



HIGH HOLIDAY GUIDEBOOK

for Congregation Or Tzion

5786 • 2025



Services will be led by
**Rabbi Andy Green &
Cantor Dannah Rubinstein**

Complete info and schedules available at
otaz.org/5786

WELCOME TO THE HOLIDAY GUIDEBOOK FOR 5786

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.

!טובת תכתבו! · L'Shanah Tova Tikateyvu!

HIGH HOLIDAY SEASON CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER · ELUL 5785 / TISHREI 5786 | | | | | | |
|--|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | Selichot Event, 7pm |
| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | |
| 14 | 15 High Holiday Registration Deadline | 16 | 17 | 18 High Holiday Tickets Emailed | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Erev Rosh Hashanah | 23 Rosh Hashanah Day 1 | 24 Rosh Hashanah Day 2 | 25 | 26 Tashlich, 6pm Chaparral Park | 27 |
| 28 Kever Avot | 29 | 30 | 1 Kol Nidre | 2 Yom Kippur | 3 | 4 |
| OCTOBER | | | | | | |
| 5 Sukkah Building Brigade | 6 Erev Sukkot | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Sukkot Event | 11 |
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A Message from Rabbi Green



Dearest Or Tzion Family,

Over this past year, we've shared moments of celebration, growth, and meaning-making, as well as those of trauma, fear, and dismay. We have seen Jews empowered and Jews vilified, sacred souls join our Jewish family and community members justifiably uncertain of the safety of presenting as publicly Jewish. In these times of both communal and personal joys and crises, connecting to one another, to our wisdom tradition and to our God, gives us strength.

The High Holidays remind us to be true to ourselves. Though the word *teshuva* means 'repentance', it more accurately translates to 'return.' We are called to return to who we really are, to imagine who we are truly meant to be, and in doing so, to renew our Jewish souls.

Our 5786 High Holidays theme is *Ani Yehudi* meaning 'I am a Jew.' These words remind us that we are connected to something much bigger than ourselves, that despite hatreds and tragedies that unfairly demonize the Jewish People and the Jewish Nation, we will continue to stand for goodness and embody Godliness in our broken world.

May we all merit to celebrate our Jewish spirit proudly and without fear.

Shanah Tova,
Am Yisrael Chai,

Rabbi

Rabbi Andy Green

INTRODUCTION TO HIGH HOLIDAYS

Welcome to Or Tzion's High Holidays 5786. 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/5786. THE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING REGISTRATION IS Monday, 9/15.**

- Please complete your registration before the deadline.
- Tickets/service assignments will be **emailed** to your family prior to the start of Rosh Hashanah (on or before Friday, 9/19).
- 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

- High Holiday seats for you and your immediate family members (up to age 23)
- Your Yom Kippur appeal

High Holiday tickets and access to services are only available to congregants.

For more information and to make your commitment if you have not already done so, please go to: **otaz.org/GIFT25.**

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 the registration form carefully and completely. **If you have any questions, please contact Amy at 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.

Family Services on Rosh Hashanah Day 2

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

Youth Programs for children Ages 4 and 5

Interactive 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. Youth Lounge will be open during all services.

ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

EREV ROSH HASHANAH, Monday, September 22

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

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1, Tuesday, September 23

| | 8am | 9am | 10am | 11am | 12pm | 1pm |
|--------------|-----|--|------|---------------------------------------|--|-----|
| SANCTUARY | | SERVICE A, 8:30am - 10:30am | | | SERVICE B, 11:30am - 1:30pm | |
| CLASSROOM 1 | | YOUTH PROGRAM A for Ages 4-5, 8:30am - 10:30am | | | YOUTH PROGRAM B for Ages 4-5, 11:30am - 1:30pm | |
| CLASSROOM 2 | | YOUTH PROGRAM A for Grades 1-2, 8:30am - 10:30am | | | YOUTH SERVICE 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 | | |
| ROOM 10 | | TEEN SERVICE A, Gr 7+, 9:00am - 9:30am | | | TEEN SERVICE B, Gr 7+, 12pm - 12:30pm | |
| YOUTH LOUNGE | | YOUTH LOUNGE OPEN | | | YOUTH LOUNGE OPEN | |

