

5781

High Holy Days at Congregation Or Tzion

To Our Or Tzion Family

We proudly present our vision for 5781 - **Embracing Our Future Together**. In the pages that follow you will find a description and full schedule of services and events for the coming High Holiday season plus an array of offerings and experiences starting with the month of Elul. Here are just some of the features coming to you this year:

- ENHANCED, HIGH-DEF LIVESTREAM
- COMPLETE LITURGY & TORAH SERVICES
- INTERACTIVE "POP-UP" VIDEO CONTENT
- ENGAGING FAMILY CONTENT FOR ALL AGES
- STREAMED-IN PARTICIPATORY ALIYOT & HONORS
- CHOOSE YOUR SERVICE OR ACTIVITY OPTION
- MULTIPLE LIVESTREAM ANGLES
- AND SO MUCH MORE

Services will be led by:

**Rabbi David Klatzker
Cantor Dannah Rubinstein
Rabbi Zari Sussman
and Rabbi Aviva Funke**

Complete holiday information and schedules available at

OTAZ.ORG/5781



CONGREGATION
OR TZION

We're
**embracing
our future
together**

in 5781.



A Message from our President

Dear Haverim,

Who could have predicted a year like we are experiencing – the loss of our dearly beloved Rabbi Micah Caplan z”l, the challenges we have faced with the Coronavirus pandemic and hiring our new Transitional Rabbi?

We are isolated and lonely. We have not been able to embrace our grandchildren, our parents, grandparents, and friends. We have not been able to provide personal comfort to families who have lost loved ones nor have we been permitted to celebrate by attending smahot.

Despite it all, we still came together. We created and invented new ways of connecting. Zoom was once simply a feature of my camera's lens; today it means seeing the faces of those we are unable to be with in person. With Zoom we can sit in front of a screen and experience a full range of Jewish practices together - Torah study, B'nai Mitzvot, weddings, funerals, births and more. When you can share these experiences face to face, you can laugh together, mourn, give comfort, sing, and lessen the loneliness and isolation we all feel these days.

And so, as these Holy Days approach, we both commit to you, and call upon you.

We commit to believing in you. We commit to your potential. We commit to your hearts. We commit to your journeys. We commit to helping you grow and flourish amidst it all.

And we call upon you to believe in the transformative power of these days to help us heal, to help us dream, to help us mourn, to help us express joy, to help us forge an old and new path forward, together.

Amidst the challenges that have enveloped us all during the past year, we are recommitted to presenting opportunities for renewal and growth during the coming Days of Awe. Together, we will honor our past, live in the present, and embrace our future. Our Clergy, Board of Directors, dedicated Staff, together with countless engaged volunteers, have worked for many months to create a powerful, dynamic array of experiences for us to share during the high holidays and still capture the essence of connecting with God, Torah, and one another. In the pages that follow, you will find a full service and event schedule for the coming High Holy Days and an array of offerings and experiences, starting with the month of Elul.

This will be more than another livestream or Zoom experience. We are committed to bringing Or Tzion to you in ever new, creative, and dynamic ways. We pledge, as a community, to pour every ounce of ingenuity and spirit into this moment, creating an interactive, inviting, and meaningful excursion into prayer, memory, and renewal.

As we embrace our future together, we invite you to join Rabbi Klatzker, Cantor Rubinstein, and Rabbi Sussman and pray with us, sing with us, love with us and be with us.

L'shana tovah,



Frank Jacobson
President, Congregation Or Tzion

Ark Visits

Elul is the 12th and final month in the Jewish calendar (the sixth month counting from Nisan). It is the month that connects the past year with the coming year – a time for reflection, forgiveness, and repentance.

VISITING THE ARON KODESH: Over the month of Elul, we will offer a sacred opportunity for community members to enter our building in a time-staggered and socially distant manner to stand before the Aron Kodesh in our Sanctuary—a beloved custom from our Neilah service on Yom Kippur each year. You will want to bring your own kippah and tallit, either to wear or to wrap your family as you stand before the Ark.

Reserve your visit now at

OTAZ.ORG/ARK

Ark visits will take place between Sunday, August 23rd and Monday, September 7th. **Reservation for visitation is required.**

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS:

- Visits will be strictly scheduled to maintain space and minimize personal contact.
- Families will be requested to arrive promptly 15 minutes before their scheduled time and to wait in their cars until called in.
- Each member of your family must wear a mask when entering the building and adhere to social distancing practices.
- Pathways will be marked to encourage social distancing and only two families, plus the family at the Ark, will be allowed in the sanctuary at one time.
- You will be encouraged to limit your private time before the Ark so that others may participate.
- **If you are not feeling well, please stay home!**

Information and schedule subject to change. Visit otaz.org/5781 for latest information.

