



THE REFORM TEMPLE
OF ROCKLAND

HIGH HOLY DAYS



GUIDE FOR 2019/5780

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**UNION for
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JUDAISM**

A Proud Member of the URJ

Dear RTR Members and Friends,

The Reform Temple of Rockland is honored to invite you to join Rabbi Sharff, Cantor Neff, our choir and the entire RTR congregational family for the 5780 High Holy Days!

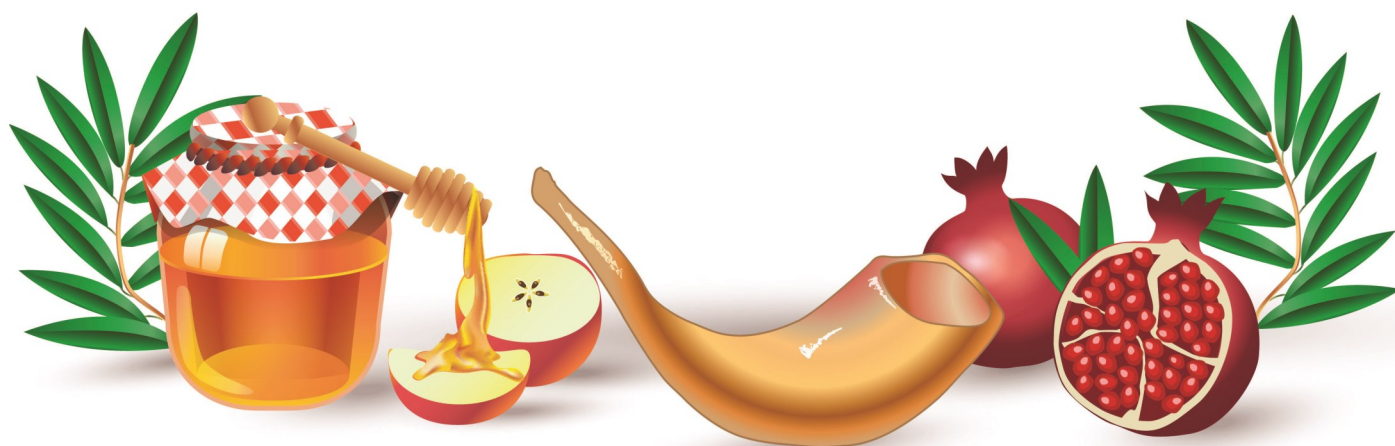
This guide provides you with the information you need to understand how tickets and services are run, making your holiday experience as smooth as possible.

The Ritual Committee takes its role at The Reform Temple of Rockland very seriously. We have been working hard to make our congregation stronger and have our religious and spiritual needs met. We look forward to seeing you during the High Holy Days. Please accept our best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year!

L'Shanah Tovah,

Jodi Gischner & Judith Kiss

Ritual Committee Co-Chairs





SERVICE SCHEDULE

Unless otherwise indicated, all services are in the sanctuary and tickets are required.

Selichot
Saturday, 9/21

A Service of Preparation for the High Holy Days

Tickets not required.

7:45 PM Dessert Reception

8:30 PM Havdallah & Musical Service with **Rich Recht**

10:00 PM Candlelit Selichot Service

Special Event
Sunday, 9/22

Rick Recht Concert

9:00 AM Morning Tefillah followed by a concert by Jewish Rockstar, Rick Recht. Tickets not required.

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, 9/29

Family & Community Service

5:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service for young families and members of the community.

Erev Rosh Hashanah Congregational & Community Service

7:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah Service for the congregation and members of the community.

Rosh Hashanah Day One
Monday, 9/30

Congregational Service

10:00 AM Rosh Hashanah Day One Service for the congregation and members of the community

Children/Teen Experience & Babysitting

10:00 AM Age-appropriate services and programming for children and teens in Grades K-12. Babysitting is for children 3 months to 3 years. *Lower Level.*

Tashlich Service at Kakiat Park

4:00 PM Family Service at Kakiat Park, Montebello, NY. Tickets not required.

Rosh Hashanah Day Two
Tuesday, 10/1

Congregational Service

10:00 AM Rosh Hashanah Day Two Service for the congregation and members of the community

Erev Shabbat Service
Friday, 10/4

Shabbat Shuva: Family Service

Tickets not required.