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2, Wednesday, September 24

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

KOL NIDRE, Wednesday, October 1

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

YOM KIPPUR, Thursday, October 2

| | 8am | 9am | 10am | 11am | 12pm | 1pm |
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| SANCTUARY | | SERVICE A, 8:30am - 10:30am | | | SERVICE B, 11:30am - 1:30pm | |
| CLASSROOM 1 | | YOUTH PROGRAM A for Ages 4-5, 8:30am - 10:30am | | | YOUTH PROGRAM B for Ages 4-5, 11:30am - 1:30pm | |
| CLASSROOM 2 | | YOUTH PROGRAM A for Grades 1-2, 8:30am - 10:30am | | | YOUTH PROGRAM 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 | | |
| ROOM 10 | | TEEN SERVICE, Gr 7+, 9:00am - 9:30am | | | TEEN SERVICE, Gr 7+, 12pm - 12:30pm | |
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We're excited to welcome Rabbinic Intern Joey Abeles to Congregation Or Tzion these High Holidays. Joey just began his rabbinic school journey at the Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies after serving as Director of Hillel at Maryville University in St. Louis. Joey is excited to celebrate with our Congregation Or Tzion community where his wife, Maia Nagle Abeles, grew up, and where his grandparents, Rabbi Herbert z"l and Temma Silberman z"l, served for many years.

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

Family Service on Rosh Hashanah Day 2

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

Kol Nidre Learner's Service

*****BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND*****

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.

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| | YOGA w/Lisa Levine 2pm - 2:45pm | | | | |
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STEP 1: START YOUR REGISTRATION

Due by Monday 9/15.

Go to otaz.org/5786, 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, youth 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. 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.

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, for all of your Sukkah needs.*

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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 10/5 starting at 7:30am**. If yes, indicate that on the registration form along with your home address. *In exchange for their help, a donation to Or Tzion Men's Club of \$36, or a contribution at a level that feels meaningful to you, is suggested.*

Question 2: Would you be willing to help build with the Men's Club Sukkah Brigade on Sunday, 10/5? 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 5786 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 or before Friday, September 19**. 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 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 Friday, September 19 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 for answers. If she doesn't know, she'll find out for you!

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 5786 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. Deadline to order is 8/27!

SELICHOT

Saturday, September 13, 7:00pm
@ Congregation Or Tzion

Service and Speaker...Stay tuned for more information!

TASHLICH

Friday, September 26, 6:00pm
@ 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 (dairy) dinner to enjoy after services.

KEVER AVOT

Sunday, September 28
7:00am Paradise Memorial Gardens
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 10, 6:00pm
Congregational Sukkot Dinner at Or Tzion,
stay tuned for more information.

Sukkot is one of the three major festivals in Judaism. It is an agricultural festival of thanksgiving and a commemoration. Sukkot commemorates the 40-year period of wandering in the desert during which the children of Israel lived in temporary shelters after leaving Egypt.

SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATES:

Tuesday, October 14, 6:00pm
Holiday evening prayers, food, and dancing with the Torah!

Wednesday, October 15, 9:30am
Simchat Torah morning service with silly melodies, group aliyot for everybody, whiskey on the bimah and lots of dancing! Hosting Temple Beth Shalom of the East Valley and Beth El Congregation.

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.

YIZKOR SERVICES

Yom Kippur: Thursday, October 2, Yizkor will be
recited during both A and B services
Shemini Atzeret: Monday, October 13 at 6pm and
Tuesday, October 14, 9:30am



**This Guidebook is brought to you by the
High Holiday Committee 5786.**

Questions about your *Gift of the Heart* commitment? Contact Pam at bookkeeper@otaz.org.

Questions about borrowing a machzor? Contact Margie at officeadmin@otaz.org.

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

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