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Dear Or Hadash Community,

We hope this mailing finds you safe and healthy. We are busy reimagining High Holiday offerings during the reality of COVID-19. As we announced in May at our annual congregational meeting, *Or Hadash is going digital for Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur this year!* In addition to the vast majority of our High Holiday services and programming which will be offered via digital platforms (like Zoom), we are planning to offer in-person (hybrid) options for *Tashlich* and for the *Shofar* service. *All* High Holiday services and programming, will be **fully accessible**; one will be able to participate fully, in all ways, without taking advantage of any in-person options.

At High Holidays at Or Hadash, congregant participation is vital – and this year is no different! Though the honors and roles might look *a little bit different* from years past, we hope that you will be as excited as we are about the opportunities for member participation and leadership during and leading up to Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur 5781.

Please read the form on the reverse of this letter for an **updated** description of volunteer opportunities and service honors. Please take a moment to return the form so you can help guarantee that our congregational offerings are rich in participating members. There will also be a phone-a-thon later in the summer during which you can volunteer.

***L'Shana Tovah!***

Pat Steinberg  
High Holiday Coordinator

## HIGH HOLIDAYS @ OR HADASH | PARTICIPATION & VOLUNTEERS 2020/5781

Please circle the days you want to participate and choose as many volunteer opportunities as you wish. You will be contacted about the specifics. Feel free to contact Pat Steinberg at [psteinbe@verizon.net](mailto:psteinbe@verizon.net), or Marilyn Kass-Jarvis at [Marterp@verizon.net](mailto:Marterp@verizon.net) with any questions. Please mail or email the completed form to Marilyn at the following address:

### PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO:

Marilyn Kass-Jarvis  
405 Michigan Ave., Swarthmore, PA 19081

OR EMAIL IT TO: [marterp@verizon.net](mailto:marterp@verizon.net)

Circle the days you  
are *available* to  
volunteer or take an  
honor

**Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sept. 18**  
**Rosh Hashanah, Day 1, Sept. 19**  
**Rosh Hashanah, Day 2, Sept. 20**  
**Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre), Sept. 27**  
**Yom Kippur Morning, Sept. 28**  
**Yom Kippur Afternoon, Sept. 28**

- Greeting** greet congregants and guests (using the chat function) as they enter services & programs on Zoom, check attendance against RSVP and membership lists, and make sure (via sharing links) that all have access to the prayer book.
- Ushering** be part of our High Holiday tech support team! Ushers this year will help people to mute/ unmute during services, rename themselves, and 1-2 people will even be on call to offer help by cell-phone when needed. If you know your way around Zoom and love to help people find solutions to tech problems, this is the role for you.
- Leading a Spiritual Practice** are you an artist? a writer? a yoga instructor? a musician? For the first 45 minutes of services on Rosh Hashanah, Day 2, we will offer parallel "Avenues to Spirituality" from which people may select. Check this box if you would be interested in leading a 45-minute long offering in this space. Modality: \_\_\_\_\_

### PRE-HOLIDAY PREPRATORY ROLES

- Photo Editing** light video editing such as overlaying words and pictures or creating a photo composite of headshots of members of a committee.
- Video Editing** light video editing (using iMovie, or similar) to help compile montages, holiday greetings and other short pieces that members submit.
- Shlepper-Team** help deliver (contact-free) *High Holiday goody bags* in the lead up to Rosh Hashanah with prayer books, apples & honey, information, and resource materials to OH members.

### SERVICE HONORS

- Candle Lighting** light and bless the holiday candles *live* from the comfort of your own home.
- Lead Rosh Hashanah Kiddush** chant the festival kiddush *live* from home during services on *Erev Rosh Hashanah*.
- Blow the Shofar** blow shofar at one of our 3-4 simultaneous shofar services (*Want to learn to blow Shofar??? We are offering Shofar-blowing lessons for kids and adults throughout the summer!*)
- English Reading** for one person
- English Reading** for two people (i.e.: alternating sections)
- Open/ Close the Ark** pre-record and submit a 5-10 second "holiday greeting" from you or your family to be played during one of the times the ark is opened or closed on the holidays!
- Read the Shofar Calls** *tekiyah! shevarim-t'ruah!* Read aloud the calls for the shofar blower at one of our 3-4 simultaneous shofar services.

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

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