

# What's Included in this Mailing



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- Rabbi Alanna, Rabbi Erin, Carolyn Savitzky & Cheryl Berson

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**NO Entry Fee  
or "Tickets"  
This Year!  
Invite your  
friends & family!**

Digital & fillable  
versions of all forms  
are available  
on our website.

[orhadash.com/high-holidays](http://orhadash.com/high-holidays)



entering. centering. transcending.



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August 2024

Dear Or Hadash Community,

We hope you and your loved ones are doing well, and that you are having an easy and restful summer.

Beginning with the brutal attacks of October 7th and their global aftermath, this year has been one marked by uncertainty, trauma, and disturbing and damaging rhetoric. A global debate about the meaning, nature, and future of Zionism, both from outside the Jewish community and within it, has fueled a resurgence in antisemitism and a rise in internal distrust and disdain between groups of Jews. And also, it's a presidential election year... Yes, the 11 months have been a real doozie - and certainly not the year we were expecting as we gathered for last year's High Holiday services.

As we approach the 5785 High Holidays of *Rosh HaShanah* and *Yom Kippur*, we embrace its liturgy, songs and rituals as an opportunity for entering and centering ourselves - both as individuals and as a whole community. As we journey through the season together, may we find moments of transcending - rising above the din and churning of the media grind - ready to begin the New Year with renewed energy, resilience, and joy.

In addition to Rabbi Alanna and Student Rabbi Sam, Josh McHugh will be returning as cantorial soloist on the 1st day of *Rosh HaShanah* and on *Yom Kippur*. We are thrilled that OH member Ellen Adelman will lend her voice as cantorial soloist on the 2nd day of *Rosh HaShanah*. Rabbi Erin will lead the Youth-Centric services with Dave Levison (of 3 Part Harmony fame) playing guitar. We will again have high holiday activities for children as well as childcare. As usual, High Holiday services and programs in the sanctuary will be hybrid.

We are proud that at Or Hadash, so many hands and voices go into creating and leading the High Holidays in our community. Congregant participation enriches our holiday observances. The following pages describes volunteer opportunities and service honors. **We encourage you to select a meaningful way to participate, whether big or small.** During the first two weeks of September, you will also receive a call from a member of our Or Hadash Board as we reach out for additional volunteer participants and offer greetings on the eve of the new Jewish year.

Finally, we are excited to share that there is **no required entrance fee ("tickets")** this year. While we always appreciate donations, our priority is to welcome friends, family and prospective members to enjoy the Or Hadash High Holiday experience with us!

We are all looking forward to sharing a sweet New Year as we enter 5785!

*L'Shana Tovah!* Happy New Year!

Rabbi Alanna Sklover

Rabbi Erin Hirsh  
Executive Director  
& Director of Education

Carolyn Savitsky & Cheryl Berson  
Spiritual Life Co-Chairs



# Experience Or Hadash

## HIGH HOLIDAYS 5785 2024

Except for *Tashliḥ*, all services and programming will be at Or Hadash.  
Events in the sanctuary are accessible digitally on Zoom & YouTube.

### Saturday night, September 28 – *Seliḥot*

7:00pm Exploring *Teshuvah* Through Creative Modalities  
8:00pm *Seliḥot* Ritual

### Wednesday evening, October 2 – *Erev Rosh HaShanah*

6:00pm Community Dinner & *Rosh HaShanah Seder*

### Thursday, October 3 – *Rosh HaShanah 1st Day*

10:00am – 1:00pm *Rosh HaShanah* morning service in the sanctuary  
Childcare for ages 9 months - 4 years, advance registration required  
10:00am – 11:00am Young Children's *Rosh Hashanah* Experience (Ages 0 - PreK)  
11:00am – 12:00pm Service for Children & Their Grown-Ups - Everyone welcome!  
12:00pm – 1:00pm Children's Activity Stations

### Friday, October 4 – *Rosh HaShanah 2nd Day*

10:00am – 12:30pm *Rosh HaShanah* morning Service in the Sanctuary  
11:00am – 12:30pm Children's Activity Stations  
2:00pm *Tashliḥ* (off-site)

### Friday, October 11 – *Erev Yom Kippur / Kol Nidrei*

6:00 – 8:00pm *Kol Nidrei* service in the sanctuary  
6:30pm Children's Activity Stations

### Saturday, October 12 – *Yom Kippur Morning*

9:30am – 12:45pm *Yom Kippur* morning service in the sanctuary  
Childcare for ages 9 months - 4 years, advance registration required  
10:00am – 11:00am Young Children's *Yom Kippur* Experience (Ages 0 - PreK)  
11:00am – 12:00pm Service for Children & Their Grown-Ups - Everyone welcome!  
12:00pm – 12:45pm Children's Activity Stations

