

2020/5781 High Holidays

Dear Friends,

5781 is drawing near and we are looking forward to having you join us for the High Holidays. We are all keenly aware that this will be a different High Holy Day Season than any which any of us have experienced during our lifetimes. As Rabbi Gurvis and I wrote to the congregation in June, "After much consideration, the Board and Ritual Committee have decided that we will not hold in-person High Holy Day services this year. Instead, we will provide a variety of other ways for us to come together and celebrate the holidays." Our Ritual Committee, along with other members of our Sha'arei Shalom community have been hard at work with Rabbi Gurvis through the summer to plan our upcoming Holy Days services, which will be held virtually, in light of the current regulations and health concerns.

Our services will continue to be egalitarian and traditional, in both English and Hebrew. This year, we will not use prayer books, but will be using virtual prayer materials which will be broadcast as a part of the services so that all will have access. The materials offer transliterations to help everyone follow and join in. Please note that our service schedule will be different this year as we are adjusting to make it easier to participate in our Virtual Sacred space via Zoom.

We are especially excited that we will be led once again this year by our spiritual leader, Rabbi Eric Gurvis who joined our community in July of 2019.

About our Rabbi:

Rabbi Gurvis has served congregations in New York City, Mississippi and New Jersey. He has long been deeply involved in youth activities and Jewish camps, interfaith and social justice work, as well as Israel programming and education. He most recently served as senior rabbi for Temple Shalom in Newton from 1999-2017.

He is a past-president of the Massachusetts Board of Rabbis, a past chairperson of the Newton Interfaith Clergy Council, and has served on the board of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston. He is also a member of the faculty for the Hebrew College Open Circle Jewish Learning program, which provides adult learning opportunities in communities throughout the Greater Boston area as well as Director of Chaverim & Engagement for The Mussar Institute. Since joining us last summer, Rabbi Gurvis and his wife Laura have moved to our community, living right on the Ashland-Sherborn border. He has also become involved in community affairs in Ashland.

Please see the High Holidays Schedule and Registration Form on the following pages.

High Holidays: Schedule Information and Details

Please note that all services will be held online via Zoom this year! Zoom details will be shared via our newsletter. If you would like to receive our newsletter, please request via email to info@shaareishalom.org

Schedule of Services for Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah Friday, September 18th from 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah Day 1, Saturday, September 19th

- Part 1 – Morning Service 10:00 -11:00am
- Part 2 – Torah Reading & Rabbi's Message 11:30 am -12:30 pm
- Children's Service TBA

Rosh Hashanah Day 2, Sunday, September 20th at 12:00 noon

Shofar Service & Tashlich

(It is currently our plan to try to hold this outdoors with social distancing at an Ashland location TBA – please watch for further information)

Schedule of Services for Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre, Sunday, September 27th from 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Yom Kippur Day: Monday, September 28th

- Part 1 - Morning Service 10:00 – 11:00 am
- Part 2 – Torah Reading & Rabbi's Message 11:30 am -12:30 pm
- Part 3 – Yizkor 1:00 pm
- Children's Service TBA
- Neilah/Havdalah Service 5:30 pm

Suggested Donations, Not Tickets!

As is our custom, our services are open to the entire MetroWest community. **Although we do not require membership or tickets to attend our services, for non-members we do have an expected donation to help cover our considerable costs.** Sha'arei Shalom has always placed a high value on opening our services to all; we depend on these donations to help us keep this possible. Expected donations are:

Individuals: \$275.00

Couples: \$300.00

Families: \$325.00

Please mail your contribution prior to the holidays to the P.O. Box listed above. If your situation allows for a larger contribution, we would greatly appreciate it.

Join us anytime!

We hope you will join us for the High Holidays. We also welcome you to join us for any of our other holiday, Shabbat, and social events. Come check out what makes us one of the warmest, most innovative Jewish communities in the area! For more information about us, visit our website at <http://www.shaareishalom.org> or call 508-231-4700.

If you are not already a member, we hope that you will consider joining our congregation. Members do not have an additional cost for High Holiday attendance. Consider applying your High Holiday donation toward membership and help us to continue to grow and serve the MetroWest Jewish community.

Wishing you and yours a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Kate Fialky
President, Sha'arei Shalom



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2020/5781 HIGH HOLIDAYS REGISTRATION – PLEASE RETURN TOP PORTION OF THIS FORM BY SEPTEMBER 9, 2020 to: Sha'arei Shalom, P.O. Box 454, Ashland MA 01721

NAME(S):	TELEPHONE:
ADDRESS:	EMAIL:

CHILD(REN)S NAME(S) AND AGE(S): _____

Donation: \$275 single attendee \$300 couple \$325 family

Additional donation: _____

Date	Service	Time
Friday, September 18	Erev Rosh Hashanah	7:30 - 8:30 pm
Saturday, September 19	Rosh Hashanah Day 1 <i>Morning Service Torah Reading + Rabbi's Message</i>	10:00 -11:00 am 11:30am -12:30pm
Sunday, September 20	Rosh Hashanah Day 2 <i>Shofar Service & Taslich (Outdoor location TBA)</i>	12 noon
Sunday, September 27	Kol Nidre	7:00 – 8:00 pm
Monday, September 28	Yom Kippur <i>Morning Service Torah Reading + Rabbi's Message Yizkor Neilah/Havdalah</i>	10:00 – 11:00 am 11:30am -12:30pm 1 pm 5:30 pm

- **SCHEDULE**
All services will begin promptly at the scheduled times shown above.
- **ZOOM SERVICES**
Please email info@shaareishalom.org to receive Zoom services links and details.
- **ETIQUETTE**
We realize that holiday morning services can be long, especially for our youngest congregants. We do ask that all congregants refrain from eating and drinking during the services. If you are in need of a break or a snack, please step away from your camera and return when you are ready.
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
If you have any questions, please contact us at 508-231-4700 or at hh@shaareishalom.org



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YIZKOR SERVICE

In an effort to be more environmentally conscious and due to our virtual services, we will be reading your loved ones' names, rather than printing a Yizkor booklet.

If you would like the names of your loved ones **read aloud during our Yizkor service**, please take a moment to fill out this form <https://forms.gle/cbyjaswCG2eFeRb18>.

If you are unable to use the form, please call Toni Spitzer at 508-429-2087. **Deadline for inclusion is Friday, September 18th.**

ALL MEMBERS MUST RETURN THIS FORM. WE ARE UPDATING OUR LIST AND NAMES WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY BE SAVED FROM PRIOR YEARS.

Please include phonetic spelling if you think it is needed to correctly pronounce names.



Sha'arei Shalom's Annual Food Drive 2020

Please help support those served by
The Ashland Food Pantry

Since we are virtual this year, please bring items directly to the Ashland Food Pantry

Our goal is to have every family bring at least one item

Most requested items:

Ashland Trash Bags
Paper Towels
Soap
Toilet Paper
Ketchup
Mac n Cheese
Mustard
Pasta Sauce

Canned Tomatoes
Canned Vegetables
Cereal
Juice
Mayonnaise
Tuna
Shelf stable milk

FOOD DONATIONS:

Time: Mondays - Thursdays 9am - 3pm, Wednesdays 3pm - 7pm

Non-Perishable and Non-Expired food can be donated to the food pantry donation bin located outside the main entrance of the Ashland Community Center (162 West Union Street, upper level).

