

August 19, 2008

Dear Congregant,

On behalf of the Committee for Religious Living, I am pleased to inform you of the arrangements for this year's High Holy Day services. The schedule for services is as follows:

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| SELICHOT | Saturday evening, September 20 | |
| | Program in Main Sanctuary | 7:00 p.m. |
| | Service in Main Sanctuary | 10:00 p.m. |
| ROSH HASHANAH | Monday evening, September 29 | 8:00 p.m. |
| | Tuesday morning, September 30 | |
| | Service in Main Sanctuary | 10:00 a.m. |
| | <i>B'yachad 1: A High Holy Day Family Worship Experience</i> | 9:00 a.m. |
| | <i>B'yachad 2: A High Holy Day Family Worship Experience</i> | 11:00 a.m. |
| | High Holy Day Tot Service in Main Sanctuary | 2:00 p.m. |
| | <i>Tashlich Ceremony (see details on page 2)</i> | 3:00 p.m. |
| KOL NIDRE YOM KIPPUR | Wednesday morning, October 1 | |
| | Service in Main Sanctuary | 10:00 a.m. |
| KOL NIDRE YOM KIPPUR | Wednesday evening, October 8 | 7:00 p.m. |
| | Thursday morning, October 9 | |
| | Service in Main Sanctuary | 10:00 a.m. |
| | <i>B'yachad: A High Holy Day Family Worship Experience</i> | 10:00 a.m. |
| | Yom Kippur Torah Study and Discussion in Library | 1:00 p.m. |
| | High Holy Day Tot Service in Main Sanctuary | 2:00 p.m. |
| | <i>Yizkor</i> | 3:00 p.m. |
| | <i>Minchah and Ne'ilah</i> | 4:00 p.m. |

As always, admission to all High Holy Day services is by ticket only, with the exception of Erev Rosh Hashanah, Monday, September 29, 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah, Wednesday, October 1, Yizkor and the closing services on Yom Kippur afternoon on Thursday, October 9.

To assure that you receive the appropriate number of tickets, please complete and return the enclosed High Holy Day Ticket Request Form in the attached, pre-addressed envelope. Please review the accompanying High Holy Day ticket rules **BEFORE** filling out the form. We also request, if you wish to memorialize your loved ones in our "Book of Remembrance," that you please fill out the appropriate forms contained with this letter.

Tickets cannot be issued to members who are not in good standing with regard to their financial obligations to the Temple. All Temple and Religious School dues for the past fiscal year should have been paid in full, and 33% of this year's obligations were due upon receipt of your first bill. Questions or concerns about this matter should be referred to Jordan Solomon, VP of Finance at (973-783-8820 or jksaoloman@comcast.net).

Anyone requesting special needs—hearing aids, accessible seating, parking, or other needs for reasons of health or physical disability—should indicate such on the Special Needs Request Form included in this mailing. Parking spaces are at a premium during the holidays. Please plan on street parking. Only cars **displaying** a Temple Ner Tamid handicap permit will be allowed to park their cars in the synagogue's parking lot.

Questions concerning arrangements for the High Holy Days should be directed to the Temple office at 973-338-1500.

I wish you and your families a sweet, happy, and healthy New Year.

Best wishes,

Miriam Chilton
Vice President of Committee for Religious Living

Please help us preserve the dignified service that we have come to enjoy at Temple Ner Tamid. We ask parents of very young children to comfort their children outside the Sanctuary out of respect to congregants praying near them. Also, please leave electronic devices at home.

High Holy Day Offerings

CHILD CARE

This year child-care and/or children's programming will be offered during all High Holy Day services. (Please note, this includes evening services.) For children ages 1 to 4, babysitting will be offered. For children ages 5-7, a High Holy Day activity program has been specially designed. NOTE: The fee for child care is \$18 per child per service (Erev RH, RH1, RH2, Kol Nidre, YK a.m., YK p.m.). Children will not be admitted without prior registration. We regret that we cannot accommodate older special needs children. If you wish to provide a full-time shadow for an older special needs child, please contact the office to discuss if we can work out an arrangement on our premises.

