

**Come Home for the High Holy Days  
at Congregation Or Ami  
2018 5779**



**Services led by:  
Rabbi Gideon Estes  
Dr. Rebecca Musher Gross**

***May the New Year bring you and your loved ones  
blessings of joy, health and peace.***

Dear Friend,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to join us for our High Holy Day worship services as we usher in a New Year full of joy, song, and continued growth of Congregation Or Ami. The High Holy Days are a time to pause and reflect on life, to take stock of those things that are precious and dear to us in life. The holidays offer us an opportunity to strengthen and support one another as we gather as a synagogue community.

As we look forward to 5779, we are excited about the opportunities at Or Ami to build on the successes of past years. We will continue our spirited Sababa Shabbatot, our monthly stimulating Limmud Shabbat discussions, Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Estes, Senior Trips, and an array of programs throughout the year. We also have a monthly Saturday Mincha service and look forward to other innovations in the coming year.

For the coming holidays, Rabbi Estes and the Ritual Practices Committee have sought to create a worship atmosphere in which we can reflect on the past and then draw upon our spiritual resources to lead better personal and communal lives. We invite your participation and encourage you to join fully in our High Holy Days services. Rabbi Estes and Dr. Rebecca Musher Gross will once again lead the services. This year marks Dr. Gross' twenty seventh year serving as cantor for these services.

**As in past years, youth services will be conducted. Babysitting will be available as well.**

This year we will again be using the Machzor Lev Shalem, which contains English readings in gender neutral language, classic piyyutim not included in the old Machzor, readings for meditation drawn from a range of traditional and modern sources, and extensive transliteration for those less comfortable with reading Hebrew.

The enclosed packet of High Holy Days information has been prepared to assist you in planning ahead for the holidays. Please review it and return the appropriate forms.

**Two very important items:**

1. **Please return your forms by Friday, August 31, 2018.**
2. **This year we will not be mailing out tickets; they will be available for pickup when you arrive for services.**

If you have any special needs, **please call Katherine Bower, 281-216-5809, Ritual Practices Committee chair.**

Our families join us in wishing you a Shanah Tova U'Metukah, a sweet new year blessed with good health, happiness, and prosperity.

B'Shalom,



**Jason Feer**  
**President**



**Katherine Bower**  
**Chair, Ritual Practices**

## Schedule of Services 2017/5778

Service	Date	Time
Selichot Services	Saturday evening, September 1	10:00 pm
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Sunday evening, September 9	8:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah 1 <sup>st</sup> Day Youth Services Tashlich	Monday, September 10	9:00 am 10:00 am Following services
Erev Rosh Hashanah 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	Monday evening, September 10	8:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	Tuesday, September 11	9:00 am
Shabbat Shuva	Friday evening, September 14 Saturday, September 15	6:45 pm 9:30 am
Family Tashlich Service	Sunday, September 16	9:30 am
Kol Nidrei	Tuesday evening, September 18	6:40 pm *
*Please arrive by 6:30 pm for a prompt 6:40 pm start.		
Yom Kippur Day	Wednesday, September 19	9:00 am
Youth Services		10:00 am
Afternoon study		4:00 pm
Minchah & Neilah		5:00 pm-8:00 pm
Congregational Break Fast Meal following services	Wednesday evening, September 19	Approx. 8:00 pm
Sukkah building	Sunday, September 23	9:00 am
Sukkot begins on Sunday evening, September 23		

### Tallit/Kippot

The custom of wearing a kippah is a traditional practice that emphasizes humility before God. The tallit is a mitzvah (commandment) that symbolizes the 613 Torah laws that form the basis of our covenantal relationship with God, our fellow Jews, and all humanity. Out of respect for God and our tradition we encourage all people to wear a kippah or cover their heads and all Jewish adults (post Bar or Bat Mitzvah) wear a tallit. The tallit is also worn at the Kol Nidre service. Due to our limited supply, we ask you to please bring your own kippah and tallit.

### Tashlich

In order to give tangible expression to the prayers of the High Holy Days that ask for atonement from wrongdoing, the ceremony of Tashlich was instituted over 1,500 years ago. The act of symbolically casting (“Tashlich”) away one’s sins into a free flowing body of water is based upon the words of the prophet Micah who said, “And You will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.” Congregation Or Ami will gather for Tashlich at the walking path next to the Robinson-Westchase Neighborhood Library **immediately following Rosh Hashanah Day 1 services and** on the **Sunday following Rosh Hashanah, September 16, 2018 at 9:30AM**. Parents of Religious School children are asked to join the brief service on Sunday and return their child(ren) to Or Ami at its conclusion. **Please park at Or Ami; participants will make the brief walk together.** Please bring small pieces of bread to cast into the stream.

