

# HIGH HOLIDAY GUIDEBOOK

for Congregation Or Tzion

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# WELCOME TO THE HOLIDAY GUIDEBOOK FOR 5785

In the pages that follow you will find descriptions and schedules of services and events for the upcoming High Holidays, plus information on all of the offerings and experiences planned for the holiday season. Before we get started, let all of us at Congregation Or Tzion be the first to wish you and yours a happy, healthy, and prosperous new year.

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## HIGH HOLIDAY SEASON CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER · ELUL 5784 / TISHREI 5785						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15	16	17	18	19	20 High Holiday Registration Deadline	21
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						
22	23	24 High Holiday Tickets Emailed	25	26	27	28 Selichot Event, 7pm
29	30	1 <b>OCTOBER</b>	2 Erev Rosh Hashanah	3 Rosh Hashanah Day 1	4 Rosh Hashanah Day 2 / Tashlich	5
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# A Message from Rabbi Green



Dearest Or Tzion Family,

The past year has easily been the most challenging in my years as a rabbi. On October 7, the State of Israel came under attack, as terrorists invaded, violated, dehumanized, murdered and abducted. Since then, the People Israel have come under attack, as antisemites demonized, threatened, propagandized, vandalized and encamped.

*Or Tzion* translates to "Light of Zion." This year, our Congregation Or Tzion family stepped up in unprecedented ways — giving and volunteering, advocating and lobbying, rallying and speaking, crying and praying — doubling down to ensure the security and thriving of our congregation and our homeland, truly living up to our name, radiating the love and light of Zion in everything we do.

At each Shabbat morning service, at each Roz Goodell Religious School session, our community stands strong, waving the flag of Israel, singing *Hatikvah*, our anthem of hope in better days and love for the State of Israel, the Land of Israel, the Torah of Israel, the People Israel, and the dream of Israel.

Our theme for these High Holy Days is *Am Yisrael Chai*, "The People Israel Lives." These words remind us that in spite of the enemies who rise up against us in every generation, that in spite of the alarming and frightening challenges we face, that in spite of everything we've witnessed and endured that could lead us to lose faith, we come together celebrating how Judaism endures, Israel inspires, and our faith in God, in Torah, and in one another only grows.

May we and the whole House of Israel know *shalom*, a lasting and secure peace. Shana Tovah,

*Rabbi*

# INTRODUCTION TO HIGH HOLIDAYS

Welcome to Or Tzion's High Holidays 5785. All high holiday services and programming will be held at Or Tzion.

Or Tzion will, once again, host a hybrid high holiday service schedule allowing for as many in-person attendees and online streaming viewers as possible. There will be two, similar, in-person sessions of the same abbreviated service that will run consecutively during Rosh Hashanah Day 1, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur morning; **please see PAGES 4 - 5 in this Guidebook for the schedule.** Both sessions will be available to stream online during the live service or can be viewed at a later time. On Rosh Hashanah Day 2, a full Rosh Hashanah service will take place, which will also be live streamed for virtual viewing.

Whether you wish to be in-person or watch from home, we do ask that every member family unit complete the online high holiday registration form. The link to do that can be found at **otaz.org/5785. THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING REGISTRATION IS FRIDAY, 9/20.** We recommend completing the online registration as soon as possible to allow us to better accommodate our limited capacity in the sanctuary. Service assignments will be **emailed** to your family prior to the start of Rosh Hashanah (on or before Tuesday 9/24). Please make sure to attend the service times to which you are assigned.

This Guidebook will give you explanations of each section of the online registration form. However, **if you have any questions, please contact Amy at highholidays@otaz.org.**

## GIFT OF THE HEART

Every congregant household who wishes to take part in Or Tzion High Holiday programming must make a **Gift of the Heart** commitment. Your *Gift of the Heart* includes your membership dues, High Holiday seats for you and your immediate family members (up to age 23), and your Yom Kippur appeal. High Holiday tickets and access to services are only available to congregants.