### Saturday, October 12th – *Yom Kippur Afternoon & Evening*

1:00 – 2:00pm Meditation  
2:00 – 3:00pm Healing Service  
3:15 – 5:15pm Presentations on Topics led by the Adult Study *Havurah*  
5:20 – 7:06pm *Yizkor, Minhah & Ne'ilah*  
7:06pm *Shofar, Havdalah & Break-the-Fast*

Our *Rosh HaShanah Seder* has quickly become a beloved tradition. It is intergenerational and inclusive of all!

### Children's High Holiday Activity Stations

crafts, stories, games, & social action.

Suitable for kids age 5+  
Parents should accompany their children.

### And, Save the Dates...

Sunday, October 13  
*Sukkot* program & service

Thursday, October 24  
*Simchat Torah* celebration



# Options for Children & Their Grown-Ups

To support the high holiday experiences of parents, grandparents and other folks with “littles,” and to help our youngest members feel at ease in the sanctuary, there is a small area for babies and young children in the back of the sanctuary. This is for QUIET PLAY only and adults MUST supervise children when they are “praying and playing.”

## Pray & Play



## Children's Activities Stations

We will have a (very) wide range of High Holiday-related activities for kids of all ages in Classroom 203. Come enjoy social action activities, reflection sticks, new year's cards, games, origami, jokes, fortune-tellers, crossword puzzles, word searches, logic puzzles, gematria fun, Hebrew reinforcement activities, coloring pages, color-by-numbers, Jewish Apples to Apples, storybooks, books for older kids, and so much more!

\*There are SO MANY activities, many children will need help choosing what they wish to do.

\*All children who are not signed up for childcare need a grown-up keeping an eye on them when they are upstairs.

## Young Children's Holiday Experiences






Ages 0 - PreK

A perfect opportunity for young children and their grown-ups to celebrate each holiday together. Led by *Morah* (Teacher) **Mackenzie Learn**, our beloved SMILE School *Gan Katan* (PreK) and *Gan* (K) teacher.

## Services for Children & Their Grown-Ups



**ALL AGES WELCOME**

**Rabbi Erin** leads a creative and engaging service perfect for families with elementary school age kids. **Dave Levison** (of Three Part Harmony fame) leads the singing and plays . On *Rosh HaShanah* we blow . **Cheryl Berson** gets everyone up & in costume as we act out a meaningful story. On *Yom Kippur*, we weigh our deeds with an actual  and we get a special visit from Azazel the (scape) Goat. We write our misdeeds on cards and stick them on Azazel, who carries them away!

## What's a Tween or Teen To Do???

The older you are, the more time we hope you will spend in the sanctuary service. At the same time, we would like all the younger kids to see their *madrikkhim* (teen aides) at *their* services and we think you'll enjoy that, too! It's also absolutely fine to spend some time schmoozing with your friends.

**Childcare**  
is on a  
separate page



# HIGH HOLIDAYS @ OR HADASH | 2024/5785 VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION

*When you find “your way” of participating in our High Holiday services and programs, your experience will be more meaningful in a myriad of ways!*

- Choose as many volunteer opportunities as you wish! We will contact you to discuss specifics.
- Feel free to contact **Sharon Starr** (SLC Member) at [sharon.r.starr@gmail.com](mailto:sharon.r.starr@gmail.com) with any questions.
- **Please submit completed form by Tuesday, September 3.**
  - **Mail it:** Or Hadash / 190 Camp Hill Road / Fort Washington, PA 19034
  - **Submit it:** the White Mailbox outside the Or Hadash Office
  - **Email it to:** [office@orhadash.com](mailto:office@orhadash.com)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone or email: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHECK THE DAYS YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO VOLUNTEER OR TAKE AN HONOR:

- Erev Rosh HaShanah:** Wednesday October 2     **Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre):** Friday October 11
- Rosh HaShanah, Day 1:** Thursday October 3     **Yom Kippur Morning:** Saturday October 12
- Rosh HaShanah, Day 2:** Friday October 4     **Yom Kippur Afternoon:** Saturday October 12  
(Yizkor, Minchah, Ne'ilah)

*All Volunteer Roles & Service Honors below are open to any teen or adult member of the OH community*

