

High Holy Days

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Erev Rosh Hashana
September 12
1 Tishri

Rosh Hashana
September 13/14
1 Tishri/2Tishri

Erev Yom Kippur
September 21
10 Tishri

Yom Kippur
September 22
10 Tishri

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Service Locations

Services will be held at either Beth Tikvah or Holy Family Church. Holy Family is located at 2515 Palatine Road, Inverness, between Barrington and Roselle Roads. Service times and locations are summarized on the back cover of this booklet.

GREETINGS

Dear Members of the Beth Tikvah Family:

Another year has passed, and we are once again uniting to thank God for the gifts in our lives and celebrating as a community. Once again, thanks to the generosity of spirit of our friends at Holy Family Parish, we have the opportunity to celebrate the Holy Days together as one congregation. We will be able to feel the strength and vitality of our congregational family as we worship together. In these difficult times may we gain strength from one another.

The Yamim Noraim (Days of Awe) are a time for reflection. They are a time to consider our lives in relationship to one another and to God. For many of us, 5767 was, in balance, a year of growth and joy; for others it was a year that brought pain and hardship. Regardless of the year that has past, we enter 5768 with hope. Hope for a peaceful world, hope for success and health for our families, hope for the well being of our community.

Leslie, Jacob, Aden and Abigail join me in wishing you and your families a Shanna Tova U'mitukah, a good and sweet new year.

Shalom, Rabbi Max Weiss

RABBI MAX WEISS
RABBI EMERITUS HILLEL GAMORAN
ILANA AXEL, CANTORIAL SOLOIST
CANTOR EMERITUS MENAHEM KOHL
ROKKI PARRINELLO, EDUCATOR
MICHAEL MYERS, PRESIDENT

GREETINGS

The High Holidays are periods of introspection and prayer. They are also special moments that we spend with our families and friends. We think about the previous year and also our hopes and dreams for our future. As we prepare ourselves, we also remember our loved ones who are no longer with us. Our services are filled with prayers and songs as well as rituals which unite us with our temple community.

Again this year we will be united as one community during these services. By going off-site, we will feel the strength and joy that comes from a thousand voices joined in prayer. Additionally, those services at Beth Tikvah will link us with the past and future. Rabbi Emeritus Hillel Gamoran will be joining us this year as we start Beth Tikvah's 50th Anniversary year.

The Ritual Committee strives to make these holidays easier for our congregants. This High Holiday Handbook includes descriptions, dates, locations, and times for all of our High Holidays. Please keep this handbook for your reference. Please sign up to bring a plated dish for Rosh Hashana and Break the Fast to share with the community.

On behalf of the Ritual Committee and our families, we wish you a happy and healthy new year. May you be inscribed in the Book of Life.

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HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE

Yamim Noraim literally means the "Days of Awe." This refers to the High Holy Days, specifically *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur*, and is marked by a ten-day period during which we engage in prayer, introspection, and repentance. Our various High Holy Days Services are geared toward different segments of our community.

Congregational Services

The Congregational services are liturgically comprehensive. The sermon topics are related to adults and children 5th grade and older. For families who wish to worship together, please be responsible to maintain the dignity of the service. If your children require a repast, please step out of the service and return at an appropriate time. The music includes participational melodies as well as choral settings. Preregistered babysitting and Children's services are available.

Children's Services

Concurrently with the morning Congregational services, two separate services will be held, one for 4 year old through first graders and the other for second through fourth graders. The prayers and music are appropriate for younger children.

Family Preschool Services

The Family Preschool services are designed for preschool youngsters. Our youngest members are engaged with age-appropriate stories and singing while sitting together on the floor with their family. These services are held at Beth Tikvah after the Congregational services.



HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE

SELICHOT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2007
BETH TIKVAH

8:00pm Program
10:30pm Dessert Reception
11:00pm Selichot Service

Selichot Services introduce the Penitential Season. Traditionally, Jews gather late at night on a Saturday before *Rosh Hashana* to prepare for the Days of Awe. The late hour and the themes articulated in the liturgy begin to set the tone for the days ahead. Together we shall prepare our hearts and minds. LAFF will host the dessert reception between the program and services.

