



High Holidays
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CONGREGATION MICKVE ISRAEL

HIGH HOLIDAYS

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Dear Fellow Congregants,

Happy New Year to you and your entire family. We are so excited about the upcoming High Holidays, and we look forward to celebrating them with you. As has been the case for the last few years, we will be making a few alterations this year. Last year, we “doubled-down” on most of the services, because we limited the number of people per service to 150. This year, we believe it is possible that we fill our sanctuary to capacity, so we have chosen a hybrid system, in which we host a second service for Rosh Hashanah morning and Yom Kippur Evening (Kol Nidre) for your comfort; we’ve also moved our Rosh Hashanah family service to later in the day (4pm). So, for the fourth year in a row, we have the opportunity to repeat the phrase, “The upcoming High Holiday services at Congregation Mickve Israel will be unlike any other that have come before.” Please check your schedule for the time and date of each service.

However, our changes are not limited to added services. This year we welcome two new and instrumental members of our staff to their first High Holidays here in Savannah. Welcome to our new Executive Director, Bob Greenberg and to our new Cantor, Rachel Kohlbrenner. Both have hit the ground running and have quickly made themselves integral forces in our community. We especially can’t wait for you to hear our cantor sing alongside ICantori and our organist, Mac Fogel, this holidays season. What an amazing treat for all of us! There is a feeling of excitement, and we cannot wait to join together with all of you to welcome the Jewish New Year, 5784.

We are continuing the use of service passes this year for increased security. Please take the time to fill out the online RSVP form (or contact the office) to let us know which services and meals you will be attending and how many people you will be bringing with you. These forms are simply a means of helping us understand the best way to organize and secure High Holiday services in the future for our growing congregation. If you forget to turn in the forms or bring your service pass, you will still be able to attend any service if space is available by just showing up and checking in at the Welcome/Will Call table. No worries here. If you have any questions, please contact the office, and Bob, or one of the other staff members, will be available to answer all of your questions.

Whether you join us in our beautiful sanctuary or watch online through YouTube, you will be amongst family and friends and be a valuable part of our beautiful community. May 5784 be a year of health for all for us and for our families and friends.

Happy New Year and Shana Tova,

Ron Fagin
President

Robert Haas
Rabbi

Service Sign-up, Service Passes, Guest Information

As we return to a “post-covid” holiday schedule, we will return to a single service for most of the holidays, except for the following heavily attended services during which we offer two service times: First Day Rosh Hashanah and Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre. We invite all of our congregants to submit an RSVP for services and meals you and your family plan to attend, helping us prepare based on congregant sign-ups. If you have not done so already, you may RSVP using the link sent to your email.

Please remember that your RSVP does not guarantee a seat. It is still vital that you bring your service pass (included in the High Holiday packets sent by mail) with you to show greeters upon entry, and that you take your seat before the organ prelude. If you forget your pass, no worries--just request a replacement at the Welcome/Will Call table located outside of the main sanctuary entrance. Congregants and family members will be seated on a first-come, first-seated basis. After the start of the prelude, non-members will be seated if any seats are available. If the sanctuary is full, members and guests will be asked to enjoy the video feed in the Mordecai Sheftall Memorial Hall. If you need additional service passes for family members or guests, please email RSVP@mickveisrael.org. These will be waiting at the Welcome/Will Call table.

If You Need High Holiday Prayer Books

Prayer books are an essential tool and we want to make sure you have these if you plan to watch from home. We use three prayer books during the High Holidays:

1. *The Union Prayer Book For the High Holy Days (UPB) Revised edition*
2. *Mishkan HaNefesh for Rosh HaShanah (Gold book)*
3. *Mishkan HaNefesh for Yom Kippur (Silver book)*

FOR THE MISHKAN HANEFESH BOOKS:

If you'd like to purchase a set of the Mishkan Hanefesh High Holiday prayer books, go to: <https://www.ccarpress.org>.

FOR THE UNION PRAYER BOOK:

A pdf copy will be emailed to you from CMI. The pdf can be read on any tablet, computer, or smart phone. If you require a physical copy, contact the Temple office.

If you need assistance obtaining prayer books, please call the office at 912-233-1547.