## VOLUNTEER ROLES

- Digital Host (from Or Hadash)** – Manage the Zoom feed during one or more of our High Holiday services from the Or Hadash sanctuary; this role includes screen sharing, spotlighting.
- Digital Usher (from your home)** – Greet congregants and guests (using the chat function) as they enter services & programs on Zoom, help with mute/unmute, periodically post page numbers and other useful information in the chat
- Sanctuary Greeter** – Welcome OH'ers & guests as they arrive. Check attendance, hand out information
- Sanctuary Usher** – Hand out/return prayer books, offer information, help with seating, maintain quiet
- Lead or Support Childrens' Activities** – nature activities, arts and crafts, stories, or theatre and other games for kids ages 5-12.
- Parking Direction** – Get and receive good parking “car-ma” during High Holiday services
- Shlepper-Team** – Help move chairs, prayerbooks and other items to help get our spaces set up for and taken down after the High Holidays (**shlepping dates: 9/30 & 10/14 in the morning**)

## SERVICE HONORS

- 😊 **Candle Lighting:** light and bless the holiday candles at *Erev Rosh HaShanah* or *Kol Nidrei*
- 😊 **Lead Erev Rosh HaShanah Kiddush**
- 😊 **Blow the Shofar:** on either day of *Rosh HaShanah* (even if you do not have prior experience, everyone is welcome to bring a *shofar* to *ne'ilah*, the conclusion of *Yom Kippur*)
- 😊 **English Reading** in the Sanctuary or online
- 😊 **English Reading** at Youth **Centric Service**
- 😊 **Ark**
- Carry the Torah** through the congregation
  - Lift** or  **Dress the Torah (check one)**
- 😊 **Hold a Torah Scroll** on *Kol Nidrei*

😊 **This Service Honor is open to members of the OH community of all ages & religious backgrounds.**

# A Mitzvah for the New Year

Each month, **4100 individuals** visit one of the 4 Mitzvah Food Pantries in our area



Questions? [SATO@OrHadash.com](mailto:SATO@OrHadash.com)

The Jewish Federation's High Holiday Food Drive is our community's largest and most important coordinated food collection effort of the year.

**Here are two ways to help:**

1. Purchase Gift cards from ShopRite, Acme & Giant so that people in need can choose the items they need for themselves. Gift card **up to \$50** are the most helpful.

**Grocery Store Gift Cards can be deposited in the secure white mailbox outside the OH Office.**

2. Purchase foods through the **Mitzvah Food Pantry Amazon Wish List** so that products you buy will be shipped directly to the Mitzvah Food Pantries.



## Yom Kippur Afternoon

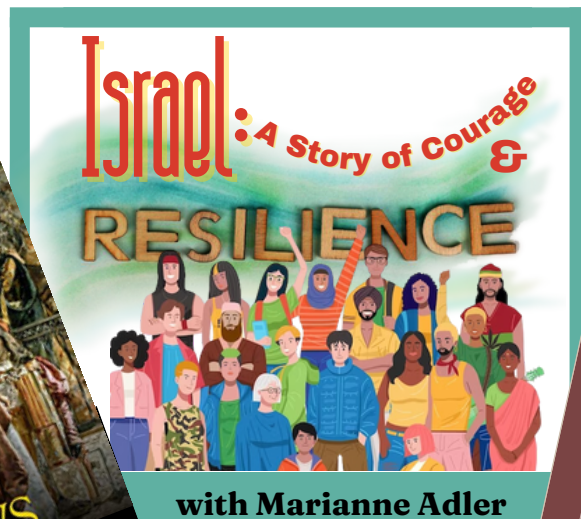
**Saturday October 12 3:30 - 5:30pm**

The Adult Study Havurah has prepared thought-provoking discussions. You are welcome to participate online or in-person.



**This year's theme is:**

## Topics in Jewish History



Questions? Marianne Adler  
[somazoe@comcast.net](mailto:somazoe@comcast.net)



# Parking at OH?



People with disabilities may park closest to the building.

If the Or Hadash parking lots are full . . .

You may park at **Play & Learn** after 6pm  
and on *Yom Kippur* (because it is on a Saturday).



You may park at **Fairwold Academy**  
on both *Rosh HaShanah* and *Yom Kippur* this year  
(Fairwold is closed on all three days this year.)

Our relationship with our neighbors is very important.  
Please only park on their properties at the appropriate times.

