



High Holiday Town Hall

Summary

- ✓ After careful consideration including a HERJC congregant task force, membership survey results and consultations with other congregations, we have determined that virtual services are in the best interest of all congregants/families and the community.
- ✓ We have been working hard over the last couple of months to construct an engaging high holiday experience incorporating a series of programming and events in a safe forum that combines virtual services and activities with the ability to participate in a series of live events.
- ✓ We have 7 separate sub committees that have worked diligently to accomplish this and would like to share their progress before opening up to questions.
- ✓ We will be creating a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document to help address some of the more common questions you may have. This presentation and a recording of the HERJC Town Hall will be posted on the HERJC website - [HERJC.org](https://www.HERJC.org) for your reference and convenience.

Honors

- ✓ All honors will be pre-recorded
- ✓ Torah Aliyot, Hagbah & G'lilah
- ✓ Ark Openings
- ✓ Torah holders
- ✓ English readings

Torah Reading

- ✓ Torah and Haftarah readings will be pre-recorded
- ✓ Leyned from the scroll in the Sanctuary
- ✓ No Gabbaim, but will re-shoot if any mistakes

Divrei Torah

- ✓ Pre-Recorded Divrei Torah will be assigned and given by congregants.
- ✓ One 3-5 minute congregant given D'var Torah during the service.
- ✓ A pre-recorded 8-10 minute congregant given D'var Torah can be
- ✓ accessed at any point during the day during all three afternoons, allowing flexibility of any time access. (Private YouTube playlist).

*All pre-recorded material will require Yuntif attire and will invite their nuclear family to join them on the video for the honor if they wish. The more people involved the better the experience will be for everyone

HERJC Holiday Bags

- ✓ We are thrilled to be able to provide every family with a holiday bag which will include everything you need to be make this a memorable and special holiday:
 - Machzor/Machzorim* and Memorial Book
 - Informational pamphlet with schedule of events
 - Tashlich pamphlets and instructions
 - Activity Packets for families with age appropriate supplementary programming
 - Honey candies, and grape juice
 - [Click for more information](#)

- ✓ Nursery and Religious School families will be given their bag during their first day of classes.

- ✓ We are planning a drive-by pick-up in the HERJC parking lot
September 13 from 11:30am-2:30pm and September 14 from 3pm-6pm.
If you are unable to come to the drive-by, HERJC will make arrangements to deliver to your home on September 15 and 16th.

* Please note the Machzor will have a sticker with number attached in the back of the book. Your number will be recorded when you pick-up the holiday bag or when it is delivered. You will be asked to return the Machzor after the holidays (or make arrangements to have the Machzor picked up at your home). We will need your cooperation to insure timely return of the Machzor.

Youth Programming

We will be offering a large selection of youth programming*:

- ✓ Curated activity packets will be distributed to include prayer content, songs, games and family activities.
- ✓ Age-appropriate Zoom sessions in addition to pre-recorded High Holiday experiences.
- ✓ Virtual Erev Rosh Hashanah Youth and Family service led by students.
- ✓ Shirat Haruach - special virtual High Holiday intergenerational family and children services with Morah Rebecca, Hazzan Zakarin and very special guests - renowned national touring Jewish artists - Rick Recht, Shira Kline and Rabbi Josh Warshawsky. This program will be a pre-recorded, personalized service that will be available on and after Yom Kippur to be watched on your own schedule.

[*Click here for more info](#)

Yamim Noraim

- ✓ Zoom Erev Rosh Hashanah services
- ✓ Live Streamed Interactive Kol Nidre service with Double Bass opening piece
- ✓ Live Streamed Abbreviated services Rosh Hashanah mornings and Yom Kippur morning
- ✓ Pre-recorded Congregant given Divrei Torah offered both during and after services
- ✓ Socially Distanced Community Shofar blowing on Sunday afternoon at 3pm, 4pm & 5pm
- ✓ Zoom Virtual Haftarah learning with Rabbi Warmflash on Yom Kippur afternoon
- ✓ Zoom Mincha, Neilah & Havdalah on YK
- ✓ Open Ark meditations in sanctuary between RH and YK by appointment (Masks required)
- ✓ Community Tashlich at Willow Pond in Hewlett (Duck Pond) on
Tuesday 9/22 and Thurs 9/24 at 6:30pm following pick up from Religious School.

Technology

- ✓ High quality video experience using a professional production company with producer/professional cameras and equipment
- ✓ 2 live rehearsals
- ✓ Hazzan live in the Sanctuary with a minyan
- ✓ Integration of pre-recorded materials
- ✓ On site congregant support and AV assistance with any technical issues
- ✓ 4 live streamed services (RH1, RH2, Kol Nidre & YK morning)