High Holidays Schedule, 2023/5784

SELICHOT | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Dinner	7:15 pm (Paid RSVP Required)
Musical Program	8:15 pm
Dessert & Coffee	9:00 pm
Selichot Service	9:30 pm

EREV ROSH HASHANAH | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Dinner	6:00 pm (Paid RSVP Required)
Evening Service	Doors open 7:15 pm Service begins 7:45 pm

FIRST DAY ROSH HASHANAH | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Morning Service I	Doors open 8:30 am (No Livestream) Service begins 9:00 am**
Morning Service II	Doors open 11:15 am Service begins 11:45 am**
Children & Family Service	4:00 pm, Lake Mayer (near tennis courts)
Tashlich & Shofar Service	4:45 pm, Lake Mayer (near tennis courts)
Shofar Service	6:00 pm, Monterey Square

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Morning Service	Doors open 9:30 am Service begins 10:00 am** Luncheon following service (RSVP Requested)
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SHABBAT SHUVA | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Shabbat Shuva Friday Night Service	6:00 pm
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SHABBAT SHUVA | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Shabbat Shuva Morning Service	11:00 am**
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Unless otherwise indicated, each service will be in-person and streamed on our YouTube channel:

[youtube.com/mickveisraelsavannah](https://www.youtube.com/mickveisraelsavannah)

*Childcare is available at times listed with **. Please RSVP with child's name, age & allergies to KtCeliz@Mickvelsrael.org to ensure proper staffing and care for your child(ren).*

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EREV YOM KIPPUR | SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Kol Nidre Service I	Doors open 5:30 pm Service begins 6:00 pm**
Kol Nidre Service II	Doors open 7:45 pm Service begins 8:15 pm (No Livestream)

YOM KIPPUR | MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Morning Service	Doors open 9:45 am Service begins 10:15 am**
Yom Kippur Themed Discussion	12:45 pm
Afternoon Service	2:15 pm
Children & Family Service	4:00 pm
Memorial Service	Doors open 5:00 pm Service begins 5:30 pm**
Concluding Service	Service begins 6:00 pm** Break The Fast following service (RSVP Requested)

EREV SUKKOT & SHABBAT | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Decorating & Pizza in the Hut	5:00 pm
Services	6:30 pm**

SUKKOT & SHABBAT | SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Kid-ish Club	10:00 am
Sukkot Morning Service	11:00 am**
Kiddush Luncheon Sponsored in Memory of Dick Hochman ^{z"l}	

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH & CONSECRATION | FRIDAY OCTOBER 6

Erev Simchat Torah	Service 6:00 pm ** Dinner 7:15 pm (Paid RSVP Required)
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SIMCHAT TORAH | SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

Simchat Torah, Yizkor & Shabbat Service	11:00 am**
Bat Mitzvah of Lily Cowart	

For security purposes we ask you to please bring your "Service Pass" to every High Holiday service. If you forget your pass, we will have extra passes at the Welcome/Will Call table located outside near the main entrance. Members will be allowed to enter 30 minutes prior to service. Non-members will enter during the prelude.

High Holiday Meals

Over the holidays, meals will be prepared by Chef Bryan Graves and his team at Mickve Israel.

Meals on Selichot, Erev Rosh Hashanah, and Erev Simchat Torah will have a fee; other meals on Second Day Rosh Hashanah, the Break the Fast, and Erev Sukkot require no payment, but RSVP's are requested to help us plan. You may register and pay for fee-based meals by using the sign up form sent to your email,

by emailing rsvp@mickveisrael.org, or by calling the Temple office (912-233-1547).

Selichot, Saturday, September 9

Brisket with gravy
Tzimmes
Mixed vegetables
Brown rice pilaf with dates and almonds
Moroccan tomato salad
Dessert and fruit

Members: \$25 per person, Children 12 and under are free.

Non-Members: \$30 per person, Children 12 and under are free.

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sat., Sept. 15

Roasted chicken breast with wild mushrooms,
Apples and thyme
Fingerling potatoes
Braised red cabbage
Vegetable medley
Mixed green salad
Dessert and fruit

Members: \$20 per person, Children 12 and under are free.

Non-Members: \$25 per person, Children 12 and under are free.

