

High Holidays 5780 - 2019 | Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Do we need tickets for services this year?

A: Attendance for the High Holidays at Bet Shalom is open to everyone. We ask that those attending services carry a ticket, which is free of charge to all who request one. Members automatically will receive tickets for themselves in the mail, plus one more to offer to friends and extended family unaffiliated with another congregation. We ask that you consider [making a donation](#) to Bet Shalom in their honor.

Q: Will I be able to find a parking space?

A: We have ample parking at the synagogue, and auxiliary parking is available next door at Hopkins West Junior High School, 3830 Baker Rd., Minnetonka. A shuttle service will run between the two locations during these times:

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 29 -- 7:15-10:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 30 -- 7:45 am-2:00 pm

Kol Nidre, Sept. 8 -- 7:15-10:30pm

Yom Kippur, Sept. 9 -- 7:45 am-8:30 pm

Q: I will be observing the High Holidays out of town. Is it possible to receive a letter of reciprocity to present to another Reform Congregation?

A: Yes, please contact Steve Barberio at Steve.barberio@betshalom.org or 952-933-8525 to receive this letter.

Q: I will have family and/or friends visiting me. May they join me for services?

A: We would love to have your family and friends join us. We ask that you consider making a donation in honor of your guests attending High Holiday services at Bet Shalom. Your contribution will help support the many activities we offer during these Days of Awe. Any amount will be appreciated. Click [HERE](#) to make your donation.

Q: I am not a member of Bet Shalom and would like to make a donation to attend services. How do I do that?

A: Thank you! Your donation will help support the many activities we have planned during these Days of Awe. Any amount is appreciated. Checks may be sent to Bet Shalom Congregation, 13613 Orchard Rd., Minnetonka, MN 55305. Click [HERE](#) to make your donation.

Q: Do you need to know which service I'm attending?

A: No. The services you choose to attend are a personal decision. Click [HERE](#) to view the full High Holiday schedule. [Registration](#) is required for Break-the-Fast (no charge), and childcare.

Q: What is the difference between the Traditional and Ruach services?

A: The Traditional Service is the most traditional of our High Holiday daytime experiences. We will explore the depth of our Holiday Machzor (prayer book), and hear the Torah chanted, a sermon, and traditional selections of music. The Ruach Service is led by our Rabbis, Cantor, and Ruach Ensemble, who bring their musical talents all year long to our Shabbat Ruach service on the 3rd Friday of each month. The Ruach Service is filled with contemporary music, a Torah Service, a sermon, and is slightly abbreviated to accommodate all ages (suggested for 6th grade and older).

Q: What can my child do during services?

A: There are many options for your children to experience the High Holidays at Bet Shalom.

- *****NEW*** Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre Family Service.** This 45-minute service in the sanctuary (5:30 pm on 9/30 and 10/9) is designed for families with children in grades 2-5. The service will include many elements of the holiday evening service including music and a story.
- Our **Tot Service** is designed for **our youngest children, ages 0-6, and their families**. Participants will be treated to a taste of High Holiday services including the sounding of the shofar, fun songs, and a story. The Tot Service will begin at 10:15 am on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in the main sanctuary.
- *****New Time***** This year, our daytime High Holiday **Children's Service** will be held at 10:15 am on both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. These services are designed for our **children in grades 2-5, and their families** and will contain many elements of our High Holiday services for students who may not be ready for the other adult service offerings.
- Tashlich, the symbolic throwing of our sins into a flowing body of water, will be available throughout the day on Rosh Hashanah by the Holocaust Reflection Garden and flagpoles.
- We also have free childcare options available throughout Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. [Registration](#) is required for childcare.



Q: Can a non-member's children join in the Tot Service or Children's Service and childcare? How does that work?

A: Yes, everyone is welcome at all services. [Registration](#) is required for free childcare.

Q: Do I need to register for Break-the-Fast?

A: Although there is no charge for the Break-the-Fast, we do require advance [Registration](#).

Q: Can I sit at a table with specific people for Break-the-Fast?

A: The meal will begin immediately following the shofar blast at the end of Neilah services. We encourage you to attend that service so that you can find a place to sit with your friends immediately afterward.

Q: Can a non-member attend Break-the-Fast?

A: Break-the-Fast is open to Bet Shalom congregants and their guests. [Registration](#) is required for Break-the-Fast so that we can plan appropriately.

Q: What should I do if I need special accommodations to attend services at Bet Shalom?

A: Please contact Kayla Martin, 952-933-8525, if you require special accommodations, and we will do everything we can to make sure you are comfortable!