

**Come Home for the High Holy Days
at Congregation Or Ami
2022 5783**



**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,

With great pleasure, we welcome you to join us for High Holy Day worship services at Congregation Or Ami. Let us all join together to usher in a New Year full of joy, song, hope, and resilience. The High Holy Days give us time to pause and reflect on life, to take stock of all things precious and dear to us. With the pandemic restrictions largely behind us, these holidays offer an opportunity to strengthen and support one another as we gather as a synagogue community.

Looking forward to 5783, we welcome reestablishing our community as more and more congregants return to in-person worship. We continue to bring back the programs that are the traditions and backbone of Or Ami. Young and young at heart will enjoy our spirited Sababa Shabbatot, our monthly stimulating Limmud Shabbat discussions, Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Estes, Senior Trips, Saturday Mincha, Austerlitz Shabbat and an array of programs throughout the 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' thirty-first year serving as cantor.

During the past two years, our Pandemic Response Committee followed evolving guidelines that kept us all as safe as possible. While these guidelines and the state of Covid-19 have changed since our holidays last year, we recognize that some continue to feel more comfortable joining our service online. All of our holiday services will be offered on Zoom. Those attending in person are not required to wear masks, but we remind you if you have any symptoms of illness or have had close contact with someone who has tested positive, please do not attend in-person.

As in past years, we will offer youth services and provide babysitting.

We prepared the enclosed High Holy Day packet to help you in planning for this important season. Please review the packet and return the appropriate forms. We will make tickets available for pickup when you arrive for services.

Please return your forms by Friday, September 16, 2022. If you have any special needs, **please contact Anne Perlmutter, Ritual Practices Committee chair, at 713-516-6776 or email ampvideo@aol.com.**

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,

David Arnold
President

Anne Perlmutter
Chair, Ritual Practices

Schedule of Services 2022/5783

Service	Date	Time
Selichot Services	Saturday evening, September 17	9:00 pm
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Sunday evening, September 25	8:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah 1 st Day Youth Services	Monday morning, September 26	9:00 am 10:00 am
Erev Rosh Hashanah 2 nd Day	Monday evening, September 26	8:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah 2 nd Day	Tuesday morning, September 27	9:00 am
Shabbat Shuva	Friday evening, September 30 Saturday morning, October 1	6:45 pm 9:30 am
Family Tashlich Service	Sunday, October 2	9:30 am
Kol Nidrei	Tuesday evening, October 4	6:30 pm *
*Please arrive by 6:20 pm for a prompt 6:30 pm start.		
Yom Kippur Day	Wednesday morning, October 5	9:00 am
Youth Services		10:00 am
Afternoon study		4:00 pm
Mincha & Neilah		5:00 pm
Congregational Break Fast Meal following services	Wednesday evening, October 5	Approx. 7:30 pm
Sukkah building	Sunday morning, October 9	9:00 am
Sukkot begins on Sunday evening, October 9		

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 on the **Sunday following Rosh Hashanah, October 2 at 9:30AM. 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 Day 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 \$180 per person. *Non-members may apply the cost of High Holy Days tickets toward membership dues through July 2023.* Dependent children and college students will be admitted with their parents at no additional cost. This includes all services and Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg and Yom Kippur Break Fast.

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.

Yom Kippur Break Fast

Following Neilah on Yom Kippur Day, Wednesday, October 5, Congregation Or Ami will host a Break Fast Meal. Congregants & guests 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.

High Holy Days Form 2022/5783

GUEST NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER (please indicate type): _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

High Holy Days Tickets

I would like to request guest tickets at \$180 per person for the following adults (dependent children in college or younger are included with parents):

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

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, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022.

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: _____

	Fee	Amount
Guest Tickets	\$180 per person	\$
Babysitting	No fee	
Beautification and Security Fund	Optional Donation	\$
Yom Kippur Break Fast	Suggested donation of \$36 per family	\$
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED		\$

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 16, 2022 to:

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3443 Wilcrest Drive
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Please contact Becca in the synagogue office with any questions by phone, 713-334-4300 or e-mail, houstonorami@gmail.com.