Break-The-Fast (RSVP Requested)

Bagels, cream cheese and lox spread
Sliced tomatoes, onion and capers
Tuna salad
Goat cheese frittata with Mushrooms, broccoli and cherry tomatoes
Orzo salad with grilled vegetables and poached salmon flakes.
Yellow stone ground grits with cheddar cheese and green onions on side.
Muffins, croissants, cookies and brownies
Orange Juice and tea

Erev Simchat Torah Friday, Oct. 6*

Grilled salmon with lemon-caper sauce
Couscous with tomatoes, eggplant and artichokes
Green beans with mushrooms and almonds
Caesar salad
Cookies
Dessert and fruit

Members: \$20 per person, Children 12 and under are free.

Non-Members: \$25 per person, Children 12 and under are free.

***Signup available in September**



HIGH HOLIDAY INFORMATION

HIGH HOLIDAY SECURITY

As you know, it's important for us to balance an open and welcoming environment with protocols to ensure safety and security. In order to strike that balance, we have consulted with our Security Committee and instituted the following security procedures during the High Holidays:

1. The Bull Street sanctuary doors will be open for entry at least **30 minutes prior** to each service according to times listed on the schedule provided. Congregants may enter any time after the doors have been opened. Please remember to arrive prior to the prelude. During the prelude non-members will also be seated.
2. Service passes are required for entry, to ensure that only congregants and expected guests enter the sanctuary. If you forget your pass, just check in at the Welcome Table to get a replacement.
3. Soon after services have begun, the Bull Street doors will be closed.
4. If you arrive after services have begun, you must enter through the Wayne Street doors.
5. At the conclusion of each service, we ask you to exit through the Wayne St. doors.

IN-PERSON SERVICES, OVERFLOW VIEWING, YOUTUBE ACCESS

In-person seating will be available to all congregants and family members of congregants this HHD season. However seats are not guaranteed, so we encourage you to arrive early when congregants will be seated first. If no space remains available, you are invited to enjoy the streaming of services in the Mordecai Sheftall Memorial Hall. You may also enjoy the services at home on our [YouTube site](#) as well. Masks are optional at all services. Some congregants continue to wear masks for precautionary health reasons, and we ask all to be considerate of each other's choices.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Congregants are required to be current with their membership commitment by September 14th, prior to the beginning of the High Holidays. For assistance, please contact [Debbie Owen](#) at 912-233-1547.

CHILDCARE

Childcare is available for children from 1-8 years old, available on the 3rd floor at services noted on the schedule with a **. Childcare will begin 15 minutes prior to services. We ask that parents email in advance the dates your child(ren) will be at childcare to [Katie Celiz](#). Please include child(rens) name, age, and any allergies/health concerns. This allows us to ensure proper supervision and care.

PARKING

The City of Savannah has once again provided our congregants with gratis parking for the High Holiday Services held during business hours. *The use of the parking pass provided in the packet mailed to your home must be displayed clearly and you must be legally parked.* Officers will ticket cars that are parked in loading or yellow paint zones. Please make every effort to park south of Liberty Street.

We look forward to celebrating the High Holidays with you.

L'shana Tova Tikateivu. May you be inscribed in the Book of Life.

TZEDAKAH & TIKKUN OLAM



PROJECT ISAIAH

Do a mitzvah this New Year and reduce hunger in Savannah - donate to the annual Jewish Community Food Drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank! Mickve Israel will be collecting non-perishable food donations for Project Isaiah. Drop all your donations at the Temple in the available bins.

“It is to share your bread with the hungry...” Isaiah 58:7

BACKPACK BUDDIES



Congregation Mickve Israel is helping children from public schools this year. We'd like to assist them with school supplies to get their year off to a good start!

- pencils
- lined paper notebooks
- composition books
- erasers
- school glue sticks
- pencil cases
- colored pencils
- highlighters
- folders
- hand wipes

About 2 years ago, in response to the influx of Afghan refugees, CMI adopted an Afghan family and helped them settle in in cooperation with Inspiritus. The family is now expanding and expecting a baby – a 5th child - at the end of September. WMI voted to collect essential baby items and we'll deliver them to the family. You can help out by bringing baby items to a designated bin here at CMI by September 10th.