*Gift of the Heart* asks congregants to participate in a voluntary giving model that creates sustained financial support so that Or Tzion can expand the opportunity to create positive memories and learning experiences for all of our members. Congregants making a *Gift of the Heart* commitment of \$3,600 or more will become a member of the M'orot (Luminary) Society, a benefactor program of Congregation Or Tzion.

For more information and to make your commitment if you have not already done so, please go to: **otaz.org/GIFT24.**

# SECURITY IS OUR #1 PRIORITY!

During the week prior to Rosh Hashanah, each family unit will receive an email indicating each attendee's service schedule. **You will need to print that email as your 'ticket' of entrance to the in-person service. If you cannot print, you may show your ticket on your smart phone upon entering the building.**

On the day of services, please allow a few extra minutes to gain entry to the building as we check attendees' tickets. **Thank you, in advance, for your patience during this process.**

If you choose to stream services, those links will be sent out prior to the start of the High Holiday services for all VIRTUAL service viewing. **Please carefully review your assignments so there is no confusion the day of services.**

Please take your time and complete this form carefully and completely. **If you have any questions, please contact Amy at [highholidays@otaz.org](mailto:highholidays@otaz.org).**

## SERVICES and PROGRAMS for FAMILY, YOUTH & TEENS

**\*\*SEE PAGES 4 - 5 OF GUIDEBOOK FOR TIMES OF SERVICES\*\***

### **Apples & Honey Service and Families with Littles Services**

Designed for families with children 7 and under, bring in a sweet new year with songs, story & worship. Held on Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah day 1, and Yom Kippur day. Led by Rabbi Andy Green, Cantor Dannah Rubinstein, and Education Director, Andre Ivory.

### **Babysitting for ages 6 months to 3 years old (RH Day 1, Yom Kippur Day)**

Professional babysitting services for our youngest members at no additional cost. Space is limited and pre-registration is **REQUIRED**. No walk-ins allowed.

### **Family Services on Rosh Hashanah Day 2**

Designed for families with elementary school-aged children, parents and grandparents are invited to join Andre Ivory for a song-filled, interactive service for the whole family.

### **Youth Programs for children Ages 4 and 5**

Interactive High Holy Day programming for children aged 4 to 5 (pre-K and Kinder), featuring crafts and storytime. Snack will be served.

### **Youth Programs for children in Grades 1-2**

Children in First and Second grades will enjoy fun, engaging, age-appropriate programming with storytime and snack provided.

### **Youth Services for children in Grades 3-6**

Education Director, Andre Ivory leads a kids-only, experiential, fun-filled service with prayer, song, and activities for children grades 3 to 6. Held On Rosh Hashanah day 1 and Yom Kippur day.

### **Teen Services - Grades 7 and up**

Teens join their peers to bring in the new year. Every teen is welcome to come sing, pray and hang with friends in a service led by Youth Director, Sarah Bochenek.

# ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

## EREV ROSH HASHANAH, Wednesday, October 2

	5pm	6pm	7pm
SANCTUARY	APPLES & HONEY Family Service, 5pm - 6pm	EREV ROSH HASHANAH Service, 6pm - 6:45pm	

## ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1, Thursday, October 3

	8am	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm
SANCTUARY		SERVICE A, 8:30am - 10:30am			SERVICE B, 11:30am - 1:30pm	
CLASSROOM 1		BABYSITTING A, 8:30am - 10:30am			BABYSITTING B, 11:30am - 1:30pm	
CLASSROOM 2		YOUTH ROOM A for Ages 4-5, 8:30am - 10:30am			YOUTH ROOM B for Ages 4-5, 11:30am - 1:30pm	
CLASSROOM 3		YOUTH ROOM A for Grades 1-2, 8:30am - 10:30am			YOUTH ROOM B for Grades 1-2, 11:30am - 1:30pm	
BEIT MIDRASH		YOUTH SERVICE A, Grades 3-6, 8:30am - 10am			YOUTH SERVICE B, Grades 3-6, 11:30am - 1pm	
SOCIAL HALL				FAMILY w/LITTLES SERVICE, 10:45-11:15		
CLASSROOM 4					TEEN SERVICE, Grades 7+ 11:30am - 1:00pm	

## ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2, Friday, October 4

	8am	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm	
SANCTUARY		FULL ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE, 8:30am - 12:30pm					
SOCIAL HALL			FAMILY SERVICE, 10am - 11:30am				

## KOL NIDRE, Friday, October 11

	5pm	6pm	7pm	8pm	9pm
SANCTUARY	FAMILY w/LITTLES SERVICE, 5-5:30pm	SERVICE A, 6:00pm - 7:30pm		SERVICE B, 8:00pm - 9:30pm	
SOCIAL HALL		KOL NIDRE LEARNER'S SERVICE 6:00pm - 7:30pm			

## YOM KIPPUR, Saturday, October 12

	8am	9am	10am	11am	12pm	1pm
SANCTUARY		SERVICE A, 8:30am - 10:30am			SERVICE B, 11:30am - 1:30pm	
CLASSROOM 1		BABYSITTING A, 8:30am - 10:30am			BABYSITTING B, 11:30am - 1:30pm	
CLASSROOM 2		YOUTH ROOM A for Ages 4-5, 8:30am - 10:30am			YOUTH ROOM B for Ages 4-5, 11:30am - 1:30pm	
CLASSROOM 3		YOUTH ROOM A for Grades 1-2, 8:30am - 10:30am			YOUTH ROOM B for Grades 1-2, 11:30am - 1:30pm	
BEIT MIDRASH		YOUTH SERVICE A, Grades 3-6, 8:30am - 10am			YOUTH SERVICE B, Grades 3-6, 11:30am - 1pm	
SOCIAL HALL				FAMILY w/LITTLES SERVICE, 10:45-11:15		
CLASSROOM 4					TEEN SERVICE, Grades 7+ 11:30am - 1:00pm	

**NOTE:** All services held in the main sanctuary will be live streamed for remote viewing.

*Due to Yom Kippur being over Shabbat, the shofar will only be blown at the conclusion of Neilah and Havdalah.*

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**Family Service on Rosh Hashanah Day 2**

Children, parents, grandparents are invited to join Andre Ivory for a song-filled, interactive service for the whole family.


**Kol Nidre Learner’s Service \*\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\*\***

For anyone unfamiliar with the themes, prayers and rituals of Yom Kippur, this service is for you! No Hebrew knowledge required. Learn **WHY** we do what we do and **HOW** to navigate the holiday of Yom Kippur. Led by Education Director, Andre Ivory. This will be held in the Social Hall.

	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm
		ASK THE RABBI 3pm - 3:45pm	MINCHA & AVODAH 4pm - 5:05pm	NEILAH & FINAL SHOFAR BLOWING 5:15pm - 6:34pm	
	YOGA w/Lisa Levine 2pm - 2:45pm				

## STEP 1: START YOUR REGISTRATION

### Due by Friday 9/20.

Go to [otaz.org/5785](https://otaz.org/5785), click on **HIGH HOLIDAY REGISTRATION** tab

Indicate on the registration form how many adults and how many children are included in your membership. Children up to age 23 are included in the family membership. Any children above that age can create their own membership unit by making their own *Gift of the Heart* pledge.

Under each person's name, identify where each person wishes to participate in each of the High Holiday services, whether IN-PERSON or VIRTUAL, main services, babysitting, you or family services.

## STEP 2: BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Every year, Congregation Or Tzion publishes the *Sefer Zikaron*, or Book of Remembrance. This is our congregants' opportunity to memorialize the names of loved ones to be viewed when we pray *Yizkor*, beginning on Yom Kippur. If you wish to contribute names to the book, please review the options below and enter the information on your registration.