ROSH HASHANA

EREV ROSH HASHANA

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2007
HOLY FAMILY

8:00pm Evening Service

Rosh Hashana literally means "Head of the Year," and refers to the beginning of a new Jewish year. This holiday, on the first day of the month of *Tishri*, provides an opportunity for each of us to examine our actions from the preceding year. Since Jewish days begin in the evening, *Erev Rosh Hashana* is the evening service.

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ROSH HASHANA, FIRST DAY THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2007 HOLY FAMILY

10:00am Congregational Service
..... Children's Service
..... Oneg follows Service

*In the seventh month, on the first day of the month,
you shall observe complete rest, a sacred occasion
commemorated with loud blasts. (Lev. 23:24)*

Everyone is invited to bring goodies to share for the
Oneg following Services.

TASHLICH/FAMILY PRESCHOOL SERVICE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2007 HIGHLAND LAKE/BETH TIKVAH

1:30pm Preschool Family Service
2:00pm Tashlich Service

After the conclusion of services on the First Day of *Rosh Hashana*, we will meet at Highland Lake by the Temple and participate in Tashlich (to cast or throw). It is a tradition on *Rosh Hashana* to go to a river or a stream to cast our sins symbolically into the water. The key passage in this ceremony, which sometimes involves throwing pocket lint or bread crumbs into the water, is from Micah 7:19, "*God will have compassion upon us: God will subdue our iniquities and you will cast (tashlich) all their sins into the depths of the sea.*" Metaphorically, as the eyes of fish never close, so God always watches for our sins to be cast away. The service and songs are appropriate for members of all ages.

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ROSH HASHANA, SECOND DAY
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2007
BETH TIKVAH

10:00am Congregational Service



SHABBAT SHUVAH
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2007
BETH TIKVAH

8:00pm Shabbat Service

Shabbat Shuvah or the Sabbath of Return (to God) falls between *Rosh Hashana* and *Yom Kippur*. This Service includes our yearly, "Ask the Clergy" session. Bring whatever questions are on your mind and see what Rabbi Weiss and Cantorial Soloist, Ilana Axel have to say.

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EREV YOM KIPPUR - KOL NIDRE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2007
HOLY FAMILY

8:00pm Evening Service

Kol Nidre is an Aramaic passage found toward the beginning of evening services on *Yom Kippur*. It has acquired such significance that we refer to the entire evening service of *Yom Kippur* as "*Kol Nidre*." We have such an emotional attachment to *Kol Nidre*, probably because of its haunting and plaintive melody, chanted in front of the held Torahs, that it remains a highlight of the High Holy Days observance.

YOM KIPPUR

YOM KIPPUR DAY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2007
MORNING, HOLY FAMILY/
AFTERNOON, BETH TIKVAH

10:00am Congregational Service

..... Children's Service

2:30pm Family Preschool Service

3:30pm Afternoon Service, Yizkor and Neilah
Break the Fast following Services

The Day of Atonement is considered the holiest day on the Jewish calendar. This is a time when we ask for forgiveness for our transgressions during the past year. It is customary to fast, pray, and repent from sundown on the eve of *Kol Nidre* through sundown, unless physical health is jeopardized. Stay for a light Break the Fast.

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SUKKAH RAISING & DECORATING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

BETH TIKVAH

9:00am Men's Club Sukkah Building
Class time.....Religious School Decorating

Men's Club will provide the wood and Sisterhood will provide the corn stalks for the roof. Religious School students will be decorating the *Sukkah* during their classes.

SUKKOT

WED. EVENING, SEP. 26, 2007

THUR. MORNING, SEP. 27, 2007

BETH TIKVAH

7:00pm Family Service
10:00am..... Congregational Service

Sukkot commemorates the safe passage made by the Israelites and gives thanks for a plentiful fall harvest. *Sukkot* is celebrated by prayer, eating our meals in the *sukkah*, and shaking the *lulav* and *etrog*.

SIMCHAT TORAH JAM/SERVICE/YIZKOR

WED. EVENING, OCT. 3, 2007

THUR. MORNING, OCT. 4, 2007

BETH TIKVAH

7:00pm Family Service and Simchat Torah Jam
10:00am..... Congregational Service, including Yizkor

One of our joyous services of the entire year, we celebrate the completion of our annual cycle of Torah reading by removing all of the scrolls from the ark and singing and dancing as they are carried throughout the congregation. We will be joined by a band and dance to wonderful Klezmer and Israeli music.

