

High Holidays at Germantown Jewish Centre

5779

General Information & Policies 2019



General Information:

- Seating: We offer open, unreserved seating at all of our services.
- Prayerbooks: Thanks to the generosity of several donors, GJC now owns a congregational set of the Rabbinical Assembly Mahzor Lev Shalem. If you pray in the Chayry Service or Minyan Masorti, those books will be provided. Should you wish to purchase your own copy of Lev Shalem it is available in the Little Shop. Dorshei Derekh uses the Reconstructionist Mahzor Kol HaNeshamah, which is also available in the Little Shop.

Member Tickets

- All members in good standing (current in dues and financial obligations) receive tickets to our services. Tickets will arrive soon by mail.
- GJC membership entitles the household to tickets for each adult. Tickets are not transferable.
- If you have an outstanding balance, please contact Gloria Geissler, our Finance Director, who will assist you with payment arrangements.

Guest & Youth Tickets

- Children (through college-age) of members in good standing are welcome to GJC for the high holidays (no tickets required).
- Tickets are available for graduate students who are children of members for \$36.
- Germantown Jewish Centre's High Holiday Prospective Member Ticket Program offers free High Holiday tickets to guests considering synagogue membership. If you would like to know more about this program, please visit www.germantownjewishcentre.org/HH-prospective-member-tickets.
- Tickets for other guests are available for a suggested contribution of \$200 each. This contribution will be applied toward membership if those guests become members before January 1st, 2019.
- To purchase guest tickets, please fill out and return the enclosed form by **Friday, August 31st**.

Reciprocity

- Germantown Jewish Centre participates in a High Holiday ticket reciprocity program, so if your guests are members in good standing at another synagogue, they are eligible for free tickets at GJC. To receive the tickets, please provide a letter from their synagogue stating that they are members in good standing.
- If you are a GJC member in good standing and will be traveling to a synagogue that offers reciprocal tickets for the High Holidays, the GJC office can provide a letter to that synagogue to let them know that you are a member in good standing and that you should receive free High Holiday tickets.

Children's Services & Lunch

Children through 6th grade are invited to Children's Services; children in 1st grade and below are invited with an adult. Signs will be posted throughout the building indicating the location of these services. A light lunch is served. Please see separate flyer for lunch details and return with payment to the office by **Thursday, September 6th**.

Childcare & Children's Programming

Childcare is available with pre-registration for children through 1st grade. We also offer programming for children in 2nd-6th grades. Please see separate flyers for more details and return flyer(s) with payment to the office by **Thursday, September 5th**.

Join us at 6:00 pm on Erev Rosh ha-Shanah (Sunday, September 9th) for our Tot Rosh ha-Shanah JAM (Jewish Arts and Movement) program in the Garden of Eden featuring a lush dreamscape, storytelling, and live music, sponsored by the Harold and Renee Berger Family Engagement Endowment Fund. The Rosh ha-Shanah JAM program is followed by a delicious, child-friendly, community meal. Advance registration and payment are necessary by **Wednesday, September 4th** (\$10/adult, \$5/child age 5-12).

Special Programs

- **EREV ROSH HA-SHANAH COMMUNITY DINNER:** Join us at 6:30 pm on Erev Rosh ha-Shanah (Sunday, September 9th) for a hearty, delicious holiday meal in community, catered by Centre Catering (under Traditional Kosher Supervision). Advance registration and payment are necessary by **Wednesday, September 4th** (\$10/adult, \$5/child age 5-12).
- **YOM HADASH: A Path Into the New Year:** Erev Rosh ha-Shanah musical service led by Rabbi Adam Zeff and Nina Peskin, with Hoagy Wing on percussion
At 7:15 pm on Erev Rosh ha-Shanah, in the first moments of the new year, when everything is possible and all ways are open to us, this service offers a chance to come together in self-reflection as the melodies of the High Holidays, as well as melodies from around the world, weave themselves through our hearts, our minds, and our spirits.
- **LAW VS JUSTICE with Reginald Shuford and Rabbi David Teutsch:** At 3:00 PM on Yom Kippur afternoon, Wednesday, September 19th, we invite everyone to participate in our Oscar Bregman Memorial study program, sponsored by an endowment established in memory of Oscar Bregman. This year's program is titled **Law vs Justice** with Reginald Shuford, Executive Director of ACLU Pennsylvania, and Rabbi David Teutsch. Come explore the tension between law and justice.
- **COMMUNITY BREAK-FAST:** Join Rabbi Zeff and his family immediately after Yom Kippur services for a delicious vegetarian meal provided by Centre Catering to break your fast (advanced registration and payment necessary, \$18 per person, children 7 & under are free).
- **KOL D'MAMAH:** GJC's monthly contemplative minyan will meet for a longer service on the second day of Rosh ha-Shanah and on Yom Kippur. Connect with the divine through music, breath & learning. The service includes Torah-based yoga, chant, hand percussion, meditation and contemplative teachings.
- We are pleased to once again offer alternative programs for adults, including text study, meditation spaces and yoga workshops. See Adult Program flyer for the schedule.

Accessibility

- Ushers will be available to assist you for both seating and other needs. Please follow their directions when entering to ensure that the service is not disturbed.
- For accessibility to the Charry Sanctuary and Marcus Auditorium, please use the parking lot entrance. A ramp and elevator are available for access to the Marcus Auditorium.
- A stair lift is available for access to the Maslow Auditorium, Quitman Library, Little Shop and Religious School classrooms.