

**Come Home for the High Holy Days  
at Congregation Or Ami  
2024 5785**



**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 5785, 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, 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-third year serving as cantor.

Our holiday services will be offered on Zoom for those who are unable to attend in the Strudler-Gladstone Sanctuary. A special holiday Zoom link will be sent to everyone 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 Wednesday, September 18, 2024.** If you have any special needs, please contact Anne Perlmutter, Ritual Practices Committee chair, at 713-516-6776 or email [ampvideo@aol.com](mailto: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 2024/5785

Service	Date	Time
Selichot Services	Saturday evening, September 28	9:00 pm
Erev Rosh Hashanah	Wednesday evening, October 2	8:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah 1 <sup>st</sup> Day Youth Services	Thursday morning, October 3	9:00 am 10:00 am
Erev Rosh Hashanah 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	Thursday evening, October 3	8:00 pm
Rosh Hashanah 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	Friday morning, October 4	9:00 am
Shabbat Shuva	Friday evening, October 4	8:00 pm
	Saturday morning, October 5	9:30 am
Tashlich Service	Sunday morning, October 6	9:30 am
Kol Nidrei	Friday evening, October 11	6:20 pm *
*Please arrive by <b>6:15 pm</b> for a prompt <b>6:20 pm</b> start.		
Yom Kippur Day Youth Services Afternoon study Mincha & Neilah	Saturday morning, October 12	9:00 am
		10:00 am
		4:00 pm
		5:00 pm
Break Fast Meal following services in the Flax Social Hall	Saturday evening, October 12	Approx. 7:30 pm
Sukkah building	Sunday morning, October 13	10:00 am
Sukkot begins on Wednesday evening, October 16, 2024		

### 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) to 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 6 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 short walk together.** Please bring small pieces of bread to cast into the stream.

## **High Holy Day Tickets**

Each adult Congregation Or Ami member in good standing (**i.e., current with financial obligations to Or Ami and has submitted a completed 2024-2025 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 2025. 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 worshipping 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 will be held on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur Day. Ages 8-11 will enjoy their service in the Jerry Rochman Family Library. Ages 5-7 will meet in a classroom. 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, Saturday, October 12, Congregation Or Ami will host a Break Fast Meal in the Flax Social Hall. Congregants will be able to enjoy a full meal immediately upon the conclusion of the holiday, prepared in the Jean & Allan Quiat Kitchen by Congregation Or Ami's wonderful 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 5785 (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 2024/5785

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 BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024.**  
**WHETHER PAYING BY CHECK OR ZELLE, PLEASE INDICATE**  
**“HOLIDAYS 2024” IN THE MEMO TO ENSURE PROPER CREDIT.**

# Book of Remembrance Form 2024/5785

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 5785 Or Ami's  
Book of Remembrance:

- |          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| 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 2024/5785

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check one or more of the choices below:

- Standard Etrog & Lulav Set - Fully Assembled **\$50.00**
- Deluxe Etrog & Lulav Set - Fully Assembled **\$60.00**
- Premium Etrog & Lulav Set - Fully Assembled **\$70.00**

**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 Ticket(s)	<b>No Fee</b> <i>2024-2025 dues commitment form required. If previously 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> (Holidays 2024 in memo)	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT BY ZELLE</b> (Holidays 2024 in memo)	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>

*Only one payment 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 send your forms and payment for the total amount noted above  
no later than WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024.**

**If paying by check, mail to:**

Congregation Or Ami  
3443 Wilcrest Drive  
Houston, Texas 77042

**If paying by Zelle:**

Use recipient  
treasurer@oramihouston.org  
and mail or email forms.

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