TICKET POLICY

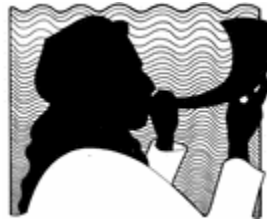
Tickets for the Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services are privileges of membership in Beth Tikvah. Tickets will be sent to all members in good standing.

If you are going to be out of the area during the High Holy Days, please contact the Temple office about receiving reciprocal tickets for the local Union of Reform Judaism Congregation in that area.

Please make sure that you bring your tickets for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur Services, as they are required for admission.

There is no charge for tickets for Members and adult dependents whose permanent residence is with you.

Members paying Single Members dues will receive one ticket.



There is no charge for tickets for your children entering Grade 5 or older who can attend the Congregational Services. Tickets are not issued for your children ages 4 years old through 4th grade. These children are welcome to the Children's Services.

For your children under 4 years of age, Family Preschool Services are available for the first day of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. Babysitting, with advance reservations, is available for the Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur Services.

TICKET POLICY

For relatives of Beth Tikvah Members who do not live in the Beth Tikvah area, tickets are available for \$150 for both Holy Days per person or \$75 per Holy Day per

person.

Persons who live within the area served by the Temple (e.g. adult children) are encouraged to affiliate with the Congregation and receive their own High Holy Day tickets.



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Special Needs

The Men's Club ushers and Sisterhood greeters will help provide for your special needs. They can be easily identified by their lapel flower. If you forgot your tickets, they will escort you to the office to have temporary tickets prepared. If you or any member of your party require special seating for wheelchair accessibility, please notify an usher. They will work with the Youth Group to help you at the Temple with your shopping bags of donations. If you need any emergency or health-related assistance during Services, please find one of the ushers.



Prayerbooks

We use the Gates of Repentance as the High Holy Day prayerbook. We have obtained additional copies, doubling the number of books from previous years. If you wish to purchase your own copy, they are available through the Sisterhood Gift Shop.

Parking

Parking lot space is ample for our services in Palatine. There are many handicap spaces near the front entrance. There is also a drop-off entrance to allow you to drop-off

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those who have limited mobility before parking.

Child Care

We are pleased to offer child care for 6-month-old infants to three years old for certain services.

Tzedakah

It is an established Jewish custom, emerging from the High Holy Day liturgy, that we make gifts to those in need. Prayer, repentance and Tzedakah shape our destiny.