**Questions? Concerns? Rob Klotz at 215-518-5530**



## Accessibility

**Our beautiful building can sometimes be challenging for people with disabilities, but we are deeply committed to doing everything we can to be inclusive.**

### We will have a wonderful **NEW Sound System!**

and we will also have close captioning on the screen

The Staircase  
Art Gallery  
is available as a  
**Quiet Space**

In the Solarium, we have tools to support those who are

**Page Magnifiers**

**Assisted Listening Devices**

**Basic Masks**

for those who are  
immuno-compromised

We are also installing  
**NEW Air Purifiers**  
in the Sanctuary & Solarium

### **\*MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY\***

Unfortunately, our *mahzor* (high holiday prayerbook) is not available for purchase with enlarged print to accommodate people with visual impairment. We hope someone will come to our office and scan the pages in the *mahzor* that we will be using in our services so that we can enlarge the pages and put them in a binder before *Rosh HaShanah*.

Are there additional  
ways that we can  
accommodate you?

Contact:  
Wendy Elliott-Vandiveer  
[Inclusion@OrHadash.com](mailto:Inclusion@OrHadash.com)

# Participating Remotely?

Both members and guests are welcome to participate in all High Holiday services on Zoom. The links will be shared in HaKeshet and sent to all registered guests. Services will also be live-streamed and recorded on our YouTube channel.

## You Might Need a *Mahzor*

We do NOT share prayers on-screen during high holiday services, so everyone participating on Zoom or YouTube will want to have a copy of our *mahzor* (high holiday prayerbook).

You can borrow a copy and sign it out from the table outside the OH office beginning September 15, 2024. *No deposit required.*



You can download a free digital version here:

<http://tiny.cc/KNMahzor>



You can purchase your own copy from Reconstructing Judaism for \$65:



<https://readandrite.com/collections/reconstructionist-press>

Questions? Concerns? [Spiritual Life@OrHadash.com](mailto:SpiritualLife@OrHadash.com)



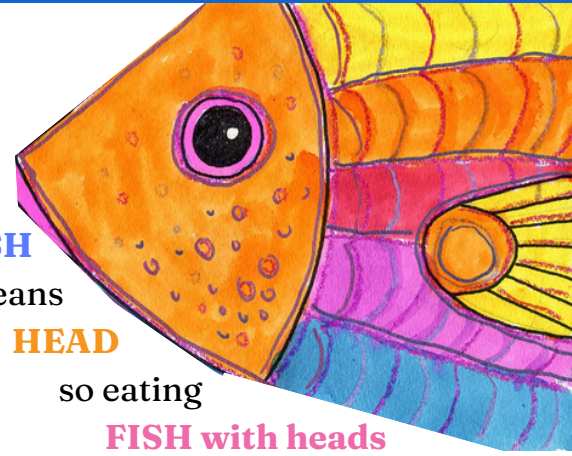
# Sign-Up for High Holiday Meals



## *Erev Rosh HaShanah*

**Seder** (Ritual Meal)

**Wednesday**  
**October 2 6pm**



**ROSH**  
means  
**HEAD**  
so eating

**FISH with heads**

is one of many

*Rosh HaShanah*

**culinary traditions.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Anyone  
Accompanying You: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fee: \$18 per person**

Everyone is welcome regardless of your ability to pay. We have allocated funds to offset the cost for those for whom the fee is prohibitive.

- Please just Melissa Crabbe know if you need an accommodation. [AdminAssistant@OrHadash.com](mailto:AdminAssistant@OrHadash.com).

**How are you paying?**

- By check. Please make check payable to Or Hadash and write "Seder" on the memo line.
- Members may request that we add the charge to your ShulCloud account.

**Please submit check by Wed, Sept 25**

Mail it: Or Hadash / 190 Camp Hill Road /  
Fort Washington, PA 19034

Submit it: the White Mailbox outside  
the Or Hadash Office

Email it to: [office@orhadash.com](mailto:office@orhadash.com)

**Or Hadash will provide  
FISH for everyone.**

Each household is asked to bring a  
SIDE DISH with 6-8 servings  
according to your last name:

- A - C: Carrot**
- D - F: Dates**
- G - I: Pomegranate**
- J - L: Beets**
- M - O: Pumpkin or Squash**
- P - R: Fengreek, Peas or String Beans**
- S - V: Leeks**
- W - Z: Apples & Honey**

## *Yom Kippur*

## *Break-the-Fast*

**Saturday**

**October 12 After 7pm**

Please RSVP

[Office@OrHadash.com](mailto:Office@OrHadash.com)



**EVERYONE  
WELCOME**  
NO ENTRY FEE OR TICKETS REQUIRED

## Guest Registration Form

In order to make our High Holidays accessible to more people, we are no longer requiring guests to pay an entrance fee (“buy tickets”) to join us for any High Holiday service or programs.

