



High Holiday Services 5784

Rosh Hashanah

September 15th–17th, 2023

Yom Kippur

September 24th–25th, 2023

Dear Friends,

I am looking forward to being with you during these upcoming High Holidays, in person and online. Being together with you in a community of shared values, shared history, and shared hopes means a lot to me.

These Days of Awe help us to strengthen each other. The Yamim HaNoraim are precious because they give us a time and a framework to reflect, to remember, and to examine how we live our lives and how we can better confront the darkness that surrounds us. Who among us is not deeply concerned about the future of this country? Who is not worried about the rise of antisemitism here in our own backyards? Who among us is not concerned about Israel-Palestinian relations, growing violence and anti-democratic forces there? We know that the Kehila and Am Kolel communities are responding to these concerns. However, a growing number of people are throwing up their hands, giving up, and feeling that there is no hope. One thing for sure, if we lose hope, if we do nothing, then the dark side wins. Rebbe Nachman of Bratzlav used to say, "*Asur L'hityaesh, it is forbidden to despair! When tough times come, we must go for the higher level to find joy.*" So please come join us (in person if you feel comfortable, or online) and we will sing together and lift up our sense of community, our vitality, and our resolve.

On a closing note, I want you to know that we have begun to pave the way for new leadership on the High Holidays for the years ahead. I will conduct services this September for Kehila and the community, as always. However, there will be a new leader for Kehila High Holiday services beginning next year. Am Kolel will continue to hold services under my leadership in 2024 and welcome new leadership in the future.

As we feel less restricted by COVID this year, may we feel alive, once again, in community, in joyful singing, and in meaningful reflection.

I feel blessed and grateful to have known and served you all these many years. My deep appreciation to the High Holiday Committee, headed up by Jorge Orencel and Arlindo da Silva.

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateyvu,

Rabbi David Shneyer

Rabbi Emeritus, Kehila Chadasha

Director and Spiritual Leader, Am Kolel Jewish Renewal Community



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Dear Friends,

Kehila Chadasha welcomes your participation in services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, led by Rabbi David Shneyer. In addition to the Children's Service, we will conduct one-hour Teen Services on both holidays.

Location

Services will be held at **Walter Johnson High School**, [6400 Rock Spring Drive in Bethesda](#). On the 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah (**September 17th**), services will be held at the **Veirs Mill Local Park**, [4425 Garrett Park Rd. Wheaton-Glenmont, MD 20906](#).

COVID policy

Kehila Chadasha will be following CDC guidelines for promoting healthy behaviors and reducing the risk of spreading COVID-19. In addition to live services, we will be livestreaming our services for those who prefer or cannot attend in person. Up-to-date COVID-19 information will be available on our website <https://kehilachadasha.org/high-holidays>.

Tickets, Yizkor, and Tzedakah

Tickets for the services are limited, so please place your order well in advance. There are two ways to order tickets, list names for the Yizkor scroll, and make tzedakah contributions:

- On the Kehila Chadasha website (preferred) <https://kehilachadasha.org/high-holidays>
- Using the enclosed paper forms (payment by check only)

Like last year, you will be able to print your own tickets online or add them to your phone wallet. If you are unable to do this, please contact us and we will print and mail them to you; otherwise, online tickets **will not** be mailed by USPS. Tickets ordered by the enclosed paper forms will be sent by USPS.

Kehila Chadasha Members

A special coupon code has been emailed to you for two adult service tickets. Use the online ticketing system to enter this code and/or request tickets for the Children's or Teen Services or additional tickets for adult children, relatives, or friends who are not included in your membership.

Am Kolel Members

If you are a current **Full Household** dues-paying member, two (2) tickets for each holiday are included in your membership. If you are a **Full Individual** dues-paying member, one (1) ticket for each holiday is included in your membership. For member discounts, a special coupon code will be emailed to you. If you are an **Associate** member or if you need additional tickets, please use this system to order tickets at the regular suggested donation prices.

Questions? Email us at highholidays@kehilachadasha.org, or call [301-284-8046](tel:301-284-8046)

B'Shalom,

Kehila Chadasha High Holidays Planning Committee

Jorge Orence, Arlindo da Silva, Larry Kanter, Jane Levine, Charlie Pilzer, Bob Samors, Karen Scharff, Faith Weiner, Gail Singer, Ira Russcol, Audrey Tepper

Rosh Hashanah

Friday September 15	8:00 pm–9:30 pm	Rosh Hashanah Evening Service (NO Children's Service)	Walter Johnson High School 6400 Rock Spring Drive Bethesda, MD 20814
Saturday September 16	9:30 am–12:45 pm 11:30 am 9:45 am–Noon 11:00 am–Noon	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service Speaker Children's Service with Rosana Azar Teen Service (In-person only)	
Sunday September 17	10:00 am–12:30 pm	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service followed by Kiddush Lunch and Tashlich (NO Children's Service)	Veirs Mill Local Park 4425 Garrett Park Rd. Wheaton-Glenmont, MD 20906

