

Selichot

Saturday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.

We join with four other Eastern CT congregations for a lovely service launching the High Holiday season.

Temple Cemetery Memorial Service

Sunday, September 27, 11:30 a.m.

Temple Bnai Israel Cemetery

In this season of facing our own mortality and our relationship with the living God, we honor the lives of our community's loved ones with this brief memorial service. Face masks and social distancing required.

This year's special services

While we all wish we could be together at the Temple, our online services will be a very special experience. The first morning of Rosh Hashanah and all the Yom Kippur services, except Yizkor, will be based on services created by a national group of Reconstructionist rabbis, including Rav Jeremy, specifically for this year.

In deference to "Zoom fatigue," the morning services will be shorter. All services will offer the comfort and inspiration of traditional words and melodies, but will focus not on the traditional order of the service, but on its purpose: bringing our community together and facilitating spiritual renewal and *teshuvah* (Godly realignment/return) in the context of the traumas we, our country, and our world have experienced this year. We also promise very special musical components. Please note that, given the more than sufficient dislocations of this year, we will blow shofar on Shabbat, the first day of Rosh Hashanah, contrary to tradition.

Food Drive

During the High Holidays, and throughout the year, we traditionally ask people to donate food for the hungry. While bringing beans to the Temple is currently not practical, the need is still there; in fact, it is more acute. Please donate, if you're able, to efforts to feed the hungry. Locally, our Temple has a long relationship with the **Covenant Soup Kitchen**. You can donate and find information at covenantsoupkitchen.org.

Mazon - A Jewish Response to Hunger.

We are also a partner congregation of Mazon. Mazon works from a Jewish perspective both on directly feeding the hungry and on promoting policies that reduce the need. For more information, or to donate, visit mazon.org.

Perhaps you would like to set up a monthly donation to these organizations in the amount of a bean donation, and/or consider this part of your Jewry Duty.

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Yamim Noraim

The Days of Awe

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**High Holidays
schedule of services**
(Online except where noted)



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Daniel Rosensweig

Please see important information
inside on how to join our virtual
High Holiday Services.

ראש השנה

Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 18th
Erev Rosh Hashanah
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday September 19th
First Day Rosh Hashanah
Children's Service 9:15 a.m.
Morning Service begins 10:00 a.m.
Services conclude ~12:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 20th
Second Day Rosh Hashanah
Morning Service begins 10:00 a.m.
Services conclude ~12:00 p.m.

Tashlich at Lauter Park,
3:00 p.m.
We let go our sins and traumas,
carried off by the river's waters.
Face masks and social distancing
required.

Children's Services

Our children and their families will gather for special services the first morning of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur morning at 9:15 a.m. These services will be very participatory and child-centered. All children and their families are welcome!

The folks at Reconstructionist Camp Havaya will also be providing supplementary family programming throughout the Holiday season. Details will be sent via email.

All Are Welcome

As we do every year, we invite the entire community, members and non-members, to attend our High Holiday services, this year online. **Tickets are not required and there is no entry fee.** If you would like to make a donation, we would appreciate your sending it to Temple Bnai Israel, P.O. Box 61, Willimantic, CT 06226.

You will need both Zoom information and a handout to join our High Holiday services. Note: You can join by audio only via your landline. If you are not yet a member of our Temple, please email office@templebnaiisrael.org to request both be sent to you. (Members will receive both automatically.)

After the Holidays, please also come back and join us for Shabbat celebrations and special events (online for the time being). We hope you'll consider joining our active and engaging community. If you are not in our email database, please request to be added to ensure you receive our Zoom information; email the address noted in the above paragraph.

יום כיפור

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 27th
Kol Nidrei
Begins promptly at 6:15 p.m.

The service will begin with Bruch's Kol Nidrei: Annette Shapiro, piano; Tom Calabro, cello.

Monday, September 28th
Children's Service begins 9:15 a.m.
Morning Service begins 10:00 a.m.
Services conclude ~12:00 p.m.

Yizkor Service, 6:15 p.m.
(NOTE NEW TIME THIS YEAR)
During this Yom Kippur memorial service, there will be an opportunity to share pictures of those we are remembering. If you wish, have a picture ready.

Conclusion
Ne'ilah ~6:45 p.m.
Final Shofar ~7:20 p.m.