

SECURITY

Security is critical for us throughout the year and especially on the High Holidays. We appreciate your cooperation in our efforts to ensure the protection of the congregation while maintaining a welcoming environment. Our staff and lay leadership have been actively involved in our security plans. We are in ongoing conversation with Police, Fire, and Safety Marshall personnel from the town of Natick, who have all been cooperative and sensitive to our 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 all the Chaggim (fall holidays).

HIGH HOLIDAY YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

<https://TINYURL.COM/THHD2026>

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah (9/12) and Yom Kippur morning (9/21) all programs will begin at 11:00am and conclude at 12:15pm. Children of all ages are invited to join their parents at the main services prior to the start of youth or family services.

Young Children service (ages 0-5 years): Young children and their accompanying adult/s are invited to the tent in the back parking lot for our young children holiday services and activities, led by our Tot Shabbat Specialist and Social Worker Beth Glick, and coordinated by our Director of Early Childhood Education, Faye Tonkonogy.

Kindergarten – Grade 4: Please join us for a joyful holiday experience! We will begin with a fun-filled musical service led by Lisa Gittelman-Udi and Erika Illyes. This will be followed by stories, games, projects, snack, and more! Join us in the small tents (weather permitting) at the end of the back parking lot!

Grades 5-8: Join us for a relaxed and interactive discussion program. We will explore our values, interests, beliefs and identities through games, discussion and other activities. Snack will be provided on Rosh Hashanah. We will meet upstairs in the school wing.

Grades 9-12: Join us in the Chapel for a relaxed and informal discussion program with a High Holiday theme.

We will hold a **Family Service** on the second day of Rosh Hashanah (9/13) in the tent, beginning at 11:00am and ending at 12:15pm, 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. Please ensure that children attending youth services are safely escorted to the desired location. Our intention is to excite, inspire and connect our youth. We can't wait to kick off 5787 with song, prayer, and fun! Please continue to check your weekly Constant Contact and our website for updated information. Please be in touch with the office (office@tiofnatick.org) with any youth services-related questions.

Complimentary babysitting, by advance registration (<https://TINYURL.COM/HHDBABYSITTING2026>), will be provided for children ages 15 months through 7 years. on all High Holiday mornings.

ACCESSIBILITY

This year, we have once again set aside the lower back parking lot of the synagogue for those with designated disability 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 and our website 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 who have cell phones or pagers at services are asked to set them to silent. If you are a health care professional on call, please put your cell phone/pager on vibrate mode. If you are fasting and feel ill, Jewish law encourages you to attend to your health. Juice and challah will be available in the kitchen during all services for any congregants who may require them.

SPECIAL TICKET CIRCUMSTANCES

For Temple members who may be traveling during the High Holidays and wish to attend another synagogue, 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 another synagogue, may be eligible for reciprocal tickets (plus required surcharge for Sanctuary seating). Please contact the Temple office for further information. Complimentary tickets for active-duty military personnel are available upon presentation of a valid military identification card.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR TICKETS EACH TIME YOU ENTER THE BUILDING.

As in recent years, we will email High Holiday tickets to all congregants approximately one week prior to the holidays - **please remember to print them out prior to the holiday.** Everyone arriving with a ticket will be admitted immediately. Anyone without 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, you may wish to allow extra time for your arrival at the temple. We appreciate your understanding, cooperation, and patience.