



## **Temple Am Echad—The South Shore Reform Congregation** **Important High Holy Day Information - Please read and retain**

We welcome the Jewish New Year 5781 on Friday evening, September 18, during a time of significant changes within our community and globally. Considering the new challenges and uncertainties, this year's High Holy Day schedule has been thought about in ways never considered previously. Below is a summary highlighting new offerings, policies and procedures for this year's High Holy Days. In addition to this letter, all information regarding the High Holy Days including broadcasts of services will be available in a virtual lobby at: <https://am-echad.org/HHD/>

### **VIRTUAL SERVICES:**

We will present all of our services in a virtual format which will ensure everyone's safety using a combination of Live Streaming and Zoom services. Specific details will be provided.

### **FAMILY SERVICES:**

This year, we will be offering two different age-appropriate family services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. Family services are suggested for families with children ages 5 to 11 years old. Tot services are suggested for families with children 4 years old and younger. **Family, friends, and neighbors are invited to join these virtual services.**

### **MISHKAN HANEFESH - Machzor for the Days of Awe:**

There are several ways to obtain High Holy Day prayer books: (1) borrowing copies from the Temple; (2) purchasing the Kindle version; (3) using the free flip-book offered by the CCAR; or (4) purchasing copies from the CCAR. Details for each option can be found on the enclosed prayer book loan form which includes times and dates books may be obtained.

A limited number of large print High Holy Day prayer books are available on a first come, first served basis. When requesting to borrow prayer

books, please indicate if large print books are required and we will do our best to accommodate requests.

### **VISITATION BEFORE THE OPEN ARK:**

One of our traditions has been to offer families the opportunity for personal prayer and reflection before the open Ark during the afternoon service on Yom Kippur. We will be providing times between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for families that wish to visit the sanctuary to stand before the open Ark in a safe, socially distanced manner. A time slot can be reserved by visiting our High Holy Day website or contacting the Temple office.

### **FOOD DRIVE:**

In prior years, we collected food to be distributed to organizations in order to assist food-insecure families. Under current circumstances, the need for food has increased significantly. In lieu of food donations, we suggest a donation to Mazon, a Jewish Response to Hunger, by visiting <http://mazon.org>, in addition to our Temple's High Holy Day Appeal.

**For everyone's safety, please do not bring food to the Temple this year.**

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:** The complete schedule of services is included on the reverse side of this information sheet and also on our website at <https://am-echad.org/HHD/> with live links.

***Looking forward to sharing the High Holy Days with you - - even in a virtual world!***

**L'SHANAH TOVAH**

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