

# HIGH HOLIDAY GUIDEBOOK

for Congregation Or Tzion

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## re·sil·ience

/rə'zilyəns/ noun

the process and outcome of successfully adapting to difficult or challenging life experiences, especially through mental, emotional, and behavioral flexibility and adjustment to external and internal demands.

also the official theme of Or Tzion in 5783

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**Rabbi Andy Green & Cantor Dannah Rubinstein**

*Complete info and schedules available at:*  
**otaz.org/5783**

# WELCOME TO THE HOLIDAY GUIDEBOOK FOR 5783

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.**

**לשנה טובה תכתיבו!** - *L'shanah Tova Tikateyvu!*

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 30, Tuesday	Honey Fundraiser deadline to order
SEPTEMBER 17, Saturday	Healing Service & Selichot event · 7:30pm
SEPTEMBER 18, Sunday	Social Action Event - Blood drive at Or Tzion · 9am-2pm
SEPTEMBER 22, Thursday	High Holiday tickets will be <b>emailed</b> before or by this date
<b>SEPTEMBER 25, Sunday</b>	<b>Erev Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 26, Monday</b>	<b>Rosh Hashanah, day 1</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 27, Tuesday</b>	<b>Rosh Hashanah, day 2</b>
SEPTEMBER 30, Friday	Tashlich & Shabbat, Roadrunner Park · 6:30pm
OCTOBER 2, Sunday	Men's Club Sukkah Brigade
<b>OCTOBER 4, Tuesday</b>	<b>Kol Nidre</b>
<b>OCTOBER 5, Wednesday</b>	<b>Yom Kippur</b>
OCTOBER 9, Sunday	Sukkot begins at sundown
OCTOBER 10, Monday	Sukkot, day 1 (services at Beth El)
OCTOBER 11, Tuesday	Sukkot, day 2 (services location TBD)
OCTOBER 13, Thursday	Or Tzion Sukkot event (tentative)
OCTOBER 16, Sunday	Sukkot ends
	Shemini Atzeret begins at sundown, evening Yizkor
OCTOBER 17, Monday	Shemini Atzeret morning Yizkor
	Simchat Torah begins at sundown, evening party
OCTOBER 18, Tuesday	Simchat Torah morning service at Or Tzion

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# A Message from Rabbi Green



It amazes me to realize that a whole year has passed since my first High Holidays with you as Rabbi at Or Zion. Together, we've shared moments of celebration, joy, meaning, and giving, as well as those of loss, trauma, challenge, and disappointment.

As I consider the significant transitions and growth we've experienced in this short time, I think about the core message of these High Holidays: we are defined not only by who we once were, but by who we will become.

Our 5783 High Holidays theme is: Resilience. This season, we celebrate the world's new beginning, embracing the moments that can be a new beginning for us all.

The greeting for this season, *shanah tova*, 'a good year', can be rendered differently. The word *shanah* means 'year' and also translates as 'to repeat' 'to change' or 'to make a difference.' Thus I bless you, *shanah tova*, 'repeat the good,' 'change well', and 'make a difference for the better.'

This year, may we open our minds and our hearts, may we stand up for each other and for ourselves, and may this be a new year of renewed vigor, hope, faith, and love.

*Shanah Tova,*  
*Rabbi*



# **HIGH HOLIDAYS**

## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES** at Congregation Or Tzion

### **Sunday, September 25 Erev Rosh Hashanah**

Apples & Honey Service · 5pm  
Evening Service\* · 6pm

### **Monday, September 26 Rosh Hashanah Day 1** (Split Service Schedule)

Main Service 1\* · 8:30am - 10:20am  
Littles Service 1 · 9am - 10:15am (ages 7 and under)  
Youth Service 1 · 9am - 10:15am (grades 3 to 6)

Main Service 2\* · 11am - 12:35pm  
Littles Service 2 · 11am - 12:15pm (ages 7 and under)  
Youth Service 2 · 11am - 12:30pm (grades 3 to 6)  
Teen Service · 11am-12:30pm (grades 7 and up)

### **Tuesday, September 27 Rosh Hashanah Day 2**

Main Service\* · 8:30am-12:30pm  
Littles Service · 9am- 9:45am (ages 7 and under)  
Youth Service · 10am-11:30am (grades 3 and up)  
KID-dush Room · 11:30am-12:30pm (all youth)

### **Tuesday, October 4 Kol Nidre**

Family Kol Nidre Service · 5pm-5:45pm (grades 6 and under)  
Kol Nidre Main Service\* · 6pm-8pm

### **Wednesday, October 5 Yom Kippur Day** (Split Service Schedule)

Main Service 1\* · 9am - 11am  
Littles Service 1 · 9:30am - 10:45am (ages 7 and under)  
Youth Service 1 · 9:30am - 11am (grades 3 to 6)  
Teen Experience · 9:30am - 11am (grades 7 and up)