6:30 PM



SERVICE SCHEDULE

Erev Yom Kippur
Tuesday, 10/8

Kol Nidre Service
7:30 PM Kol Nidre Service

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, 10/9

Congregational Service
10:00 AM Yom Kippur Service for the congregation and members of the community

Children/Teen Experience & Babysitting
10:00 AM Age-appropriate services and programming for children and teens in Grades K-12. Babysitting is for children 3 months to 3 years. *Lower Level.*

Yizkor Service
1:00 PM

Ask the Rabbi
2:00 PM An informal opportunity to ask Rabbi Sharff questions.

Healing Service
3:00 PM *Rear Social Hall.*

Minchah/Afternoon Service with Open Ark
4:00 PM

N'ilah
5:30 PM

Erev Sukkot
Sunday, 10/13

Sukkot Celebrations
Tickets not required.
Sunday, 10/13 6:00 PM BBQ by Sisterhood & Men's Club
 7:30 PM Erev Sukkot Service
Monday, 10/14 10:30 AM Sukkot Festival Morning Service
Friday, 10/18 7:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service: Torah Service
 with **Cantor Barbara Ostfeld**

Shmini Atzeret
Monday, 10/21

Tickets not required.
10:30 AM Sh'mini Atzeret Festival Morning Service & Yizkor

Simchat Torah
Tuesday, 10/22

Tickets not required.
6:00 PM Pizza Party by WRJ/Sisterhood & Men's Club
6:30 PM Havdallah, Simchat Torah Service & Consecration



INCLUSIVITY

Disability Access

A wheelchair ramp is available to the left of the main entrance at the upper parking lot. An elevator is available at the lower parking lot. Additional accommodation requests should be directed to the Executive Director at 845-358-2248.

Hearing Loops

RTR is proud to offer our congregants and guests a hearing loop while in our sanctuary. Simply switch to T-coil to hear the wonderful sounds of our services.

Large Print Books

Large print prayer books are available outside the sanctuary. Please see an usher for assistance.

If You Cannot be at RTR

RTR will stream High Holy Day services live from our sanctuary over the internet. To view our services, visit **www.RTRny.org/live**.

EMERGENCY

If a Medical Need Arises

A licensed paramedic will be present during all High Holy Day services. RTR also has first-aid supplies and automated external defibrillators (AEDs) on the premises. If you or a family member is in need of assistance, please see an usher.

If an Emergency Arises

If there is an emergency inside the building, please vacate the building immediately and in an orderly fashion following the directions of the Security Guards and Ushers. Please help those who require assistance.

Designated Food Area

Only congregants who are not fasting for Yom Kippur will be able to use Tucker Lounge on our lower level, our designated area to eat. Food is not provided. A refrigerator is available for your use. An usher can assist you.



SECURITY

Security

Enhanced security has been part of our High Holy Day services for many years. Security will be present during the entirety of the High Holy Days. We appreciate your cooperation, patience and understanding as we keep you and your family safe this holiday season.

How You Can Help

Entry and security checks will run smoothly if all guests have their government-issued IDs and High Holy Day tickets in their hands upon arrival.

DECORUM

Cell Phones

Please remember to turn off or silence your cell phones before entering the building. If you have children in the Children's Experience or Babysitting, cell phones should be on vibrate. Please refrain from using electronic devices so as not to interrupt the sanctity of our worship service.

Younger Attendees



If your children need a space to let out their energy while attending services with you in the sanctuary, kindly bring them to the lobby. For safety purposes, children should not be permitted to leave the sanctuary alone, and all children under the age of 13 must be supervised by parents at all times.

Please use your discretion regarding children's attendance at the Yizkor services.

Quiet Room for Mothers

Our Bridal Suite, just past the Gift Shop, will be available as a quiet room for mothers of infants. Changing tables are available in the upstairs restrooms.



TICKETING

Tickets and a government-issued, picture ID are required for entry to ALL High Holy Day Services. Please have them in your hands at check-in to help move the process along quickly. Every person should carry his or her own ticket. Tickets are non-transferrable.

IMPORTANT: All tickets will be mailed out a few weeks before Rosh Hashanah. If you would like your mailing to include tickets for dependent children, immediate family members, or member guests, **your request MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPT 9** by paper form or online form. Tickets requested after this date will be held at Will Call.

