



**Come Home for the High Holy Days  
2020/5781**



**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.***



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Dear Friend,

We welcome you to join us for our High Holy Day worship services as we usher in a New Year that reminds us of the importance of community in our lives. As we made the difficult decision to hold our services on the Zoom platform, we still celebrate the joy, song, and continued growth of Congregation Or Ami. During the High Holy Days we pause, reflect, strengthen and support one another as our synagogue community gathers in a different way.

While the coronavirus pandemic has impacted our physical connections, we continue undeterred to bring our community together with regular Shabbat services, monthly Limmud Shabbat discussions, Lunch & Learn, and an array of programs for kids & adults on Sundays throughout the year. Rabbi Estes has provided a worship experience every day, morning and evening, and still holds our monthly "Ask the Rabbi" discussion.

For the coming holidays, Rabbi Estes and the Ritual Practices Committee have sought to create a worship atmosphere in which we accept the extraordinary situation but still draw upon our spiritual resources to lead better personal and communal lives. Although it will be challenging, we hope that everyone will recognize that our spiritual gathering transcends physical space. Rabbi Estes and Dr. Rebecca Musher Gross will once again lead the services. This year marks Dr. Gross' twenty ninth year serving as cantor for these services.

**We will have separate youth services. A different Zoom link will be provided to those who return their packet with youth service registration.**

We will again be using the Machzor Lev Shalem. Registered guests may borrow a machzor for the duration of the High Holy Days. Please contact the synagogue office for information on borrowing or purchase if you prefer. **We strongly recommend you use a physical book during our online services. We will not be displaying the prayers online.**

The enclosed packet of High Holy Days information has been prepared to assist you. There are many changes for this year, so review it carefully. Please make note of service times, a change in Tashlich, and the new "The Shofar Must Go On." **Please return your forms by Friday, September 4, 2020.**

**Upon receipt of your packet, you will be sent the special Zoom link to use for all services.** It is equivalent to your ticket and we ask that you help us maintain the integrity and security of the admission process by not sharing it. If you have any questions or need help setting up Zoom, **please call Anne Perlmutter, 713-516-6776, Ritual Practices Committee chair.** (Services will not be simulcast on Facebook Live.)

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

B'Shalom,

**Allan Quiat**  
**President**

**Anne Perlmutter**  
**Chair, Ritual Practices**

## Schedule of Services 2020/5781

Service	Date	Time
Selichot Night Live Services online Conservative Movement nationwide event	Saturday evening, September 12	7:30 pm <i>Check e-mail for link</i>
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Friday evening, September 18	6:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah 1 <sup>st</sup> Day Youth Services	Saturday, September 19	9:00 am 10:00 am
Erev Rosh Hashanah 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	Saturday evening, September 19	8:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	Sunday, September 20	9:00 am
“The Shofar Must Go On” Or Ami parking lot gathering	Sunday, September 20	3:00 pm
Shabbat Shuva	Friday evening, September 25 Saturday, September 26	6:45 pm 9:30 am
Family Tashlich Service <b>Arthur Storey Park</b>	Sunday, September 27	9:30 am <i>(Please arrive 15 minutes prior to walk to the water)</i>
Kol Nidrei	Sunday evening, September 27	6:30 pm
Yom Kippur Day	Monday, September 28	9:00 am
Youth Services		10:00 am
Minchah & Neilah	Zoom opens at 4:30pm to visit	5:00 pm-7:30 pm
Havdallah and Hamotzei	Monday evening, September 28	Approx. 7:30 pm
Sukkot begins on Friday evening, October 2, 2020		

### 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 at our morning services. The tallit is also worn at the Kol Nidre service. Please contact the office if you need a kippah.

### 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 **Arthur Storey Park**. Please go directly to the park parking lot as we will not be walking together. We will meet on **Sunday morning, September 27, 2020 at 9:15 am to walk together to our 9:30 am service. All attendees MUST WEAR A MASK. Proper social distancing of six feet between households will be strictly enforced.** Please bring small pieces of bread to cast into the stream.

## **High Holy Days Tickets**

Guest admission is available for members of the Jewish community to attend our High Holiday services. In order to support and sustain the good work of Congregation Or Ami during the coming year, we ask that you contribute at least \$72 per person. *Non-members may apply the cost of High Holiday admission toward membership dues through July 2021.* Dependent children and college students will be admitted with their parents at no additional cost. The same link will be used for all Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.

## **Youth Services**

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. Please register your child or children with names and ages on the enclosed form so that we may plan accordingly. Youth services will be held on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur Day.

## **“The Shofar Must Go On”**

Our Reopening Committee has developed a program that allows us to meet with social distance in a safer outdoor activity. On the afternoon of our second day of Rosh Hashanah, we will meet in the Or Ami parking lot to hear the shofar in person. Everyone is asked to stand by their cars and remain masked. Please be aware the building will be closed and restrooms unavailable. This short gathering is your chance to hear a shofar in person. It will be a blast!

## **Yom Kippur Break Fast**

While we aren't able to have our traditional Break Fast Meal, we will conclude with our Havdallah service and Hamotzei. We welcome everyone to have a small snack prepared and ready to break fast together on the Zoom call. Although we can't enjoy the Rochman's traditional smoked salmon, they will supply that recipe to anyone who makes a donation to the Online Break Fast Fund. In addition, Jean Quiat, our Kitchen Committee chair, will supply the recipe of the delicious chocolate and peanut butter “Buckeye Bars” to those who donate.

## **Technology Fund**

To enhance our service, we would like to purchase some equipment to make the audio more clear for the length and number of services. If you would like to make a special donation toward that purchase, please indicate on the following form.

# High Holy Days Form 2020/5781

GUEST NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER (please indicate type): \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## High Holy Days Tickets

I would like to request guest tickets at \$72 per person for the following adults  
(dependent children in college or younger are included with parents):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship

## Technology Fund

I would like to make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_ to the Technology Fund.

## Yom Kippur Online Break Fast

I would like to make a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_ to the Online Break Fast and  
look forward to the smoked salmon and Buckeye Bars recipes.

(A donation of \$18 per family is suggested)

## Youth Services

My children will attend Youth Services. Please expect:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Age

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Age

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2020.**

## High Holy Days Packet Checklist and Payment Roster

This form must accompany any paperwork that you send back to the office.  
Thank you so much!

FIRST NAME: _____	LAST NAME: _____
FIRST NAME: _____	LAST NAME: _____

	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Guest Tickets	≥\$72 per person	\$
Technology Fund	Optional Donation	\$
Online Break Fast	Suggested donation of ≥\$18 per family	\$
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b>		\$

Only one check is required for all your High Holy Days fees and contributions.  
Thank you very much!

**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, SEPTEMBER 4, 2020 to:**

Congregation Or Ami  
3443 Wilcrest Drive  
Houston, Texas 77042

**Please contact Becca in the synagogue office with any questions by phone, 713-334-4300 or e-mail, [houstonorami@gmail.com](mailto:houstonorami@gmail.com).**