Main Service 2\* · 12pm - 2pm  
Littles Service 2 · 12pm - 1:15pm (ages 7 and under)  
Youth Service 2 · 12pm - 1:30pm (grades 3 to 6)

Restorative Yoga w/Lisa Levine · 2:15pm-3pm  
Q&A w/Rabbi Andy Green\* · 3:15pm-4pm

Teen Takeover Minha\* · 4:15pm-5:15pm  
Neilah, Havdalah, Final Shofar Blowing\* · 5:30pm-6:43pm

***\*These services will be livestreamed for remote viewing.***

# INTRODUCTION TO HIGH HOLIDAYS

Welcome to Or Tzion's High Holidays 5783. All high holiday services & programming will be held at Or Tzion.

As we did last year, Or Tzion will 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 and Yom Kippur morning; please see PAGE 2 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/5783**. **THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING REGISTRATION IS THURSDAY, 9/15**. While the in-person seating capacity in our sanctuary will be higher than last year's, we do recommend completing the online registration as soon as possible as seating requests will be 'first come, first served'. Service assignments will be **emailed** to your family prior to the start of Rosh Hashanah (on or before Thursday, 9/22).

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@congregationortzion.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. We will not be selling non-member tickets for access to our services. 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 new major gifts 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/GIFT**

## SOME IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

**For all IN-PERSON requests, seats will be filled based on earliest registrations first.** If you are interested in being in-person for any or all services, it is in your best interest to submit your request EARLY. We will do our best to accommodate your requests, however, we cannot make any guarantees. Thank you, in advance, for your flexibility and understanding.

As we approach the start of Rosh Hashanah, the family unit will receive an email indicating where each person of the family has been placed for each individual service, whether it's IN-PERSON or VIRTUAL. You will need to print that email as your 'ticket' of entrance to the in-person service. Streaming 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.**

**IMPORTANT:** if you are given VIRTUAL access for a specific service, we ask that you not show up to the IN-PERSON service location hoping to get a seat. Each and every seat will be accounted for and we are unable to allow entrance to the building to anyone not on the IN-PERSON list. Similarly, please do not request a seat on this registration page if you or your family member(s) is/are not fully committed to attending the in-person service. We want to accommodate as many people as possible during each service.

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



### FAMILY & YOUTH SERVICES

**\*\*SEE PAGE 2 OF GUIDEBOOK FOR TIMES OF SERVICES\*\***

#### **Apples & Honey Service, Family Kol Nidre, and Littles Services - AGES 7 & under**

Parents are encouraged to attend these services with child(ren). Age appropriate programs include holiday songs and stories for the youngest members.

#### **Youth Services - Grades 3 to 6**

Worship experience appropriate for this age group. Parents do not need to attend with child(ren).

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

Worship experience appropriate for this age group. Parents do not need to attend with child(ren).

#### **KID-dush Room on Rosh Hashanah, Day 2 - 11:30am-12:30pm**

Time to schmooze and snack with friends while parents attend main services.

## STEP 1: START YOUR REGISTRATION

**Due by Thursday, 9/15.**

Go to [otaz.org/5783](https://otaz.org/5783), 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 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 4 pricing options for submissions to the Book of Remembrance**

**OPTION 1: \$18 per name**

**OPTION 2: \$100 for quarter page, up to 5 names (no customization)**

**OPTION 3: \$200 for half page, up to 10 names (no customization)**

**OPTION 4: \$400 for fully customizable full page** You may simply list names on this page with your preferred wording for the memorial or send us a short essay describing a loved one's immigration to America, a family member's sense of humor, your favorite memory of that person, or what you loved most about someone. You can write your entry on the registration page or submit it to [highholidays@congregationortzion.org](mailto:highholidays@congregationortzion.org). *We reserve the right to edit your submitted content for space and clarity, though we will consult with you during the editing process, if needed. Up to approximately 600 words.*

**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 member of the M'orot Society, your commitment entitles you a submission in the book at no extra charge:  $\frac{1}{4}$  page for those at the \$3,600 level;  $\frac{1}{2}$  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@congregationortzion.org](mailto:highholidays@congregationortzion.org).

## STEP 3: BREAK-FAST

**The Or Tzion tradition is BACK!**

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 15 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. Haven't built a Sukkah in a while or ever? Feel free to contact Michael Feinberg at [mifeinbe@yahoo.com](mailto:mifeinbe@yahoo.com) with your questions!*

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

**Question 1: Would you be interested in having the Men's Club Sukkah Brigade build your sukkah?** The Sukkah Brigade will be building on **Sunday, 10/2 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 build on Sunday, 10/2?** If yes, please give us your name and contact info on the registration form. You don't have to part of the Men's Club (or even a man...women are welcome too!).