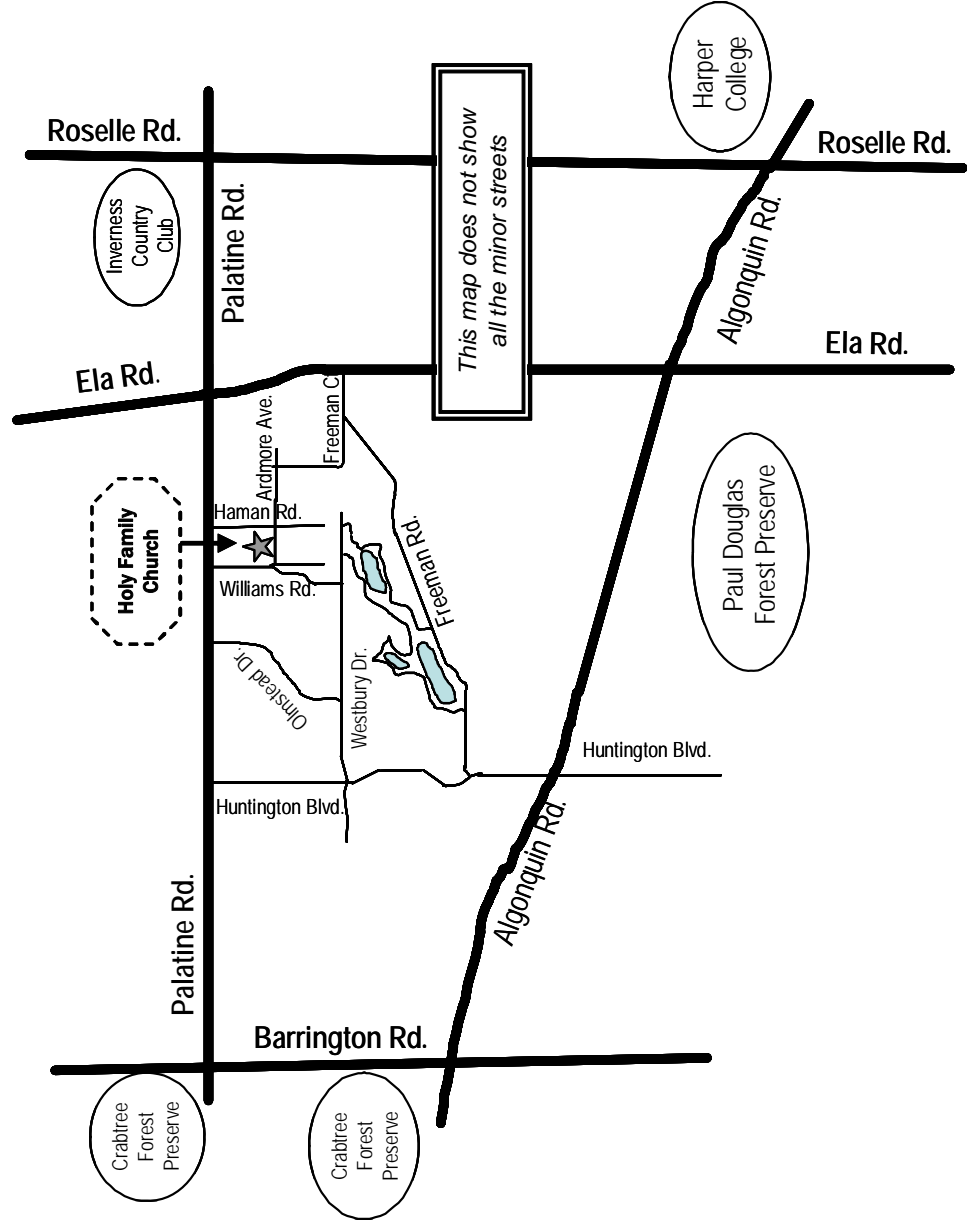
On Rosh Hashana, you will receive a grocery bag with a shopping list. We ask that you fill it with nonperishables and return it to Beth Tikvah. The Confirmation class will sort the items. The kosher items will go to the Ark, and the non-kosher items will go to the Schaumburg and Palatine Township food pantries.



Special Holy Day Enrichments

A special thanks to Amanda and Dan Frankel, Elyce Tecktiel and Ellyn Weisz for the exquisite wall hanging, to Irwin Brottman (of blessed memory) for the magnificent ark that were created especially for these services and to Gayle and Bruce Cohen of Bonnie Flower Shops for the lovely Bima flowers.

***Please be courteous to your fellow congregants;
Please turn off, or put on vibrate, all cell phones
and pagers while in services.***



Yamim Noraim Days of Awe 2007/5768

**Schedule and Locations at a Glance
(see map on reverse side)**

Dates	Time	Service	Location
Sept 5	7pm	PreHigh Holy Day Workshops	Beth Tikvah
Sept 8	8:00pm	Selichot	Beth Tikvah
Sept 12	8:00pm	Erev Rosh Hashana	Holy Family
Sept 13	10:00am	Rosh Hashana	Holy Family
	1:30pm	Family Preschool Service	Beth Tikvah
	2:00pm	Tashlich	Highland Lake
Sept 14	10:00am	Rosh Hashana	Beth Tikvah
	8:00pm	Shabbat Shuvah	Beth Tikvah
Sept 21	8:00pm	Erev Yom Kippur	Holy Family
Sept 22	10:00am	Yom Kippur	Holy Family
	2:30pm	Family Preschool Service	Beth Tikvah
	3:30pm	Afternoon Service, Yizkor, Neilah and Break the Fast	Beth Tikvah
Sept 23	9:00am	Sukkah Raising	Beth Tikvah
Sept 26-27	7:00pm/ 10:00am	Sukkot	Beth Tikvah
Oct 3-4	7:00pm/ 10:00am	Simchat Torah Jam/ Simchat Torah & Yizkor Service	Beth Tikvah