

**Come Home for the High Holy Days
at Congregation Or Ami
2023 5784**



**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. These holidays offer an opportunity to strengthen and support one another as we gather as a synagogue community.

Looking forward to 5784, we continue our religious services and membership programming 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-second year serving as cantor.

Our holiday services will be offered on Zoom for those who are unable to attend in the sanctuary. A special holiday Zoom link will be sent prior to Erev Rosh Hashanah for you to access our holiday services online. Shabbat Shuva (the Shabbat service between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur) will use the regular weekly prayer link.

As in past years, we will offer youth services and provide babysitting. Youth services will be scheduled for the first day of Rosh Hashanah morning service and Yom Kippur morning.

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 Tuesday, September 5, 2023. 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,

Jennifer Flax Bonnin
President

Anne Perlmutter
Chair, Ritual Practices

Schedule of Services 2023/5784

Service	Date	Time
Selichot Services	Saturday evening, September 9	9:00 pm
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Friday evening, September 15	8:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah 1 st Day Youth Services	Saturday morning, September 16	9:00 am 10:00 am
Erev Rosh Hashanah 2 nd Day	Saturday evening, September 16	8:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah 2 nd Day	Sunday morning, September 17	9:00 am
Tashlich Service	Sunday afternoon, September 17	following services
Shabbat Shuva	Friday evening, September 22 Saturday morning, September 23	6:45 pm 9:30 am
Kol Nidrei	Sunday evening, September 24	6:30 pm *
*Please arrive by 6:20 pm for a prompt 6:30 pm start.		
Yom Kippur Day	Monday morning, September 25	9:00 am
Youth Services		10:00 am
Afternoon study		4:30 pm
Mincha & Neilah		5:30 pm
Congregational Break Fast Meal following services	Monday evening, September 25	Approx. 7:50 pm
Sukkah building	Wednesday evening, September 27	7:00 pm
Sukkot begins on Friday evening, September 29, 2023		

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.” Participants will make the brief walk together to gather for Tashlich at the walking path next to the Robinson-Westchase Neighborhood Library **following Rosh Hashanah day two services, September 17, 2023.** Bread will be provided.

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 2024.* 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, Monday, September 25, 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 2023/5784

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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023.

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 TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 to:

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