**Would you like to purchase a Lulav & Etrog for your home?** Children's set \$45 each; Premium set \$55 each. Indicate quantity on registration page.

## STEP 5: PROJECT ISAIAH

Project Isaiah is our Jewish Community's 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:). Without question, Or Tzion's members have been overwhelmingly generous in donating both money and food during our Project Isaiah drive each year.

Because of Covid-19, both Kitchen on the Street and Jewish Free Loan have been greatly impacted. There are more people in need than ever before. We will be collecting monetary donations for both organizations. You can indicate your dollar amount on the registration form.

If you prefer to donate packaged/canned food goods, we will hand out empty grocery bags on Rosh Hashanah. Each bag will have a list of desired non-perishable food items stapled to it so that you can bring it back full on Kol Nidre where Kitchen on the Street will collect the donated goods.

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 we be able to have an ARK VISIT as a family?**

A: Last year, we had to modify ark visits so that we could stay socially distant; all visits were scheduled between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. **This year, we will return to Or Tzion's tradition of each family approaching the ark during Yom Kippur's Neilah service.**

**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 Thursday, September 22**. If you cannot locate your email, first check your junk or spam folder. If it's not there, please contact Amy at [highholidays@congregationortzion.org](mailto:highholidays@congregationortzion.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 Thursday, September 22 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@congregationortzion.org](mailto:highholidays@congregationortzion.org) for answers. If she doesn't know, she'll find out for you!

# Sacred Traditions

## ANNUAL HONEY FUNDRAISER

Make 5783 extra sweet! Help spread sweetness and support Or Tzion by gifting honey from Carranza Honey Farms. All congregants will receive honey Rosh Hashanah treats in the mail prior to the holiday.

For pricing and ordering, go to: [otaz.org/HONEY](http://otaz.org/HONEY). Deadline to order is 8/30

## KEVER AVOT

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.

At the time of this guidebook's compilation, the Jewish cemeteries of the Valley have not yet made their plans for their community events. We will communicate all plans as information becomes available.

## SELICHOT

Saturday, September 17, 7:30pm  
@ Congregation Or Tzion

Join us for havdalah and wine & cheese reception outdoors followed by an introduction to this year's theme, Resilience, and a Selichot service. A distinctive Healing Service is included. We hope you will be able to join in this spiritual journey. This program is open to the community.

## BLOOD DRIVE: Give Blood, Give Life

The American Red Cross will be at Or Tzion on September 18, 2022, 9:00am to 2:00pm

Donating blood is a mitzvah!  
Please make an appointment at [otaz.org/BLOODDRIVE](http://otaz.org/BLOODDRIVE)

## TASHLICH

Friday, September 30th, 6pm  
@ Roadrunner Park · 3502 E Cactus Rd, Phoenix

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.

## SUKKOT

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.

Stay tuned for more information regarding an Or Tzion Sukkot Celebration.

## SIMCHAT TORAH

SAVE THE DATE: Monday, October 17

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 an Or Tzion Simchat Torah Celebration.

## YIZKOR SERVICES

Yom Kippur: Wednesday, October 5  
Shemini Atzeret:

Sunday, October 16 (evening service)  
Monday, October 17 (morning service)



# A message from the **HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE** of Congregation Or Tzion

## ***Protecting the Health of Every Member of Or Tzion***

Currently, Congregation Or Tzion has adopted the CDC and Maricopa County Department of Public Health's guidelines for testing and exposure.

The committee recommends putting on your mask while indoors, staying up to date with Covid vaccines, staying home if you have symptoms of illness or a recent Covid exposure and testing if you are symptomatic or have been exposed to a known Covid infection.

At this time, the congregation's Health and Safety committee is constantly monitoring Covid-19, its variants and general health and safety concerns. Any additional specific recommendations and guidelines will be communicated closer to the High Holy Days. Please note that these recommendations and guidelines are always subject to change by the Health and Safety Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors, based on any changed circumstances.

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

For congregants attending services in person, mahzorim will be available in the sanctuary.

For congregants attending services virtually, there are two options:

- Access the online version of the mahzor (link will be provided later).
- Mahzorim are now available for pick-up during Or Tzion business hours and religious school. Please call the office to reserve. A \$36 per book deposit will be added to your Or Tzion account and will be removed when the book is returned before November 1.

**This Guidebook has been brought to you by the  
High Holiday Committee 5783.**

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

Questions about borrowing a mahzor? Contact Marie at [marie@congregationortzion.org](mailto:marie@congregationortzion.org).

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

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