B'YACHAD

This year we will again be holding *B'yachad: A High Holy Day Family Worship Experience*. It will include prayer in English and Hebrew with transliteration, singing, and interactive family activities. This service, held in the chapel and led by Peri Smilow, is for families with children in grades 3 thru 7. Older siblings and relatives of children in grades 3 thru 7 are invited to attend with their families. Younger children should be enrolled in babysitting/child care. Please see page 4 for more specific information.

Due to the of the popularity of the *B'yachad* service this year on Rosh Hashanah we are trying something new—two *B'yachad* services, one starting at 9:00 am and another at 11:00 am. Each family will choose the service which works best for them. Please note each service will accommodate 150 congregants and the requests will be handled on a first-come-first-serve basis. On Yom Kippur we are only offering one *B'yachad* service. **Children will not be admitted without a parent. For the above offerings, please fill out the appropriate section of the High Holy Day Ticket Request Form. Families will not be admitted to *B'yachad* without prior registration.** Anyone who would like to help in the planning and implementation of these services should speak to Lisa Westreich (973-746-5115). Services will begin promptly at 9:00 am and then again at 11:00 am on Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and 10:00 am Yom Kippur. Children in Grade 8 and above are expected to attend services in the Main Sanctuary, unless they want to attend *B'yachad* with a younger sibling.

TOT SERVICES

Finally, for families of all ages, Rabbi Steven Kushner and Cantor Meredith Greenberg will conduct High Holy Day Tot services in the afternoons of the first day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Services will begin at 2:00 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH AFTERNOON TASHLICH

One of the most moving customs of the High Holy Days is *Tashlich*. Meet in the Temple lobby at 3:00 p.m. and join with other members of our community as we walk across Broad Street to Clark's Pond (behind Bloomfield Middle School) and symbolically cast our sins into the sea by throwing crumbs upon the face of the water. This exercise in *Teshuvah* (repentance), accompanied by the recitation of Psalms and singing, begins on the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah—at 3:00 pm—immediately following the High Holy Day Tot Service. Your children will remember this tradition for their entire lives.

YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON DISCUSSION

For those who want to make Yom Kippur an all-day encounter, please join us in the library during the "gap" between the morning service and *Yizkor* for an in-depth Torah study and discussion. This is a very informal discussion of some of the more enigmatic texts that are found in our liturgy and Torah readings during these Days of Awe. This is not a class but rather an opportunity to share thoughts and feelings about the themes that inspire and sometimes even overwhelm or alienate us on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Each year it is customary for the congregation to issue a Book of Remembrance in conjunction with the *Yizkor* Service on the afternoon of Yom Kippur. This booklet offers each member the opportunity to memorialize loved ones. Throughout the centuries Jews have maintained this beautiful custom by making special contributions to the synagogue.

Please list those you wish to be remembered on the enclosed form and return it with your separate check to the Temple office along with your High Holy Day ticket request. **We will list only those names that we receive on the enclosed form.**

High Holy Day Ticket Regulations

The following rules have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of Temple Ner Tamid for the distribution of High Holy Day tickets. We will be checking tickets carefully.

- 1) Non-transferable tickets will be issued at no charge to the following:
 - A) adult members
 - B) unmarried dependent children of members living at home **up to the age of 23**
- 2) Other tickets are to be issued in accordance with the following schedule of charges:
 - A) members of household not included in 1-A and 1-B are to be issued tickets upon request at a charge of \$200 per person
 - B) relatives of members who do not reside in the member's household are to be issued tickets, upon request, at a charge of \$200 per person
- 3) Any person with *bona fide* tickets issued by a congregation *outside our geographic area* will be admitted without charge as a courtesy.
- 4) Because of seating limitations, we are able to issue tickets only to those included in the above categories. **To avoid overcrowding, you must register in advance. In fairness to all congregants, ushers will ask you not to save seats.**
- 5) For children ages 1 to 7, child care will be provided at a cost of **\$18 per child per service. Child care will only be provided to children registered in advance.** Please advise us of your requirements for child care on the enclosed form. Any child receiving childcare must remain in the designated place for the duration of the service. We regret that we cannot accommodate older special needs children. If you wish to provide a full-time shadow for an older special needs child, please contact the office to discuss if we can work out an arrangement on our premises.
Please cooperate with the child-care providers. Parents are requested not to "look in" on their children but to let the adult chaperone know where you will be seated so that you can easily be located. Please keep in mind that our chaperones are fellow congregants volunteering their time as well as people we have hired to enhance your High Holy Day experience.
- 6) *B'Yachad: A High Holy Day Family Worship Experience* service is available for families with children in grades 3 thru 7 and their older siblings (if desired). Relatives of B'yachad families are welcome. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Prior registration is required. See page 4).
- 7) Children attending services in the Sanctuary or Chapel will not be permitted into the child-care area.
- 8) For reasons of safety, we ask that parents of infants kindly not bring strollers into the Sanctuary.
- 9) To avoid overcrowding, we must have your family's request in advance for special services, the *B'yachad*, or child care. We cannot guarantee that last-minute requests will be honored. Special seating arrangements will only be made for those submitting the enclosed form.

