

July 2021



We have some good news that has been a long time coming!

We are excited to announce that we are planning to gather in person this year for High Holy Day services -- while members who choose will still be able to participate virtually.

The High Holy Days start on the evening of September 6th-- less than two months away. As you know, we have been hard at work on the planning process, with the goal of protecting the health and safety of our community. We want to thank the many volunteers who have helped with planning, security, and technology. We also thank the many members who completed the recent survey.

Based on the overwhelming response to the survey and guidance from the Medical Advisory Group, we have come to the following guidelines:

- We will welcome those who are fully vaccinated to attend services in the Sanctuary. (Masking and distancing requirements are still to be determined.)
- Vaccinated adults and children, and those children who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated, are welcome at Tent Services. Masks will be required for those who are not vaccinated. (Masking for others and distancing requirements are still to be determined.). At least two of the tent sides will be open.
- Young family services will be held in the sanctuary (not during regular service hours). See schedule for details.
- We strongly recommend that all those who are eligible get vaccinated, but we understand there may be exceptions.
- Individuals with medical conditions, on medications that compromise their immune system, or who have other health factors should consult with their own healthcare providers for guidance.

These arrangements will help keep us safe while allowing us to be back together. All services will be accessible virtually for those who are not yet comfortable returning in person.

A complete schedule of services is enclosed.

As in years past, Rabbi Brusso will deliver his sermon in both the Sanctuary and the Tent services. In the Tent, Rabbi Sacks and a small group of congregants will lead us in prayer, song, and discussion.

Due to safety constraints, we will not be offering babysitting or parallel programming for children. We hope that families will find meaningful ways to connect to the High Holy Days. We will again hold the Young Family Service on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on the afternoon of Yom Kippur. This year, we invite families of Kulanu children to join us for family services in the tent, as well as Family Tashlich on the second day of Rosh Hashanah.

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Here is a checklist to help you keep track of important items. **All forms are due to the office by August 16th.**

___ Request form for member and guest tickets

___ A letter inviting you to contribute to the Annual Fund

___ Memorial Plaque and Book of Remembrance request forms

Tickets will be mailed out as requests are received.

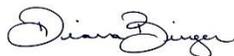
To request Handicapped Parking for the High Holy Days, please contact Ilana Fleischner at ifleischner@bettorah.org.

The High Holy Day survey had a very high response rate. 99.3% of responding households reported that all adults (ages 16 and up) had been fully vaccinated, and 98.7% of responding households with children between 12 and 15 said they, too, had been fully vaccinated.

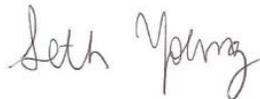
- 75% of responding households said they would be attending some or all services in person.
- 5% said they would be attending services virtually
- 20% said they were still unsure about attending in person.

We are so excited to be gathering in person, and we look forward to seeing you soon!

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either of us.



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