Holiday Preparations



MAHZORIM: An electronic file of the Mahzor will be emailed to you prior to the holidays so you may follow along and participate in the Zoom service. If you prefer, you may borrow a physical copy of the Mahzor to use throughout the holidays. We do ask that you return it after the holidays. Sign out your book(s) during regular office hours at Or Tzion.



GIFT BAGS: When you visit the Aron Kodesh, don't forget to pick up your High Holiday Gift Bag filled with treats for a sweet New Year. If you are unable or do not wish to visit the Ark prior to the holidays, you may pickup your bag during regular office hours.



HONEY FUNDRAISER: Make 5781 especially sweet! Our Or Tzion Fundraising Committee will send a jar of local Arizona honey to every member of the congregation. Help make this effort a big success by purchasing honey for your family and friends-or the entire congregation! Learn more and donate at otaz.org/honey.



LULAV AND ETROG: Celebrate Sukkot at home by purchasing your own Lulav and Etrog. Premium set costs \$55 and children's set is \$40. **DON'T DELAY!** Deadline to order is August 28. Order yours on your High Holiday online registration form.



MEN'S CLUB SUKKAH BRIGADE: Our Men's Club can help you build your Sukkah on Sunday, September 13. A donation to OTMC is welcome. Want to join the brigade? Sign up for either, or both, of these options on the High Holiday online registration form.

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Not just another Zoom experience! In this year of challenges, we pledge to transform, energize, and explore every means to bring you meaningful, relevant High Holiday experiences. Our goal is to ensure Jewish life continues to thrive in new, surprising and authentic ways.



HOLIDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE: A full service schedule of Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah day 1, Rosh Hashanah day 2, Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur can be found in the back of this guidebook. Our clergy are diligently working on finalizing the holiday schedule. Please check back later for updates.



SYNAPLEX MODEL: The Synaplex model of worship provides different ways of connecting with Judaism - through prayer, movement, and study. During the course of the High Holidays, Or Tzion congregants will have access to these different modalities through our virtual offerings.



SHOFAR VIDEOS: Help us mark the end of Yom Kippur by submitting a video of you and/or your family blowing the Shofar. Videos should be high quality and horizontal. Videos of children blowing plastic shofarim are welcome too. Submit your video submissions at otaz.org/shofar.



PROJECT ISAIAH: As we have done in the past ten years, we again support Kitchen on the Street, an organization that provides meals to Arizona children and Jewish Free Loan. This year, due to Covid-19, we request monetary donations only. Donate now on your High Holiday online registration form. For more information, visit kitchenonthestreet.org and jewishfreeloan.org.

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Sacred Traditions

Take time to remember and reflect with us as we enter the new year.



SELIHOT: Join us for Selihot prayers and meditations led by our Transitional Rabbi, Rabbi David Klatzker on Saturday, September 12 as we reflect on the past year and focus on the changes we hope to make for the coming one. More info plus the Zoom link will be coming soon!



TASHLIH: On **September 20 at 4:00pm**, join us on Zoom (link coming soon!) for a special evening with a service and a meaningful activity. Your High Holiday gift bag will include duck feed to throw into a body of water. You and your family can 'cast your sins' at a pond or lake convenient to you.



KEVER AVOT: This year, the Kever Avot Memorial service will be hosted by Mt. Sinai Cemetery on September 27th at 10:00am. Area clergy, including Cantor Rubinstein, will lead this virtual service, as our community remembers and honors our loved ones. More information and Zoom link coming soon.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: Or Tzion will publish a printed *Sefer Zikaron*, Book of Remembrance, which will be distributed to members prior to Yom Kippur. As in the past, you may dedicate memorials to your loved ones in the book. Submit your memorials on your High Holiday online registration form.

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Festivals and Celebrations

This year, more than ever, we're finding ways to be connected and celebrate together during the High Holiday season.



SUKKOT CELEBRATION: On **October 6 at 6:00pm**, join us on Zoom (link coming soon!) for a special Sukkot program. Then, build your own edible Sukkah with your family and share it with us for a chance to win a prize!



SUKKOT SERVICES:

Shabbat & Sukkot Service: 10/3 at 9:30am

Sukkot Service: 10/4 at 9:30am

Zoom link will be sent out prior to services.



SHEMINI ATZERET (YIZKOR) / SIMHAT TORAH SERVICES:

Shabbat & Shemini Atzeret Services: 10/10 at 9:30am

Simhat Torah Services: 10/11 at 9:30am

Zoom link will be sent out prior to services.



SIMHAT TORAH: Look for your Simhat Torah flag in your High Holiday gift bag and bring it to our "Zoom-hat Torah" celebration on **October 10 at 6:00pm**. We'll join together for services and a special Torah dance party and program led, in part, by Max Agins, as part of his Mitzvah project. Zoom link coming soon!