### There are multiple options for submissions to the Book of Remembrance

**Premium Page: \$1000; fully customizable**

**Full Page: \$400; customizable**

**Half Page: \$200; lists up to 10 names**

**Quarter Page: \$100; lists up to 5 names**

**Listed names: \$18 per name**

Customizable pages may simply list names with your preferred wording, or include personal remembrances, memories, and/or images. Write your entry on the registration page or submit it to [highholidays@otaz.org](mailto:highholidays@otaz.org). We reserve the right to edit submitted content and will consult with you through this process.

**To add your Book of Remembrance entry, simply click on '1' from the dropdown menu to begin the process.** Under *Remembrance Categories and Costs*, choose 'yes' to the question that applies to the category you wish to purchase; enter names in the appropriate boxes (please check spelling!).

If you are a member of the M'orot Society, your commitment entitles you to a submission in the book at no extra charge: one-quarter page for those at the \$3,600 level; one-half page for those at the \$5,400 level; and a full page for those at the \$7,200 or higher level. **You do not need to submit your info on the registration page.** Simply email your info to Amy (or ask any pertinent questions) at [highholidays@otaz.org](mailto:highholidays@otaz.org).

## STEP 3: BREAK-FAST

### Don't miss the Or Tzion tradition!

Once again, we are offering a traditional, dairy Yom Kippur Break-fast to be served immediately in the social hall, following the final shofar blast. **Adults are \$30/person; children 13 and under are \$20/person.** Use the registration form to RSVP and complete your payment if you wish to join us!



## STEP 4: SUKKOT

*The Or Tzion Men's Club recommends The Sukkah Project, [www.sukkot.com](http://www.sukkot.com), for all of your Sukkah needs.*

**Sukkah Brigade:** please answer these 2 questions

**Question 1: Are you interested in having the Men's Club Sukkah Brigade build your sukkah?** The Sukkah Brigade will be building on **Sunday 10/13 starting at 7:30am**. If yes, indicate that on the registration form along with your home address.

**Question 2: Would you be willing to help build with the Men's Club Sukkah Brigade on Sunday, 10/13?** If yes, please give us your name and contact info on the registration form. You don't have to be part of the Men's Club (or even a man...everyone is welcome!).

**Would you like to purchase a Lulav & Etrog for your home?** Children's set \$36 each; Premium set \$54 each. Indicate quantity on registration page.

## STEP 5: PROJECT ISAIAH

Project Isaiah is our annual High Holiday drive benefiting the community at large. It is named for the prophet Isaiah, who when asked why we fast on Yom Kippur, responded "Is it not to share your bread with the hungry?" (Isaiah 58:7). Without question, Or Tzion's members have been overwhelmingly generous in donating both money and food during our Project Isaiah drive each year.

Project Isaiah 5785 will benefit both **St. Mary's Food Bank** and **Jewish Free Loan**. Congregants can fill donation grocery bags and/or make a financial contribution to support either, or both, of these worthy charities.

**St. Mary's Food Bank** is a non-denominational organization that addresses food insecurity in Maricopa County, affiliated with Feeding America. Did you know? AZ is among the worst for childhood food insecurity; nearly 1 in 4 children are at risk of going hungry; \$1 helps provide 7 meals; 95% of all donations go to the programs; they provide hundreds of thousands of meals each day; donating to St. Mary's means supporting hundreds of partners including child food programs, domestic violence shelters, homeless shelters, rehab centers, senior programs, and veterans.

**Jewish Free Loan** provides interest-free loans to Arizona's Jewish community to enhance the quality of life of Jewish Arizonans. These loans allow recipients to navigate life's expenses without the worry or burden of compounding interest.

Monetary donations can be made on your online registration; bags for food donations will be handed out on Rosh Hashanah to be returned at Kol Nidre or Yom Kippur services. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity in supporting these two worthy organizations.

## FINALIZE YOUR REGISTRATION

The last section of the registration form asks if you want to contribute to the **Roz Goodell Education Fund**. This fund supports the religious school and other programs for children. Any amount is greatly appreciated.

To complete the form, click on the **CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT AND PAY** button. You will be taken to the payment form where you can pay for all High Holiday fees (if any accrued) on a credit card.