TICKETS WILL NOT BE ISSUED TO MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT IN GOOD STANDING. ALL TEMPLE AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOL DUES FOR THE LAST FISCAL YEAR SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID IN FULL.

Cases requiring special consideration will be submitted to the Finance Committee for approval. Questions about your financial standing should be referred to Jordan Solomon, VP Finance, (973-783-8820 or jkasoloman@comcast.net). All other questions should be directed to the Temple office (973-338-1500).

Once Again, TNT is Proud to Offer

B'YACHAD

A High Holy Day Family Worship Experience

What is *B'yachad*?

B'yachad means “together” in Hebrew. This year Ner Tamid will once again provide families with a way to worship together as a family. *B'yachad* is an opportunity for a family with children in grades 3 thru 7 to share the joy and wonder of the High Holy Days during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur morning, in a more relaxed, interactive experience.

B'yachad is the *only* programming we are offering to children in grades 3 thru 7. We will continue to offer babysitting for children ages 1 through 7.

As this is a family experience, **each child must be accompanied by one or more adult family members** during the *B'yachad* program. No child will be admitted to this program without a parent/family.

How is *B'yachad* different from the main service?

Our program, led by Peri Smilow, will offer experiential worship with song, study, prayer, and interactive family discussion. Our service will consist of a traditional High Holy Day liturgy and Torah reading. All prayers, however, will be transliterated, and music will be congregational. Dress is casual, and the service is accessible to all. Shofar will be blown and apples and honey will be served on Rosh Hashanah.

When is *B'yachad*?

The service will overlap our main service, *B'yachad* services will run from 9:00 am to 10:30 and then again from 11:00 to 12:30 on the First Day of Rosh Hashanah (September 30) and at 10:00 am the morning of Yom Kippur (October 9).

Who Can Come?

Families that include children in grades 3 thru 7 and their relatives. In addition, older siblings are invited to join their family at this service. **Babysitting is provided for younger children. Older children are expected to attend the sanctuary service unless they are a sibling of a *B'yachad* participant.**

Where will *B'yachad* be held?

In our beautiful chapel.

Sounds great! How do I register?

Just check the box on your registration form and let us know how many people to expect. It's easy!

Who can I contact for more information?

Please contact our *B'yachad* Service coordinators, Lisa Westreich, at (973) 746-5115, or Julie Groisser, at (973) 744-7034.

High Holy Day Ticket Request Form

(Before filling out this form, please review carefully the ticket regulations on page 3.)

I/We request tickets for the High Holy Day services in the sanctuary as noted below:

| | Rosh Hashanah | Yom Kippur |
|-------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| NAME (last name first) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| NAME (last name first) _____ | _____ | _____ |
| HOME PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____ | | |

I/We request tickets for the *B'yachad* services listed below: If you are attending *B'Yachad: A High Holy Day Family Worship Experience*, parents must accompany the child.

