



Come Home for the High Holy Days 2020/5781



**Services led by:
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*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 our 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.

We eagerly await the time when we can worship together in the sanctuary in 5781. Until then, 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. You should have already received information about how to borrow a copy. **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 and annual commitment form, 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 with those you haven't registered as guests. 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 st Day Youth Services	Saturday, September 19	9:00 am 10:00 am
Erev Rosh Hashanah 2 nd Day	Saturday evening, September 19	8:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah 2 nd 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 Arthur Storey Park	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

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 2020-2021 dues commitment form**), will receive an email with a Zoom link for our High Holy Days services. The same link will be used for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Dependent children and college students of our members will be able to access services on your choice of either the same device or an additional device. Adult immediate family of our members may access our Zoom for a suggested donation of \$36 per person. The general Jewish community will be offered our link for a suggested donation of \$72 per adult (dependent children in college or younger are included with parents). Non-members may apply the donation toward membership dues through July 2021.

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.

Book of Remembrance

Our traditional Yizkor book will be electronically shared during the Yizkor service. The names of beloved relatives will be displayed and will advance as they are read (if desired). A minimum contribution of \$10 per name is suggested.

High Holy Days Forms 2020/5781

MEMBER NAME(S): _____

High Holy Days Admission

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

_____	_____
Name	Relationship
_____	_____
Name	Relationship
_____	_____
Name	Relationship

I would like to request admission for the following guests/friends:
(suggested donation of \$72 per guest):

_____	_____
Name	Name
_____	_____
Name	Name

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.

Book of Remembrance Form 2020/5781

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

Names will be displayed on the Zoom platform. Please check here to consent.

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
5781 Or Ami 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 2020/5781

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

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Lulav and Etrog Orders



Name _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

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.

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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 Admission	No Fee 2020-2021 dues commitment form must have been submitted. <i>If submitted, thank you, and if not, please find enclosed.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest Admission for Immediate Family Member (≥\$36 each)	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guest Admission for Friends (suggested ≥\$72 each)	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technology Fund	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online Break Fast (suggested ≥\$18 per family)	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
Book of Remembrance (suggested ≥\$10 per name)	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
Memorial Plaque in Sanctuary	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lulav and Etrog	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>

All fees may be combined on one check but 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, September 4, 2020 to:

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