ALL FORMS ARE ALSO ON OUR WEBSITE: www.RTRny.org/hhd

Member Tickets

All members in good standing will receive a ticket for all services. **Tickets are non-transferable.** "In good standing" means that all financial obligations for the 2018-2019 fiscal year have been paid in full and you have also renewed your membership and made your dues payments for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Children

All children under the age of 18 years are welcome without tickets.

Dependent Children

Qualifying dependent children are those who still live at home and require financial support. Dependent children 18 to 30 years of age are free but must have tickets. Please complete the **orange Guest Ticket Request Form** or the online form.

Immediate Family Members

Tickets for immediate family members include: non-dependent children and their spouses/families, children over 30 years of age, parents and siblings of congregants. Please complete the **orange Guest Ticket Request Form** or the online form.

Ticket Cost: \$100

Member Guests

Friends and extended family of congregants may purchase tickets to services. Please complete the **orange Guest Ticket Request Form** or the online form.

Ticket Cost: \$360



TICKETING

Complimentary Tickets

Complimentary tickets are available and are required for full-time students with a valid school ID, active military members with proper ID and special needs adults, regardless of age. Please complete the **orange Guest Ticket Request Form**.

URJ Reciprocity

Members in good standing who will be away for the High Holy Days may request reciprocal seating (complimentary seating) to attend services at another URJ-affiliated Reform Congregation. You may make this request online by using the form on our website or by calling the office at 845-358-2248.

Out-of-town family members who are affiliated with another URJ Reform Congregation may attend services with us by requesting reciprocity through *their own* congregations.

Community Tickets

Members of the community may purchase tickets to all services. The amount paid will be applied toward Temple membership for anyone who subsequently joins RTR by 12/31/19. This offer is only available *one time* to community members who have never been RTR members. Please complete the **yellow Community Ticket Request Form** or the online form.

Ticket Cost: \$360

Free Services

Erev Rosh Hashanah Family & Community Services
Wed, 9/29 at 5:30 PM & 7:30 PM

Yizkor on Yom Kippur

Sat, 10/9 at 1:00 PM—Pre-Registration and a government-issued, picture ID is required for admittance. Requests can be made through the office or online.

Lost or Misplaced Tickets

Please call the office at 845-358-2248 if you have misplaced your tickets. Replacements will be left at Will Call.



TEMPLE PARKING

Parking at the Temple on **Rosh Hashanah Day One, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur** will be permitted **ONLY for those with government-issued handicapped tags or license plates, clergy and emergency assistance.**

If you do not have a government-issued handicapped tag or license plate and are concerned about off-site parking, we invite you to be dropped-off at the door for assistance. Other concerns can be brought to the attention of the Executive Director at 845-358-2248.

For all other services, parking at the Temple will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The parking lot is one way, and must be exited at the far end of the lot.

OFF-SITE PARKING

Off-site parking is at Nyack High School, and it remains the most convenient and stress-free way to park for the High Holy Day services. **Please enter Nyack High School from Christian Herald Road.** Shuttle buses will run on the holidays listed below, bringing you back and forth from off-site parking to the Temple's door. When using off-site parking, ***please add 20 minutes to your travel plans*** for the shuttle to ensure you arrive at the Temple in time for your service. Please look for a tent and security personnel clearly marking the pickup area. **PLEASE FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE SECURITY TEAM DIRECTING TRAFFIC.**

Holiday	Off-site Parking Location	Shuttles Begin
Rosh Hashanah Day One	Nyack High School	8:30 AM
Kol Nidre	Nyack High School	6:00 PM
Yom Kippur	Nyack High School	8:30 AM