*Please invite friends & family  
to experience our wonderful community!*

While we do not require guests to pay to attend High Holiday services, we rely on and are grateful for voluntary contributions, offerings from your heart.

We encourage donations of \$150 per adult to support our warm and welcoming community, or whatever you are able to offer, be it more or less.

- *To add Yourself, Friends and Family to our GUEST LIST, please submit this form BY MONDAY SEPT 23.*
- *Donations can be made by checks payable to Or Hadash with “High Holidays” on the memo line. Checks can be mailed to Or Hadash / 190 Camp Hill Road / Fort Washington PA 19034 OR put in the White Mailbox outside the Or Hadash office.*

*Members may request that we add the donation to your ShulCloud account.*

*Guests should enter through the solarium, where name tags will be waiting.*

YOUR Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# Childcare Information

- Childcare **SIGN UP** on reverse side -

We are delighted to offer childcare again this year!

Parents will find it easier to support their children's participation in whatever youth-centric services and activities are appropriate for them, without having to bring siblings to programming that isn't geared to them. We also hope childcare will make it easier for parents to factor in their own spiritual needs . . . because the High Holidays are for grown-ups, too.

Parents may bring children to childcare and pick them up according to whatever schedule works for them, including dropping off and picking up their children multiple times over the course of the day.

**For children 6 months to 8 years old,  
we are offering childcare:**

*Rosh HaShanah* Day One 10am - 1pm  
*Yom Kippur* from 9:30am - 12:45pm

Our High Holiday childcare provider is a professional educator with all clearances.



If your child is not toilet-trained, please leave a diaper bag in childcare.

**Childcare is only guaranteed if you register by Monday September 23.**

- If you do NOT register in advance, you are welcome to take your child upstairs to ask the childcare provider if they can comfortably take responsibility for your child. They will do so if possible, but we reserve the right to decline if the number of people who wish to drop-off their children proves unwieldy.

**Childcare is being held in the classrooms on the second floor.**

- We regret that the second floor is only accessible by stairs and we regret that there is no wheelchair/ stroller accessible location in which we can hold childcare. Childcare will be based in classrooms 207 and 205, although our childcare provider may take the children in their care to the High Holiday children's activity stations in 203.

## Financial Terms

**One Day: 1 child = \$20 / 2 children = \$35 / 3+ children = \$45**

**Two Days: 1 child = \$40 / 2 children = \$70 / 3+ children = \$90**

- If the fees are prohibitive for your family, please speak to Rabbi Erin [RabbiErin@orhadash.com](mailto:RabbiErin@orhadash.com) about an accommodation.
- Guests must pay *in advance* by check payable to Or Hadash with "childcare" on the memo line.
- Members' childcare fees will be added to their Shulcloud accounts after *Yom Kippur*.

**Interested?** Please complete the form on reverse side ASAP.



# Childcare Sign-Up

## Parent(s) Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Or Hadash Member?  Yes  No

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name & Cell Phone of **anyone else** who may pick up your child from child care:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Child(ren) Information

Full Name of Child	Pronouns	Age	Toilet Trained?
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

If your child is not toilet-trained, please leave a diaper bag in childcare.

What do our childcare providers need to know about your child(ren) to keep them safe and comfortable while in childcare?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature & Date



# Commemorate your loved ones in our annual

## Yizkor Book of Remembrance

*This is a lovely, time-honored way to bring your loved ones near to your heart at this sacred time of year as well as an important way to support Or Hadash.*



The Yizkor book will be available for Yom Kippur services as both a physical booklet and digitally. If you are interested in including your loved ones' names, please submit this form by **Sept 9, 2024**. The cost is \$18/name.

Check here if your listing is the same as last year.

**In the space provided below, please fill in the name(s) to be memorialized.**

**Name(s) to be Memorialized - PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you are adding additional names on the back.

**Please list the name(s) of the contributor(s) exactly as it is to appear in the book:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (e.g. Nadine & Neil Canter; Nadine Canter & family; Nadine, Neil & Jessica Canter)

### How you are paying?

- By check.** Please make check payable to Or Hadash and write "Yizkor" on the memo line.
- Members may request that we add the charge to your **ShulCloud account**.

### Compute the Amount Due:

# of Names \_\_\_\_\_  
 x \$18.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional contribution to Or Hadash \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

This form is due **Monday September 9**. Email [Office@orhadash.com](mailto:Office@orhadash.com) or mail it to: Or Hadash / Attn: Yizkor Book / 190 Camp Hill Road / Fort Washington, PA 19034 or