## High Holy Days Tickets

Each adult member of Congregation Or Ami who is a member in good standing (**i.e., current with financial obligations to Or Ami and has submitted a completed 2018-2019 dues commitment form**), will receive a ticket for entrance to our High Holy Days services. Your admission to Kol Nidrei services will be your High Holy Days Appeal ticket. Dependent children and college students of our members will be admitted with their parents. Adult immediate family of our members may purchase tickets for a donation of \$36 per person. High Holy Days tickets will be offered to the general Jewish community for a donation of \$180 per adult (dependent children in college or younger are included with parents). This includes all services and the Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg and Yom Kippur Break Fast. Non-members may apply the cost of High Holy Days tickets toward membership dues through July 2019. We strongly encourage that such guests consider an appropriate contribution to our synagogue to support our activities in the coming year. *Please note: Congregation Or Ami honors reciprocity for High Holiday seating to those members who will be worshiping at other synagogues and guests who have a signed letter from their home congregation.*

## Youth Services/Babysitting

High Holy Days services for our children will be held so that they may have a meaningful worship experience and come to understand the important messages of the holidays. Youth services for ages 5-7 and 8-11 will be held on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur Day. Babysitting is available for children ages 4 and under during all services with advance reservations. Your child will be served snacks on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

## Parking

Overflow parking for all holidays is available at the **shopping center adjacent to the Or Ami outdoor recreation area (corner of Wilcrest Green and Wilcrest).**

## Yom Kippur Break Fast

Following Neilah on Yom Kippur Day, Wednesday, September 19, Congregation Or Ami will host a Break Fast Meal. Congregants will be able to enjoy a full meal immediately upon the conclusion of the holiday, prepared by Congregation Or Ami's Kitchen Committee. Please consider making a donation to help offset this cost by indicating so on the following High Holy Days form.

## High Holy Day Beautification & Security Fund

If you would like to make a special donation toward beautifying our synagogue or providing security for the High Holy Days, please indicate on the following form.

## Book of Remembrance

For all four Yizkor services during 5779 (Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret, Passover, Shavuot), we will be using a specially printed Book of Remembrance that recalls the names of beloved relatives. (A minimum contribution of \$10 per name is suggested).

# High Holy Days Forms 2018/5779

MEMBER NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

## High Holy Days Tickets

I would like to request guest tickets for the following members of my immediate family:  
(Please consider a minimum donation of \$36 per ticket)

Name	Relationship
Name	Relationship
Name	Relationship
Name	Relationship

I would like to request tickets (\$180 each) for the following guests/friends:

Name	Name
Name	Name

## Babysitting

Please reserve space in babysitting for my children (check all that apply):

Name & age	Rosh Hashanah I	Erev Rosh Hashanah II	Rosh Hashanah II	Kol Nidre	Yom Kippur

## Beautification & Security Fund

I would like to make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_ to the Beautification & Security Fund.

## Yom Kippur Break Fast

I would like to make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_ to the Break Fast.  
(A donation of \$36 per family is suggested)

Total Number Attending per family \_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018.**

# Book of Remembrance Form 2018/5779

Names must be submitted to appear in the Book of Remembrance

MEMBER NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

**Names for whom a donation is made will be read aloud.**

*If you prefer them not to be read aloud during Yizkor, please check here*

**If you would like to include the same names as last year, please check here**   
**and add any additional names in the spaces below.**

Please list the following name(s) for inclusion in the 5779 Or Ami's  
Book of Remembrance:

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| 1. _____ | 6. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |

By (your name(s)): \_\_\_\_\_

(A contribution of \$10 per name is suggested)

## Yizkor Memorial Plaque Form 2018/5779

**I wish to order a Memorial Plaque and have enclosed \$360 per plaque.**

English Name \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name \_\_\_\_\_

English Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Death:  Before Sunset  After Sunset

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK BY FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2018.**

## Lulav and Etrog Orders



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check one or more of the choices below:

- Standard Etrog & Lulav Set - Fully Assembled **\$45.00**
- Deluxe Etrog & Lulav Set - Fully Assembled **\$55.00**
- Premium Etrog & Lulav Set - Fully Assembled **\$65.00**

**Total Order: \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.**

**★Made In Israel★**

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## High Holy Days Packet Checklist and Payment Roster

This form must accompany any paperwork that you send back to the office.

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (Member 1)

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ (Member 2)

FORM	AMOUNT	PLEASE CHECK
Congregation Or Ami Member Ticket(s)	<b>No Fee</b> 2018-2019 dues commitment form must have been submitted. <i>If submitted, thank you, and if not, please find enclosed.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest Ticket(s) for Immediate Family Member (≥\$36 each)	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest Ticket(s) for Friends (\$180 each)	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
Babysitting	No Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beautification and Security Fund	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
Yom Kippur Break Fast	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
Book of Remembrance	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
Memorial Plaque in Sanctuary	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lulav and Etrog	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Only one check is required for all your High Holy Days needs. However, please **DO NOT** combine High Holy Days payments with annual giving (dues) payments.  
Thank you for your fees and contributions!*

**Please enclose your check made payable to Congregation Or Ami for the total amount noted above along with the completed forms no later than**  
**Friday, August 31, 2018 to:**  
Congregation Or Ami  
3443 Wilcrest Drive  
Houston, Texas 77042

**Please contact Becca in the synagogue office with any questions,  
713-334-4300 or houstonorami@gmail.com.**