Yom Kippur

Sunday September 24	6:15 pm–8:30 pm	Kol Nidre (NO Children's Service)	Walter Johnson High School 6400 Rock Spring Drive Bethesda, MD 20814
Monday September 25	9:30 am–1:00 pm 11:30 am Noon 9:45 am–Noon 11:00 am–Noon	Yom Kippur Morning Service Speaker Yizkor Children's Service with Rosana Azar Teen Service (In-person only)	
	3:00 pm–4:00 pm	Breakout Sessions	On Zoom
	4:45 pm–5:15 pm 5:15 pm–6:00 pm 6:00 pm–6:45 pm 6:45pm–7:45 pm	Eleh Ezkerah Mincha and Torah Service Social Justice Panel N'eilah, Shofar, and Havdalah	Walter Johnson High School 6400 Rock Spring Drive Bethesda, MD 20814

Tickets | Suggested Contributions

Category	Both Holidays	One Holiday
Adults	\$210	\$145
Seniors 65+	\$145	\$100
College Students or Under 27	\$36	\$18
Teen Service	\$36	
Children's Service	\$65	
Adults Accompanying Children to Children's Service	\$35	

Tickets can be ordered on-line at: <https://kehilachadasha.org/high-holidays>

To pay for tickets and make contributions by check, mail completed form to:

Kehila Chadasha High Holidays, c/o Faith Weiner, 12808 Ruxton Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

Contacts

Kehila Membership Website <https://kehilachadasha.org/membership> or email membership@kehilachadasha.org

Am Kolel Membership Website: www.amkolel.org or call 301-349-2799

High Holiday Services, including Children's Service: <https://kehilachadasha.org/high-holidays> or call 301-284-8046



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Children and Teen Services

Services for Children

Kehila Chadasha is pleased to offer an exciting, experiential High Holiday program for children. Our unique programs integrate worship, music, and art. Children experience the joy and meaning of the holidays through these special, hands-on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur activities. Healthy snacks will be served both mornings and the children will have an opportunity to join the adult service to hear the blowing of the Shofar. The Children's Services will once again be led by Rosana Azar.

Services for Teens

Come together for teen-centered High Holiday Services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. In these services we will share in song, discussion, movement, and reflection. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are two of the most important holidays in the Jewish calendar, but it is not always easy to connect to the meaning of the days. Sometimes it even feels overwhelming or perplexing. In this Teen Service, you will have the opportunity to discover and build your own personal connection to the holiday, as well as build connections with each other. If you love music, movement, learning about yourself and others, and are searching for a deeper, more joyful connection to the holidays, this service is for you. Come join us to share in some fun, spirituality, and communal learning.

Schedule

Service	Date	Children's Services	Teen Services
Rosh Hashanah	Saturday, September 16 th	9:45 – Noon	11:00 – Noon
Yom Kippur	Monday, September 25 th		
All Services at Walter Johnson High School, 6400 Rock Spring Drive, Bethesda, MD 20814			

NOTE: There will be no Children/Teen program during the evening services on Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre. If you choose to bring your children, they must be able to sit quietly through the services.

Details

Enrollment for Children's Services is on a first-come, first-served basis and spaces are limited. Please register by Thursday, September 14th, 2023. Walk-ins are welcome as space permits.

Ages	<p>Younger than 7 years must be accompanied by a parent or familiar adult who remains with the child throughout the program.</p> <p>Ages 7 to 12 may be unaccompanied.</p>	
Fee per child	Children's Services	\$65 includes both holidays. Parents who choose to attend with their children instead of attending regular services are welcome, but we encourage you to make a suggested contribution of \$35 to help defray our costs.
	Teen Services	\$36 includes both holidays.
	<p>Tickets can be ordered on-line at: https://kehilachadasha.org/high-holidays</p> <p>To pay for tickets and make contributions by check, mail completed form to: Kehila Chadasha High Holidays, c/o Faith Weiner, 12808 Ruxton Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20904.</p>	

Monday, September 25th, 2023 In Memory of Our Relations – Yizkor

This year, we will again have our Remembrance Scroll displayed near the entrance to the auditorium at Walter Johnson High School during Yom Kippur.

There are two ways to have members of your immediate family remembered on this scroll. If you are [ordering tickets online](#), you can provide the names of your family members when you place your online order. Or you can submit the names on the enclosed ticket form and mail it to us (please print clearly). We ask that you include only the names of immediate family members.

