



Update Re: High Holy Days 5781

In my August 26th letter to the congregation I noted plans for virtual first services and programming so as to focus all of our energies on providing a high-quality, soulful, and engaging streaming/online experience. In that same letter I also promised to revisit the potential for in-person worship as the High Holy Days drew closer.

Given that the state of public health remains positive, and after meeting with the Reopening Committee last week, I am pleased to inform you that we will welcome a limited number of congregants to TBE for both days of Rosh Hashanah. In doing so, it is important to call out that due to social distancing requirements, as well as security considerations, **reservations are required for admission to Rosh Hashanah services.**

In-person attendance for Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur will be assessed in a similar manner next week.

We are using a Google form to catalog reservations. Please click the link immediately below to reserve your seats now, or call the TBE Main Office for more information.

RESERVATION LINK

Enclosed are important guidelines to attend in-person - you will see this in the reservation form as well. These requirements must be agreed to by all those attending service at TBE.

- Masks covering the mouth and nose must be worn at all times.
- Everyone must clean their hands with hand sanitizer upon entering (provided at entrance).
- Adhere to proper social distancing - minimum of six feet.
- Remain in/at your seat when in the Main Sanctuary.
- No congregating anywhere in or around the building without social distancing.
- Children attending services must be 12 years of age or older, remaining with a parent at all times.
- Requirement to consult your physician if considered high-risk as defined by the CDC.
- Stay home if you are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms or feel sick.

If you have or received a Mahzor while picking-up your “Home for the Holy Days” bag, please bring it with you to service. Also please bring a tallit/yarmulke (kippah).

Again, I hope that in the services and programming offered this year you will find sacred spaces, access to the traditions of old, and opportunity to establish new traditions of your own. The [High Holy Day schedule](#) was enclosed in the recent KOL. If you have not yet visited and bookmarked the [TBE website](#), do so today for access to additional resources and to stay up-to-date.

On behalf of the Officers and Board of Directors, may 5781 bring health and peace to each of you and the people of Israel.

L'shana tovah u'metukah.

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