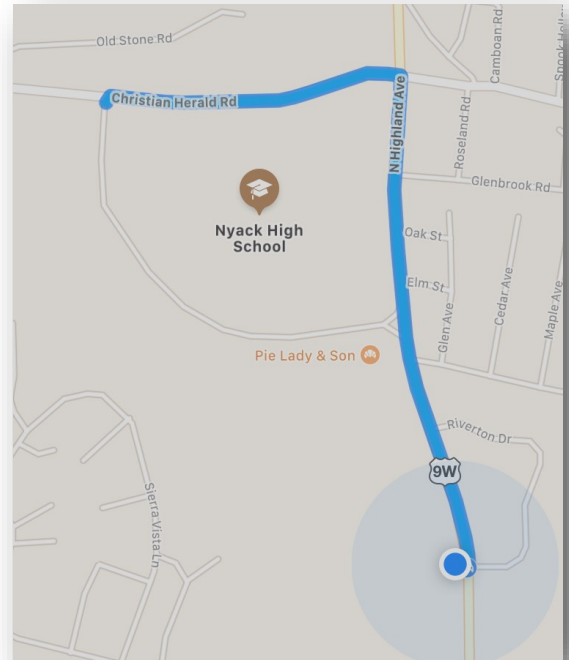
OFF-SITE PARKING

Directions to Nyack High School (*Rosh Hashanah Day One, Kol Nidre, Yom Kippur*) 360 Christian Herald Road, Upper Nyack, NY 10960

From the George Washington Bridge: Take Palisades Parkway N to Exit 9 S (NY Thruway) towards Tappan Zee Bridge. Get off Thruway at Exit 11 (Rte 9W-Nyack). Go to light (Rte 59) and make a left turn. Go to next light (Rte 9W) and make a left turn. Continue N on Rte 9W. Travel to your 2nd light past the Temple and turn left onto Christian Herald Road. Nyack HS parking lot will be on your left.

From New Jersey: Garden State Parkway to NY Thruway South to NYC. Get off Thruway at Exit 11, last exit before Bridge (Rte 9W-Nyack). Go to light (Rte 59) and make a left turn. Go to next light (Rte 9W) and make a left turn. Continue N on Rte 9W. Travel to your 2nd light past the Temple and turn left onto Christian Herald Road. Nyack HS parking lot will be on your left.

From Tappan Zee Bridge: NY Thruway to Exit 11 (Rte 9W-Nyack). Go to first traffic light (Rte 9W) and make a left turn. Continue N on Rte 9W. Travel to your 2nd light past the Temple and turn left onto Christian Herald Road. Nyack HS parking lot will be on your left.



STREET PARKING

Minimal parking is available on Rte 9W. RTR is located on a busy road. We ask everyone to respect the property, comfort and safety of our neighbors and not to park in front of private driveways or other restricted areas such as neighboring businesses. The U.S. Government asks that you do not block mailboxes. **Please consider parking at Nyack High School instead of street parking. It is a matter of safety for yourself and others.**

CARPOOLING/RIDES

We encourage families to carpool to services as much as possible to cut down on the flow of traffic and parking spot availability.

Congregants needing assistance getting to services, please call the Temple Office at 845-358-2248.



CHILDREN/TEEN EXPERIENCE

On Rosh Hashanah Day One and Yom Kippur Morning ONLY, age-appropriate services and programming for children and teens in Kindergarten-12th Grades are available. Please be aware that your children may not be placed together if they are not the same age.

PLEASE NOTE: Unattended children and teens will not be permitted to roam the building. NO additional babysitting or children/teen programming will be offered during any of our other services. Your children are always welcome in the sanctuary with you (see page 7).

Holiday	Location	Time
Rosh Hashanah Day One	Lower Level	10:00 am until end of services
Yom Kippur Morning	Lower Level	10:00 am until end of services

Please allow additional time *before* and *after* services to sign your children in and out of the Lower Level when you arrive and leave. Children will be released when matched to their guardian.

Snacks

Snacks will be provided to the children. If your child has any allergies, please note this on the online form.

Family Participation

Parents, grandparents or other family members are encouraged and are more than welcome to attend the Experience with their children.

Preschoolers

Parents of Preschoolers may use their discretion between babysitting or the Experience. Preschoolers attending the Experience must be accompanied by an adult.

Teens

Students in 7-12th Grades are welcomed to attend the Teen programming and services. The program will relate the High Holy Days to everyday life, as well as involve the preparation and collection of the Youth Group Yom Kippur Appeal.



BABYSITTING

On Rosh Hashanah Day One and Yom Kippur Morning ONLY, babysitting will be available for children aged 3 months to 3 years. **This is a drop-off resource, though parents are responsible for diaper changes.** Please put your cell phone on vibrate and list your number on the online form.

