

The World is certainly different than last year, to say the least. The Rabbi, Board and Ritual Committee at Or Shalom are doing our best to make this High Holiday Season as special and memorable as always. There are some changes. Updates will be forthcoming by email. Please reach out to the office, [office@orshalom.com](mailto:office@orshalom.com) or 610-644-9086, for any questions.

### **High Holy Days Community Discussion**

Join us **Tuesday, August 18 from 7:30- 9pm** as we discuss the 5781 High Holy Days. This year will be a different experience from years past. You are invited to join the entire community as we come together and share what makes the holidays meaningful to each of us, how we can support one another during this time, learn about how services may run a little different this year, and talk about how to bring the core messages of the season home. A Zoom invite will be sent out.

All **Services will be via Zoom**. Our Rabbi and the Cantor will be on the Bimah. Services times will be communicated the second week in August. Details will be forwarded closer to Rosh Hashanah.

Please feel free to welcome your unaffiliated friends and relatives to join us. The suggested **Guest Donation** (ticket) is \$500 per family or \$250 per person. This amount may be reduced or waived based on financial situations. All donations will go toward membership dues. We hope more people will join us over the holiday season and for the full year.

If anyone needs a **High Holy Days book (Machzor)** it will be provided. If you have been to our services recently you will remember that the Shabbat book (siddur) was shared on the Zoom screen. This will not be so with the High Holy Days services. You will need a book of your own. We will lend it to you; it needs to be returned. We ask you to pick up your Machzor at the synagogue. You must call or email the synagogue office to “reserve” a book! Dates and times (daytimes and evenings in Sept) for pick up will be provided next month. Masks and Social distancing will be practiced!

Alternatively, you can go to [https://issuu.com/books-rabbinicalassembly/docs/digital\\_mahzor/944?fr=sZTU5ZDE3MDIxNjY](https://issuu.com/books-rabbinicalassembly/docs/digital_mahzor/944?fr=sZTU5ZDE3MDIxNjY) to purchase a digital copy.

We have a **small Gift Bag** for you for the holidays. Also, High Holiday information, usually available at services, will instead be provided in this bag.

This can be picked up at the same time as the Machzor. For whatever reason you cannot come to the synagogue we will arrange to have someone bring it to you.

Finally, if you have children who will be attending **Junior Congregation** please notify the office so we can include junior congregation service packets with your gift bag for their participation.

Stay tuned, reach out, call, email...and an early Chag Sameach.