

temple sinai

High Holy Days 5776



Selichot | September 5

Rosh HaShanah | September 13-15

Yom Kippur | September 22-23

Sukkot | September 28

Simchat Torah | October 4

Sh'mini Atzeret | October 5

General Information

High Holy Day Tickets

Approximately two weeks prior to the High Holy Days, tickets will be mailed to all congregants who have completed their 2015 - 2016 Membership Commitment Form and who are current on all financial obligations to the synagogue. Questions or concerns should be addressed to Executive Director Jack Feldman, ext. 318 or jfeldman@templesinaiatlanta.org

Guest Tickets

Guest tickets are available for purchase, \$150 per ticket, for the following individuals only: Non-member adult children, parents, grandchildren, grandparents, fiancés, out-of-town relatives and out-of-town family friends.

One ticket per each adult Associate Member is available for purchase.

Adults who are members in good standing of an **out-of-town** congregation are eligible to receive a complimentary guest ticket to worship with us by requesting a reciprocal form or letter from their congregation. College students and military personnel with proper identification will be admitted as our guests.

To purchase tickets, please complete the Guest Ticket Form online or on page 13. If purchased by August 7, tickets will be mailed to you. If purchased after that date, please pick up your tickets at the temple office.

*Please note: Due to space limitations, we are unable to sell guest tickets to in-town friends or in-town family members other than those specified above. **However, our Erev Rosh HaShanah, Second Day Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur Afternoon/Yizkor/Neilah services are open to the community.***

Guidelines Regarding Saving of Seats for High Holy Day Services

Our High Holy Days are a time for spiritual reflection and renewal, as well as a time to strengthen our congregational family. In an effort to continue to enhance the High Holy Day experience for each and every member of our Sinai family, please follow our guidelines regarding the saving of seats.

To treat all service attendees fairly and equitably, we are asking our ushers to assist with the implementation of these guidelines:

- All service attendees will be able to save a seat for him/herself, one additional adult and any of their children under 18 years of age;
- Congregants wishing to reserve seats for additional family members, friends, and other adults will need to ensure that there is one adult present for every two seats;
- Ushers will be instructed to pick up tallitot laid down to save rows.
- The new High Holy Day Machzor will be pre-set on all seats. Should you need to hold a seat using the guidelines stated above, you may use your High Holy Day ticket.

We share the sincere wish that our Holy Days will be meaningful for congregants and ushers alike, and we appreciate your understanding and adherence to these guidelines.

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Important Information

Personal Listening System

A listening system is available for any individual with hearing loss. Headsets may be checked out at the Will Call table in the lobby prior to each service.

Parking

For special assistance parking and seating needs, please complete the Special Assistance Parking and Seating Form located on page 14. General Parking information for the Holy Days is available on page 15.

Family Room

A Family Room is available in the Children's Library for babies and their parents during all High Holy Day services. Children 18 months and older can be registered in the Youth Program. See page 8 for details.

New High Holy Day Machzor (Prayer Book)

The High Holy Days are an important time of community, comfort, challenge and change. Each year at Temple Sinai, we devote a great deal of thought and energy to making sure that the High Holy Days are spiritually moving. In keeping with that effort to create the most meaningful worship experience, we are pleased to share that we have a new High Holy Day prayer book.

The Reform Movement has recently published Mishkan HaNefesh, a two-volume set modeled after our siddur, Mishkan Tefilah, in style and substance. It is a balance of tradition and innovation that reflects our 21st century sensibilities and perspectives. Temple Sinai has adopted the prayer book and we are very excited to introduce it to our community.

Special features of this new *machzor* include:

- Rich commentary drawing from tradition
- Wide range of theological perspectives
- Full transliteration of all Hebrew prayers for easy participation
- Study texts for background and context
- New translations, contemporary poetry and alternative readings

Thanks to a generous donation in memory of George and Eva Stern, made by their children Michelle and Gary Simon, Carla and Greg Malever, and Jason and Karinne Stern, Temple Sinai has purchased copies of the prayer books to be housed at Temple Sinai for every service attendee. ***You will no longer need to bring/purchase your own prayer book.***

Adult Education To Introduce Mishkan HaNefesh:

NEW High Holy Day Prayerbooks – *How will this impact my Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur experience?*

This adult education mini-series will provide three distinct sessions for congregants to come and explore the layout, flow, poetry and intention of our new High Holy Day *machzor*, Mishkan HaNefesh.

*Session 1 – Wednesday, August 26 – Rosh HaShanah and the Shofar Service

*Session 2 – Wednesday, September 2 – Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur Morning

*Session 3 – Wednesday, September 9 – Yom Kippur Afternoon, Yizkor and Neilah.

All classes are 7:30-8:45 PM. Attend one, two or all three sessions as schedules permit.

New In 2015! Watch for these additions to this year's High Holy Day Programming

This year's High Holy Days will have a slightly different look, thanks to the new Mishkan HaNefesh prayer books. But that isn't the only change. Below is a full list of the changes for the 2015 High Holy Days and where to find more details.

- This year we will offer a **family-style congregational dinner prior to the Erev Rosh HaShanah** service on Saturday, September 13. *Page 5*
- A **new Junior Congregation experience will be offered for 4th through 6th graders** and the **Youth Program will continue to be offered for children starting at 18 months through 3rd grade**. There is NO COST to participate! Rabbinic Intern Rachel Heaps will work with our education professionals and High Holy Day Coordinator Sharon Clark to ensure the success of these programs. *Page 8*
- Both the **Youth Program and Junior Congregation will be offered for the morning AND afternoon services** on Rosh HaShanah AND Yom Kippur.
- A **New Mind-Body-Spirit Renewal Service** on Yom Kippur afternoon will take the place of the separate Healing and Contemporary Services that have been offered in previous years. *Page 7*
- **New start times** for the following services/programs: Selichot, Rosh HaShanah Family Service, Rosh HaShanah II, Yom Kippur Text Study, Yom Kippur Teen Service, Mind-Body-Spirit Renewal Service and Yizkor/Neilah services. The full schedules can be found throughout this booklet.
- Join us for a **Family Tashlich Experience** on Sunday, September 20 at Morgan Falls Overlook Park. *Page 9*
- *Page 15* has a complete listing of the **available overflow parking lots** for the Holy Days.