Information and schedule subject to change. Visit otaz.org/5781 for latest information.

Youth Services & Programs

Congregation Or Tzion offers meaningful, age-appropriate services for children ages infant through 12th grade.

INFANT TO PRE-K

Join Rabbi Zari Sussman and Rabbi Aviva Funke for an age-appropriate Young Family service for children ages 0-5 (and their siblings). Families are invited to stay on zoom afterwards for a very special storytime session.

K TO 3RD GRADE

Rabbi Zari Sussman and Rabbi Aviva Funke will be leading an engaging service for children in kindergarten to 3rd grade. After services, join us for a fun zoom game session.

4TH TO 6TH GRADE

Our 4th-6th grade, Junior Congregation service will be led by Rabbi Zari Sussman and Rabbi Aviva Funke. Following the service, 4th-6th graders are invited to join together for a fun zoom game session.

7TH TO 12TH GRADE

Join Or Tzion's new Youth Director, Shayna Millman, and our USY board as we partner with Beth El Congregation, Congregation Anshei Israel, and Temple Beth Sholom for a meaningful teen High Holiday experience.

NEED A BREAK FROM SERVICES? Our children and teens are used to taking breaks from services to catch up with their friends. That tradition will continue this year in our Virtual Youth Lounge.

Registration for youth services and programming is strongly recommended. We're preparing bags for each child and teen full of materials that will make their holidays more meaningful. Bags may include craft materials, activities to help pass the time, a family mahzor, and more! In order to receive these materials, we need your registration. REGISTER NOW on your High Holiday online registration form.

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Visit our website for

- Full Service and Event Schedule
- Elul Ark Visit Reservation
- Mahzor Pickup Information
- High Holiday Online Registration
 - Book of Remembrance, Youth Program, Lulav & Etrog, Project Isaiah, and more!
- Festival & Holiday Information

Congregation Or Tzion's High Holiday services are open to Or Tzion Gift of the Heart members only. If you are not yet a member, please fill out our Annual Commitment form at otaz.org/gift.

Please note: links to all holiday services will be provided once your High Holiday online registration form is submitted and processed.

Questions? Please contact us at highholidays@congregationortztion.org.

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L'shana Tova Tikatevu

Holiday Service Schedule

EREV ROSH HASHANAH-SEPTEMBER 18

5:00-5:30pm: Apples & Honey service- An age-appropriate holiday celebration geared towards our youngest congregants (0-7) full of prayer, music, and fun.

5:30-6:00pm: Apples and Pomegranates Seder- Join Rabbi Sussman for a Rosh Hashanah Family Seder. This seder is designed for families with Kindergarten-6th graders but all are welcome to attend.

6:00-7:05pm: Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

ROSH HASHANAH DAY I- SEPTEMBER 19

9:00-9:45am	Shaharit	Yoga Service	Youth Service/Program for Infant-Pre-K
9:45-10:00am	Break		
10:00-11:00am	Torah Service	Youth Service/Program for Kindergarten-6th Grade	
11:00-11:15am	Break		
11:15-12:00pm	Torah Study	Musaf Service	
12:00-12:15pm	Conclusion of Main Service		
12:00-1:00pm	Teen Service Experience for 7th-12th Graders		

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Links to holiday services will be sent upon registration,

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2- SEPTEMBER 20

9:00-9:45am	Shaharit	Youth Service/Program for Infant-Pre-K
9:45-10:00am	Break	
10:00-11:00am	Torah Service	Youth Service/Program for Kindergarten-6th Grade
11:00-11:15am	Break	
11:15-12:00pm	Musaf Service	
12:00-12:15pm	Blowing of the Shofar/Conclusion of Main Service	
12:00-1:00pm	Teen Service Experience for 7th-12th Graders	

KOL NIDRE- SEPTEMBER 27

6:00-7:15pm	Kol Nidre Services
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YOM KIPPUR- SEPTEMBER 28

9:00-9:45am	Shaharit	Yoga/Meditative Service	Youth Service/Program for Infant-Pre-K
9:45-10:00am	Break		
10:00-11:15am	Torah Service	Youth Service/Program for Kindergarten-6th Grade	
11:15-11:30am	Break		
11:30-12:30pm	Yizkor	Family Yizkor Experience	
12:00-1:00pm	Musaf Service	Torah Study	Teen Service Experience for 7th-12th Graders
1:00-1:10pm	Conclusion of Services		

2:00-4:00pm	Zoom Study Groups
4:00-4:30pm	Break
4:30-5:15pm	Minha led by Or Tzion's teens
5:15-5:30pm	Break
5:30-6:15pm	Neilah and Havdalah
6:15-6:30pm	Havdalah and Shofar Blowing