Ticket requests for children and older siblings (grades 3-7 as of Sept., 2008 up to age 23):

| | Rosh Hashanah (<i>B'yachad 1</i>) | Rosh Hashanah (<i>B'yachad 2</i>) | Yom Kippur |
|---|--|--|--------------------------|
| NAME (last name first) _____ Grade ____ will attend | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NAME (last name first) _____ Grade ____ will attend | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NAME (last name first) _____ Grade ____ will attend | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Child-care requests for children ages 1 to 7 (grade 2 as of Sep., 2008) – \$18 registration fee per child per service:

(Please indicate which days your child/children will be needing child-care by checking the appropriate boxes)

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| NAME (last name first) _____ Age/Grade _____ | RH \$18 ea: Erev RH | <input type="checkbox"/> | Day1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Day 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | YK \$18 ea: Kol Nidre | <input type="checkbox"/> | AM | <input type="checkbox"/> | PM | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NAME (last name first) _____ Age/Grade _____ | RH \$18 ea: Erev RH | <input type="checkbox"/> | Day1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Day 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | YK \$18 ea: Kol Nidre | <input type="checkbox"/> | AM | <input type="checkbox"/> | PM | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NAME (last name first) _____ Age/Grade _____ | RH \$18 ea: Erev RH | <input type="checkbox"/> | Day1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Day 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | YK \$18 ea: Kol Nidre | <input type="checkbox"/> | AM | <input type="checkbox"/> | PM | <input type="checkbox"/> |

I/We would be glad to help with the child care programs:

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| NAME _____ | Please call me to volunteer | PHONE _____ |
| NAME _____ | Please call me to volunteer | PHONE _____ |

I/We would be glad to volunteer for ushering:

| | Sanctuary | <i>B'yachad 1</i> | <i>B'yachad 2</i> |
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| NAME _____ Please call me to volunteer: | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| NAME _____ Please call me to volunteer: | _____ | _____ | _____ |

I/We also request tickets for the following family members (\$200 per person):

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| NAME (last name first) _____ | RELATIONSHIP _____ |
| NAME (last name first) _____ | RELATIONSHIP _____ |

Total Child-Care / Guest Ticket Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

PLEASE RETURN NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 18, 2008.

Mail this request to the attention of the COMMITTEE FOR RELIGIOUS LIVING in the enclosed envelope.
Please enclose a check payable to TEMPLE NER TAMID for the appropriate amount when you return this form.

Please use a separate check for Book of Remembrance.

The Book of Remembrance

- Yom Kippur *Yizkor* Service will be held on Thursday, October 9, 2008.
- Please list the names of anyone that you wish to have printed in the Yom Kippur **Book of Remembrance**.
- Only the names listed below will appear in the **Book of Remembrance**.
- There will be no carry-over from previous years.
- The names of those who have died since last Yom Kippur will be read during the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur afternoon. If you wish for those names to be listed in the **Book of Remembrance**, please fill out this form.
- **CLOSING DATE FOR THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE IS SEPTEMBER 18, 2008.**
- Please print clearly.
- If you want information regarding the date of your loved ones *yahrzeit*, please call the Temple office

NAME AND RELATIONSHIP

as you wish it to appear – please print clearly

DATE OF DEATH

if unsure call the Temple office.

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In honor of the above listed names, I have donated and enclosed the sum of \$ _____ payable to Temple Ner Tamid.

NAME (please print clearly)

Mail to:

Temple Ner Tamid Committee for Religious Living
936 Broad Street
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

High Holy Day Special Needs Request Form

WE ASK THAT YOU ONLY REQUEST SEATS IF THERE IS A REAL NEED. ONLY TWO (2) SEATS CAN BE RESERVED. PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY FOR ADJACENT SEATING FOR ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS.

ALL RESERVED SEATS WILL BE FORFEITED ONE-HALF HOUR BEFORE SERVICES BEGIN. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED WITH NO EXCEPTIONS.

I/We will have the following special needs for this year's High Holy Day services as noted below:

FAMILY NAME _____

HOME PHONE _____

Services Attending (Please check ALL that apply):

Rosh Hashanah Monday Evening Tuesday Morning Wednesday Morning
Yom Kippur Kol Nidre / Wednesday Evening Thursday Morning Thursday Afternoon

Special Needs (Please check the blank line next to the specific request):

_____ Hearing-Impaired Sound System (see ushers at door)

_____ Wheelchair Accessible Seating

_____ Aisle Seat (only if assisted by walker or crutches)

_____ Heavy Arm Chair (to make room for our growing congregation, no armchairs will be provided unless requested)

_____ Large-Print Prayer Books (see ushers at door)

_____ Parking Permit

_____ Other Needs (please be specific):

Please return this form to the Temple office no later than September 18, 2008.

All questions should be directed to Robert Hertzberg at 973-783-7515 or Michael Reitman 973-509-3092.