The tradition of memory is strongly connected to *tzedakah*. Please consider making a Yizkor contribution to honor the memory of your family member(s).

Your Yizkor contribution will be distributed through our Tzedakah Fund. In recent years, the Tzedakah Fund has supported many organizations and causes, including [HIAS](#) and [Lutheran Social Services](#) for refugee resettlement, [Interfaith Works Clothing Center](#), [Manna Food Center](#), [Capital Area Food Bank](#), [Mazon](#), [DC Central Kitchen](#), [International Rescue Committee](#), [Rabbis for Human Rights](#), [Shepherd's Table](#), [Jewish Foundation for the Righteous](#) (supporting impoverished rescuers in Europe), [American Jewish World Service](#), [Heartbeat Jerusalem](#) and several grassroots projects in Africa working with women and children affected by AIDS.

Your contributions will continue to support a wide range of organizations in our community, throughout the United States, in Israel and around the world that meet a variety of human needs. Contributions may be made online at <https://kehilachadasha.org/high-holidays> or by check using the enclosed form.

קהילה חדשה

Kehila Chadasha
a progressive Jewish community

Kehila Sunday School

A welcoming place for your child's Jewish education

Kehila Sunday School offers a warm, inclusive environment for kids from Pre-K through 7th grade. Our curriculum prioritizes learning Jewish values and culture, joyful music, social justice, and helping our young people feel a sense of connection to each other as well as the global Jewish community.



Enrollment is open to all families; membership in Kehila Chadasha is not required.

Experienced educators and teen aides meet children where they are in a friendly, low-pressure environment.

- Classes incorporate music, art, movement, drama, and more
- Welcoming to LGBTQ+, Interfaith, and BIPOC families
- Individualized creative Britot Mitzvah
- Teen program

We meet Sunday mornings in Garrett Park, MD.

visit www.kehilachadasha.org | email schoolinfo@kehilachadasha.org
Kehila Chadasha is an independent, inclusive Jewish community in the Greater DC Area.



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Ticket Order Form

Full Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please notify me by email next year. My email address is: _____
 Kehila will never share your e-mail address.

	Suggested Per Ticket Donation	Actual Per Ticket Donation	Quantity	Sub Total
Adult Both Holidays	\$210			
Adult Rosh Hashanah	\$145			
Adult Yom Kippur	\$145			
Senior (65+) Both Holidays	\$145			
Senior (65+) Rosh Hashanah	\$100			
Senior (65+) Yom Kippur	\$100			
Student/under 27 Both Holidays	\$36			
Student/under 27 Rosh Hashanah	\$18			
Student/under 27 Yom Kippur	\$18			
Children Service* Both Holidays	\$65			
Teen Service Both Holidays	\$36			
Adult at Children Services	\$35			

Total Ticket Amount	
Tzedakah Donation	
Yizkor Donation**	
Kehila Fund+	
Am Kolel Fund+	
TOTAL	
Check Number	

*** Please provide name/age of Children attending Children Services**

+ The Kehila/Am Kolel Funds support programs at these congregations.

**** Please provide names/relation for Yizkor Scroll**

Mail form and payment to:
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 c/o Faith Weiner
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 Silver Spring MD 20904
Make Checks Payable to
Kehila Chadasha

Ticket Donations by Mail Accepted by Check only. Pay on-line at <https://kehilachadasha.org/high-holidays>

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COVID Policy

1. Kehila Chadasha will adhere to all State and County mask and in-person gathering mandates for indoor public gatherings.
2. For the safety of our community, we strongly recommend
 - that all guests of Kehila High Holidays be vaccinated and boosted (if eligible) to attend all in-person events.
 - testing for COVID-19 and absence of symptoms for 10 days
3. The Kehila Chadasha High Holidays Committee will monitor the CDC COVID Community Risk levels prior to each service using the [CovidActNow.Org](https://www.covidactnow.org) web site for Maryland and the District of Columbia to determine COVID Status Level.
4. The following Status Levels will be used to determine our protocol for each High Holidays services:
 - **Level #1:** If *Montgomery County* or the *District of Columbia* is at **Yellow** (Medium) Level or below as determined by the [CovidActNow.Org](https://www.covidactnow.org) website, masking will be optional and there will be no restrictions on indoor food service. *However, we will designate a section of the Walter Johnson High School auditorium as masking-only for those who choose to wear a mask and prefer to be seated next to other masked guests. Masking will be recommended but not required in the remaining sections of the auditorium.*
 - **Level #2:** If *Montgomery County* or the *District of Columbia* are in **Orange** (High) Level as determined by the [CovidActNow.Org](https://www.covidactnow.org) website, masking would be required except during indoor food events. Masking, except when actively eating, and social distancing during indoor food events, is strongly recommended.