

SECURITY

High Holyday preparations are in high gear, and the building and grounds are in top-notch condition. We need your cooperation in our efforts to balance the protection of the congregation, while maintaining the open and welcoming character that we are known for. Today, security is a critical factor to be considered when planning any synagogue event. With regard to High Holyday services, the Board of Directors has been actively involved in creating a safe, secure environment. We continue to have conversations with Police, Fire, and Safety Marshall personnel from the town of Natick. They have been both cooperative and sensitive to our situation and needs.

We will continue our practice of having private security personnel patrol both inside and outside of the building during holiday services. At certain high traffic times, Natick Police will help direct the flow of cars. The Natick Police Department has also assured us they will step up their "pass-through" drives at the synagogue at off-peak hours during, prior to, and after the High Holydays and Chaggim.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR TICKETS EACH TIME YOU ENTER THE BUILDING. Everyone arriving with a ticket will be admitted immediately. Anyone who does not have a ticket, and who is not listed on our Membership Roster, may be screened and, under certain conditions, not admitted to the building. Tickets are for the family member(s) named, and are not transferable. Continuing the precautions instituted in the last few years, any items brought into the synagogue may be subject to search.

By following these procedures, we can best ensure the safety and security of all congregants. With additional security measures in place, it is recommended that you allow extra time for entering the building/tent before all services. We ask for your understanding, cooperation, and patience through this process.

HANDICAP ACCESS INFORMATION

This year, we have once again set aside the entire lower back parking lot of the synagogue for those with HP designated tags/plates. Please be respectful of those people who do require these spaces. **You will be asked to move your car if you do not have the appropriate license plate or handicap mirror tag. If you require a handicap parking space, or special arrangements for handicapped or wheelchair seating, please call the Temple office (508-650-3521 ext. 100) or check your weekly Constant Contact for registration information.** The courtyard entrance to the synagogue foyer is wheelchair accessible. Those needing assistance entering the building may also be dropped off in the circular driveway at the front of the building. Our sanctuary is equipped with a hearing assistance listening system, and a limited number of large-print Mahzorim are available. When you arrive at services, please ask an usher for either item. In the case of a medical emergency, an AED is located on the wall to the left of the coatroom doors.

COMMUNICATION AND MEDICAL EMERGENCY

Congregants are asked to not bring cell phones or pagers into services. If you are a health care professional on call, please put your cell phone/pager on "vibrate." If you are fasting and feel ill, Jewish law permits you to stop your fast. Juice and challah will be available in the kitchen during all services, for any congregants who may require them.

TEEN PROGRAMMING

On Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, we will have services and/or programming available during the

mornings. Please continue to check your weekly Constant Contact for scheduling, updated information and registration forms.

CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah (9/7) and on Yom Kippur morning (9/16), we will have **Young Children Services (ages 2-preK) and Youth Services (grades K-7)** in tents on the Temple property (weather permitting). Services will begin promptly at 10:30am and conclude at approximately 12:00pm. Our programming will focus on themes of the High Holiday season, through prayer, music, stories, drama and nature. **Please note** - The Young Children service (ages 2-preK) requires that an adult be present with a participating child/children.

We will again hold a **Family Service** on the second day of Rosh Hashanah (9/8) in the tent. Beginning at 10:30am and ending at approximately 12:00pm, this creative service is filled with joy, song, stories and, of course, shofar-blowing, and is geared to families with children of all ages.

All of our services are carefully planned to meet the developmental stages of our participants, and staffed to provide a safe, meaningful and age-appropriate High Holiday experience. Our intention is to excite, inspire and connect our youth. We can't wait to kick off 5782 with song, prayer, and fun! Please continue to check your weekly Constant Contact for updated information and any required registration form(s).

While adhering to current Temple COVID guidelines, young children are invited to join their parents at services in all locations prior to the start of children's services. We ask, however, that you respect the needs of those praying around you by removing your child promptly should he/she become noisy or fussy. You may want to sit near an exit in order to be able to leave quickly and quietly.

For their own safety, please make sure your children are in the appropriate program or service for their age group. Your assistance in this area will allow all of us to celebrate a very rich and dignified High Holyday experience.

SPECIAL TICKET CIRCUMSTANCES

For Temple members in good standing, who may be traveling during the High Holydays and wish to attend another Conservative congregation, there are courtesy seating request forms available. Please call the Temple office for help in making these arrangements.

Out-of-town guests, who are members of a **United Synagogue** affiliate, must have their synagogue administrator send a letter (on letterhead) to Temple Israel stating they are members in good standing. We can then provide complimentary tickets (sanctuary surcharge will apply). Complimentary tickets for active duty military personnel are available upon presentation of a valid military identification card.

The High Holydays are also a prime season for "shul shoppers." Please suggest Temple Israel to your friends/family who might be in this group. **Prospective members who attend High Holyday services, and subsequently join Temple Israel by the end of 2021, will have the price of their ticket(s) applied toward their first year's membership dues.**