Holiday	Location	Time
Rosh Hashanah Day One	Kindergarten Room	10:00 am until end of services
Yom Kippur Morning	Kindergarten Room	10:00 am until end of services

Please allow additional time *before* and *after* services to sign your children in and out of the Lower Level when you arrive and leave. Children will be released when matched to their guardian.

FAMILY-FRIENDLY SERVICES

Rick Recht Concert—Sun, 9/22 at 9:00 AM
 Erev Rosh Hashanah Family & Community Service—Sun, 9/29 at 5:30 PM
 Rosh Hashanah Day One Children’s Experience—Mon, 9/30 at 10:00 AM
 Tashlich at Kakiat Park—Mon, 9/30 at 4:00 PM
 Erev Shabbat Shuva Family Service—Fri, 10/4 at 6:30 PM
 Yom Kippur Children’s Experience—Wed, 10/9 at 10:00 AM
 Erev Sukkot BBQ & Service—Sun, 10/13 at 6:00 PM
 Simchat Torah Pizza Party, Havdallah & Consecration—Tues, 10/22 at 6:00 PM

UPCOMING K’TANIM

K’tanim means “little ones.” Join us throughout the year for these programs designed for Preschoolers. A great introduction to Judaism for our youngest members! ***Open to the Community.***



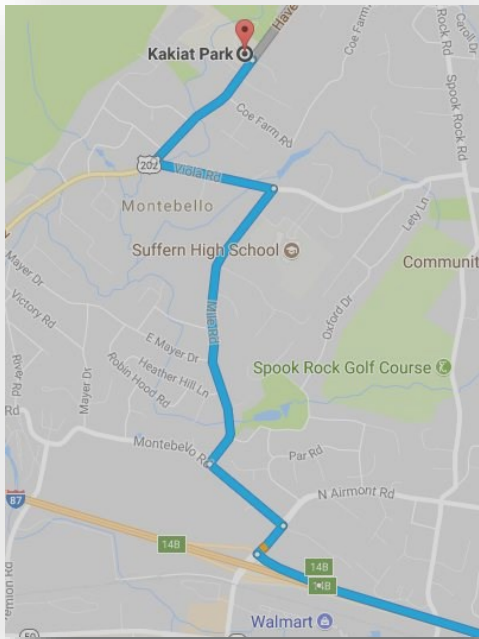
K’tanim: Sukkot
Sun, Oct 20, at 9:00 AM



K’tanim: Mitzvot
Sun, Nov 17, at 9:00 AM



TASHLICH at KAKIAT PARK



Mon, Sept 30, at 4:00 PM

668 Haverstraw Road, Montebello, NY

Please arrive on time, allowing enough time to walk into the park (*approx. 5-7 mins*). **Birdseed will be provided to cast away into the water.**

DIRECTIONS from RTR & Nyack High School (*approx. 24 mins*):

Head S on N Highland Ave toward Route 59 (0.7 mi). Turn right onto High Ave (0.1 mi). Take the ramp onto I-287 W (0.2 mi) and merge onto I-287 W/I-87 N (6.3 mi). Keep left at the fork to stay on I-287 W/I-87 N (3.3 mi). Take Exit 14B for Airmont Rd toward Airmont/Montebello (0.3 mi). Turn right onto N Airmont Rd (0.1 mi). Turn left onto Montebello Road (0.4 mi). Turn right onto Mile Road (1.1 mi). Turn left onto Viola Road (0.5 mi). Turn right onto Haverstraw Road (0.5 mi). Turn left into Kakiat Park in about 200 feet.

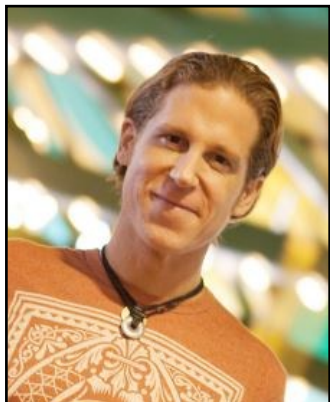
YIZKOR MEMORIAL BOOK

The Reform Temple of Rockland will publish a Book of Remembrance that will contain names of all loved ones whom you wish to memorialize at the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur. Only the names of the past year's departed will be read aloud during the service. Please use the **green Yizkor Memorial Book Form** or online form to record the names of those you wish to have listed in the Book of Remembrance under your family name. The suggested minimum donation is \$18.