## FAQs for REGISTRATION

*Here are some answers to questions you might have:*

**Q: When will my electronic ticket be emailed to me?**

A: You will receive an **email** with your and your family's assigned services on it **on or before Tuesday, September 24**. If you cannot locate your email, first check your junk or spam folder. If it's not there, please contact Amy at [highholidays@otaz.org](mailto:highholidays@otaz.org) to have it resent to you.

**Q: When will I receive the streaming links for the High Holiday services for streaming from home?**

A: The email that will be sent on or before Tuesday, September 24 will contain all streaming links as well.

**Q: Do I have to complete the registration even if I wish to view all services virtually?**

A: Yes. We ask that each member family unit complete a registration even if you don't wish to attend in-person services.

**Q: I have more questions and cannot find answers in this booklet. Please help!**

A: Email Amy at [highholidays@otaz.org](mailto:highholidays@otaz.org) for answers. If she doesn't know, she'll find out for you!

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### Would you like to borrow a machzor to use at home during the High Holidays?

For congregants attending services virtually, you may borrow a book to use at home during the High Holiday season. Machzorim are now available for pick-up during Or Tzion business hours and religious school. Please call the office to reserve. A \$36 per book charge will be added to your Or Tzion account if the book is not returned by November 1.

# Sacred Traditions

## ANNUAL HONEY FUNDRAISER

Make 5785 extra sweet! Help spread sweetness and support Or Tzion by gifting honey from Sweet Sting Honey. All congregants will receive honey and Rosh Hashanah treats prior to the holiday.

For pricing and ordering, go to: [otaz.org/HONEY](http://otaz.org/HONEY). Deadline to order is 9/8!

## SELICHOT

Saturday, September 28, 7:00pm  
@ Congregation Or Tzion

Service and Speaker  
*Israel: Arising from a Difficult Year*

## TASHLICH

Friday, October 4, 5:15pm  
@ Chaparral Park · 5401 Hayden Rd, Scottsdale

Tashlich, which literally translates to “casting off,” is a ceremony in which Jews symbolically cast off the sins of the previous year by tossing pebbles or bread crumbs into flowing water.

Join fellow congregants for Kabbalat Shabbat and Tashlich ceremony. Everyone is encouraged to bring a picnic dinner to enjoy after services.

## KEVER AVOT

Sunday, October 6  
7:00am Paradise Memorial  
8:00am Green Acres Cemetery  
10:00am Mount Sinai Cemetery

Kever Avot is the Jewish tradition of visiting the gravesites of parents and loved ones. Going during the holiday season takes on an even higher level of significance because it comes at a time of soul-searching and renewal.

## SUKKOT

Friday, October 18, 6:30pm  
Congregational Sukkot Dinner at Or Tzion,  
stay tuned for more information.

Sukkot is one of the three major festivals in Judaism, and is both an agricultural festival of thanksgiving and a commemoration of the forty-year period during which the children of Israel wandered in the desert after leaving slavery in Egypt, living in temporary shelters as they traveled.

## SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, October 24, 6:00pm

Simchat Torah (Rejoicing with the Torah) marks the end of the annual cycle of weekly Torah readings and the beginning of the new cycle. It is a joyous holiday that celebrates the Jewish love of Torah and study.

Stay tuned for more information regarding the Or Tzion Simchat Torah Celebration.

## YIZKOR SERVICES

Yom Kippur: Saturday, October 12, Yizkor will be recited during both A and B services  
Shemini Atzeret: Wednesday, October 23, 6pm and Thursday, October 24, 9:30am



**This Guidebook is brought to you by the  
High Holiday Committee 5785.**

Questions about your Gift of the Heart commitment? Contact Pam at [bookkeeper@otaz.org](mailto:bookkeeper@otaz.org).

Questions about borrowing a machzor? Contact Marie at [officeadmin@otaz.org](mailto:officeadmin@otaz.org).

Questions about anything related to the high holidays? Seating, schedules, Book of Remembrance, etc. Contact Amy at [highholidays@otaz.org](mailto:highholidays@otaz.org).

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