

Friday Evening, September 18 Service	6:00 PM
Saturday, September 19 Service	10:00 AM
Sunday, September 20 Service	10:00 AM

YOM KIPPUR SERVICES

Sunday, September 27 Kol Nidre Service	7:00 PM
Monday, September 28 Yom Kippur Services	
Morning Service	10:00 AM
<i>Minhah / Ne'ilah Service</i>	6:00 PM

- NOTE: Unfortunately, the need to devote as much space as possible to conducting our service in our building in as safe an environment as possible means we will not be able to offer separate children's and family services nor will we be able to offer babysitting.
- **Special Yizkor Observance.** To enhance and afford as many of our community as possible the opportunity to participate in a Yizkor service, instead of including Yizkor as part of the Yom Kippur Torah Service, where in ordinary times it would appear, we will host a special Yizkor Memorial Commemoration Service on Shabbat Shuvah (9/26), the Shabbat of the weekend that falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This service, too, will be live streamed.

Do You Need a Mahzor for Home Use?

The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the Rabbinical Assembly are offering the digital edition of our Mahzor, Mahzor Lev Shalem: go to https://issuu.com/books-rabbinicalassembly/docs/digital_mahzor/944 to purchase and download a copy.