

High Holidays 2021 / 5782

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Shalom WRT Family,

We are all looking forward to being together again in person this year for the High Holidays, as NYS continues to reduce COVID restrictions and it is safer to gather together. This year will be different from other years for two main reasons to consider while you are thinking about the holidays: (1) **Rosh Hashanah begins on the Monday evening of Labor Day** and (2) **WRT will offer a choice to all congregants** of in-person services (indoor or outdoor) or live stream services (**live** services that you can join remotely) for each of the holidays. In addition, unlike previous years, Scarsdale schools will start classes on the Wednesday prior to Labor Day.

While we are all enjoying the beginning of the summer and the holidays seem far off, WRT has already begun to plan to help fulfill as many service preferences as possible. To guide our planning, we are providing a **High Holidays registration form** at <u>https://bit.ly/3zBznaC</u>, so you can let us know your seating requests for you and your family. While we cannot guarantee we will be able to honor all preferences, we will do our best as according to our policies set forth below. **Responses received from renewed Members on or before July 19th will be given first priority**. Any requests received after July 19 from renewed members will be processed as we receive them. We are looking forward to a meaningful and enjoyable holiday experience for our entire WRT family.

Here is some important information to help with your decisions regarding your requests on the registration form:

- **Registration Timing:** All registration forms received **from renewed Members before July 19** will be included in the **first priority group**. Any requests received after July 19 from renewed members will be processed as they are received, after processing the requests received before July 19.
- Membership Renewal: We strongly encourage you to renew your WRT membership now, so you can receive your high holiday tickets. You should have received an email from Rabbi Blake on June 9 welcoming us all back to another year at WRT, with a link to renew your membership on-line https://bit.ly/3iL8fQw. You can also access the link on the WRT website by clicking the banner at the top of the page. Of course, you can also print the renewal form and mail it to WRT, as you have done in prior years. We hope you will find the registration process easier this year. If you need any help with membership renewal, please contact the WRT office at 914-723-7727, or receptionist@wrtemple.org.
- Masks/Seating: WRT would like to ensure everyone feels comfortable and safe throughout the holidays. We realize that while some people feel comfortable with complete social contact, others may remain more comfortable with masks and/or social distancing. While we realize the situation may change between now and September, we need to plan now to be able to accommodate as many requests as possible. In an effort to help everyone feel safe and to offer meaningful holidays, we will abide by the following.

- For outdoor services, vaccinated attendees are not required to wear masks; unvaccinated attendees must be masked
- For indoor services, all attendees are required to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, except when speaking from the bimah. Please note WRT has upgraded the ventilation systems throughout the Temple, including the Sanctuary.
- While indoor and outdoor services will not have spacing between groups of vaccinated individuals/families, distanced seating will be available for any families with unvaccinated individuals or for anyone who would like to request being seated with distancing from others
- Services Locations/Timing:
 - Services will be held in three locations this year:
 - The WRT main sanctuary (indoor) adult services only
 - The CJL circle in a tent (outdoor) family/tot services
 - Sunningdale Country Club in a tent (outdoor) adult services only
 - In addition, the services held in the WRT main sanctuary will be available via a live stream.
 - There will be three types of services:
 - $\circ\quad$ Adult suggested for anyone over the age of 12
 - Family suggested for families with children
 - Tot suggested for families with children under the age of 6
 For the adult services, you may choose indoors at the WRT Sanctuary or outdoors at Sunningdale Country Club. All family and tot services will be held outdoors in the CJL circle tent.
 - Given reduced capacity for each of our services this year, we plan to offer more services than we have in prior years, with services expected to be shorter in order to accommodate this change. Adult services will be approximately 90 minutes each. Family services will be approximately 60 minutes each. Tot services will be approximately 30 minutes. Please see the attached chart for service times and locations.
- Live streaming of services will be available this year to everyone, as it was prior to the pandemic, with no advance sign-up or special link. This will be a **live service**, which you can watch at the scheduled service time, and which will also be available for viewing at some time after the holidays. We hope this will make it easier for everyone to access online services.
- **Prayer books:** Prayer books will be provided at services, as usual. In addition, anyone who prefers to follow along on a computer, phone or tablet can purchase the e-book via this link https://amzn.to/3gCOoRY. Anyone who wants to buy their own prayer books can do so using this link: https://bitly/3vFDHmh.

If you are planning to join us via live stream, you can purchase an e-book online or purchase a prayer book (see above links). Unfortunately, we will not have enough prayer books to make these available for at-home use.