Yizkor Book submissions must be received by TUES, OCT 1.

THE HIGH HOLY DAY APPEAL

According to Jewish tradition, *tzedakah* (charity), *tefillah* (prayer), and *teshuvah* (repentance) are all part of the Yom Kippur observance. Giving *tzedakah* before every holiday is a mitzvah of long standing. We are a Reform Congregation dedicated to linking the present to our future. We see our congregation as a family ready to share joy, extend comfort, pray, learn, and laugh together. **Your contribution maintains and expands this vision.** Please join us and share in this vision by giving to the High Holy Day Appeal. In recognition of your gift of \$275 or more, your name will be inscribed on the Recognition Wall outside our sanctuary. Donation cards will be mailed to your home shortly before Yom Kippur. THANK YOU!



Rick Recht is one of the most celebrated Jewish artists of our time playing family concerts, Shabbat Alive! services, religious school concerts, teen concerts, camp concerts, and tot concerts throughout the United States and abroad. Recht is widely recognized as a

pioneer of the Jewish rock music genre, elevating the medium of Jewish music as a powerful and effective tool for developing Jewish pride and identity among the masses. Rick has 10 top selling Jewish albums, including his latest hit album, *Halleluyah*.. In addition to his role as an artist, Recht is regarded as a top Jewish educator and leader in the Jewish world. He is the founder and executive director of Songleader Boot Camp, one of the top leadership training programs in the North America. He presents leadership-training programs at congregations and conferences across the US. Recht is the national music spokesman for PJ Library and the founder and executive director of Jewish Rock Radio, the first high-caliber, 24/7, Jewish rock Internet radio station. Recht resides in St Louis, MO where he serves as Artist in Residence at United Hebrew Congregation . Recht enjoys sharing his life with his wife, Elisa, and sons, Kobi and Tal.



Barbara Ostfeld

didn't become obsessed by singing until she was two. Though she didn't learn to ride a bike until she was twelve and never did learn to climb to the top of the rope in gym, at seventeen she innocently cracked

through a stained glass ceiling and was admitted to Hebrew Union College's School of Sacred Music. At age twenty-two she became the first woman ordained as a cantor in 3,000 years of Jewish history, but foolishly turned down an invitation to appear on What's My Line? Nevertheless she persisted, serving for more than twenty-seven years as cantor of congregations in Clifton, New Jersey, and in Great Neck, Rochester, and Buffalo, New York, and then for ten years as the placement director of the American Conference of Cantors. Barbara lives in Buffalo, New York, with her husband and an assortment of mildew-spotted African violets. She would own at least one cat if she didn't care about her husband. Her essays have appeared in Lilith Magazine, New Jewish Feminism, and elsewhere. Her website is Catbirdbook.com.

Youth Group Yom Kippur Donation Drive

Wed, 10/9, Yom Kippur Morning

- **KOSHER Barley and Canned Tuna Fish**

For The Rhoda Bloom Kosher Food Pantry



- **Cleaning Supplies—New and Unopened**

For our neighbors who cannot purchase these items with SNAP benefits

The cleaning supplies do not have to be kosher.

(Examples: Laundry Detergent, Lysol Cleaning Wipes, Kitchen Cleaner, Bon Ami, Windex, Paper towels)



Please place items in the clear bag provided to you on Rosh Hashanah and bring it with you on Yom Kippur. Youth Group Members will assist you with drop-off at RTR.

*Welcome the New Year with
The RTR WRJ/Sisterhood*

JUDAICA SHOP

Consider adding to your
collection or gifting another with any of our
beautiful items for the High Holy Days.

We have a wide selection of items:

Michael Aram Merchandise

Jewelry * Children's Gifts * Glassware

Honey Jars * Shofars * and much more

To make an appointment:

Email JudaicaShop@RTRny.org or call

Lisa Jay at 914-572-0200

Irene Kopelman at 845-304-5673

Renee Kratter at 845-357-6715

Helayne Pfeffer at 845-429-2939

We look forward to seeing you soon!

*A portion of all sales goes to support
our Temple and Religious School*

L'Shana Tova
To a Happy New Year



We have a parking spot with your name on it!

Support RTR and reserve your own private parking spot
for the High Holy Days NOW!

\$500 a spot!

Please contact Susan at 845-358-2248 or Susan@RTRny.org.

