

High Holidays at Germantown Jewish Centre

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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 Charry 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. Paperless tickets will arrive soon by e-mail. **There is no need to show these tickets at the door.**
- 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, 2020.
- To purchase guest tickets, please fill out and return the enclosed form by **Friday, September 20th**.

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 26th**.

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 full details and return flyer(s) with your child's up-to-date immunization record and payment to the office by **Thursday, September 26th**. Your registration is not complete without an immunization record, and your child will not be admitted without a complete registration.

Join us at 6:00 pm on Erev Rosh ha-Shanah (Sunday, September 29th) for our Family 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 community meal. We welcome you to bring your family and friends! Advance registration and payment are necessary by **Tuesday, September 24th** (\$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 24th** (\$10/adult, \$5/child age 5-12).
- **EREV ROSH HA-SHANAH-SINGING IN 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.
- **RESTORATIVE JUSTICE & FORGIVENESS (Oscar Bregman Memorial Program):** At 2:45 PM on Yom Kippur afternoon, Wednesday, October 9th, we invite everyone to participate in our Oscar Bregman Memorial program, sponsored by an endowment established in memory of Oscar Bregman. This year's program is titled **Restorative Justice & Forgiveness** with Will Cooper-Balis, Manager of The Guild at Mural Arts Philadelphia. The Guild, one of Mural Arts' two restorative justice programs, is a paid apprenticeship program that gives formerly incarcerated individuals and young adults on probation the opportunity to reconnect with their community while developing job skills. Designed to incorporate concepts of community, victim, and individual restoration in every aspect of the program, The Guild seeks to prevent re-incarceration and further the employment or educational objectives of each participant.
- **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, \$20 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 a variety of 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 with 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.