- Clergy pairings: The clergy will lead most services in pairs. Rabbis and cantors will rotate through the adult service locations over the course of the holidays, to ensure everyone is able to experience a part of the holidays with many of the clergy.
- **Parking:** For services held at WRT, you may find parking in the WRT parking lot. This year, offsite parking for services at WRT will be offered at the Crossway Field parking lot (across Mamaroneck Road from the Scarsdale Pool), with the shuttle bus to WRT, as we have done in prior years. For services at Sunningdale, there is onsite parking available.
 - Please note that while on the shuttle bus, everyone will be required to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status.
- **Guest Tickets:** Guest tickets will be available this year to your immediate family members, including your significant other, your parents and their significant others, and your children (over the age of 30) and their significant others. Guest tickets will be sent with your tickets, if they are requested via the High Holidays registration form. Young adults up to and including age 30 are eligible for tickets as part of membership, and therefore guest tickets need not be requested for this group, but rather should be included as part of member ticket requests.
- Ticket Distribution: If you renew your WRT membership and submit your High Holidays registration form prior to July 19, you can expect to receive your holiday tickets in early August. This year, we are planning to send tickets via email. You can print your tickets or show them on your phone at the door, along with an ID, to gain admission to services. You can also send the email to other family members, if you will be arriving separately, so they can print/show separate copies.

We encourage you to submit the High Holidays registration form as soon as possible, to assist with our planning and to ensure priority for your choices. We will try to accommodate as many requests as possible, although we cannot guarantee everyone will be granted their first choices. We need your help to make this an enjoyable experience for everyone. In addition, please remember that you must renew your WRT membership to receive your High Holidays tickets.

We now look ahead to a wonderful, safe and healthy summer for our entire WRT family. We also look forward to being together again for the High Holiday services, as we rejoin with old friends and welcome new members to WRT.

L'Shanah Tovah U'metuka - Please accept our very best wishes for a happy, healthy and sweet New Year.

Warmly,

Eli Kornreich WRT Executive Director



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ADULT SERVICES Times and Locations:

SERVICE	TIME	LOCATION	ТҮРЕ
EREV ROSH HASHANAH	5:30 - 7:00pm	WRT Sanctuary	Indoor
Monday, September 6	7:00 - 8:30pm	Sunningdale Tent	Outdoor
ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1	9:15 - 10:45am	WRT Sanctuary	Indoor
Tuesday, September 7	11:30am - 1:00pm	WRT Sanctuary	Indoor
	2:00 - 3:30pm	WRT Sanctuary	Indoor
	9:15 - 10:45am	Sunningdale Tent	Outdoor
	11:30am - 1:00pm	Sunningdale Tent	Outdoor
	2:00 - 3:30pm	Sunningdale Tent	Outdoor
ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2 Wednesday, September 8	10:00 - 11:30am	CJL Tent	Outdoor
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KOL NIDRE / YOM KIPPUR	5:15 - 6:45pm	WRT Sanctuary	Indoor
Wednesday, September 15	7:15 - 8:45pm	WRT Sanctuary	Indoor
	5:15 - 6:45pm	Sunningdale Tent	Outdoor
	7:15 - 8:45pm	Sunningdale Tent	Outdoor
YOM KIPPUR DAY	9:15 - 10:45am	WRT Sanctuary	Indoor
Thursday, September 16	11:30am - 1:00pm	WRT Sanctuary	Indoor
All Yom Kippur services will include Yizkor.	2:00 - 3:30pm	WRT Sanctuary	Indoor
	9:15 - 10:45am	Sunningdale Tent	Outdoor
	11:30am - 1:00pm	Sunningdale Tent	Outdoor
	2:00 - 3:30pm	Sunningdale Tent	Outdoor
Ne'ilah Service	5:00 - 7:00pm	WRT Sanctuary	Indoor

2021/5782 FAMILY SERVICES Times and Locations:

SERVICE	TIME	LOCATION	ТҮРЕ
EREV ROSH HASHANAH	5:00 - 6:00pm	CJL Tent	Outdoor
Monday, September 6	6:30 - 7:30pm	CJL Tent	Outdoor
ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1	9:00 – 10:00am	CJL Tent	Outdoor
Tuesday, September 7	11am - 12noon	CJL Tent	Outdoor
	1:30 - 2:30pm	CJL Tent	Outdoor
KOL NIDRE / YOM KIPPUR	5:00 - 6:00pm	CJL Tent	Outdoor
Wednesday, September 15	6:30 - 7:30pm	CJL Tent	Outdoor
YOM KIPPUR DAY	9:00 – 10:00am	CJL Tent	Outdoor
Thursday, September 16	11am - 12noon	CJL Tent	Outdoor
	1:30 - 2:30pm	CJL Tent	Outdoor

TOT SERVICES Times and Locations:

Service	Time	Location	Туре
ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1 Tuesday, September 7	4:00 – 4:30pm	CJL Tent	Outdoor
YOM KIPPUR DAY Thursday, September 16	4:00 – 4:30pm	CJL Tent	Outdoor