

The Reform Temple of Rockland  
**HIGH HOLY DAYS**



**GUIDE FOR 2020/5781**



THE REFORM TEMPLE  
OF ROCKLAND

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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 5781 High Holy Days!

This guide provides you with the information you need to understand how our services will run during this unique time, 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 virtually 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



Service Held Via Zoom



Service Held Via Special Link



In-person

**Selichot**  
Saturday, 9/12



**A Service of Preparation for the High Holy Days**  
10:00 PM Candlelit Selichot Service

**Erev Rosh Hashanah**  
Friday, 9/18



**Erev Rosh Hashanah & Shabbat Family Service**  
5:30 PM Erev Rosh Hashanah & Shabbat Service for young families.



**Erev Rosh Hashanah & Shabbat Congregational Service**  
7:30 PM

**Rosh Hashanah Day One**  
Saturday, 9/19



**Children's Rosh Hashanah Service**  
9:00 AM Age-appropriate services for children in Grades K - 6.



**Congregational Service**  
10:00 AM Rosh Hashanah Day One Service congregational service



**Tashlich Service at Kakiat Park**  
4:00 PM Family Service at Kakiat Park, Montebello, NY.

**Rosh Hashanah Day Two**  
Sunday, 9/20



**Sound of the Shofar Parade**  
Signup for a time slot to hear the shofar at [rtrny.org/hhd](http://rtrny.org/hhd).

**Erev Shabbat Service**  
Friday, 9/25



**Shabbat Shuva**  
7:00 PM



# SERVICE SCHEDULE

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**Erev Yom Kippur**  
Sunday, 9/27



**Kol Nidre Service**

7:30 PM Kol Nidre Service

**Yom Kippur**  
Monday, 9/28



**Children's Yom Kippur Service**

9:00 AM Age-appropriate services for children in Grades K - 6.



**Congregational Service**

10:00 AM Yom Kippur Service for the congregation



**Yizkor Service**

1:00 PM



**Ask the Rabbi**

2:00 PM



**Healing Service**

3:00 PM



**Minchah/Afternoon Service with Virtual Open Ark**

4:00 PM



**N'ilah**

5:30 PM



**Havdallah**

Directly following N'ilah

**Sukkot**



**Friday, 10/02**

7:00 PM Erev Sukkot & Shabbat Service



**Saturday, 10/03**

10:30 AM Sukkot & Shabbat Morning Service

**Sh'mini Atzeret  
& Simchat Torah**  
Saturday, 10/10



10:30 AM Sh'mini Atzeret & Shabbat Morning Service & Yizkor



6:30 PM Havdallah & Simchat Torah Service



# ACCESSIBILITY

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## Technology Help

Our Office Staff will be available to help you test run your technology in advance of the High Holy Days on **Monday, September 14** and **Wednesday, September 16**. Call the office at 845-358-2248 or email [info@RTRny.org](mailto:info@RTRny.org) to set up an appointment by Thursday, September 10.

## Prayerbooks

Miskhan Tefillah will be incorporated into all of our worship services allowing you to follow along easily. No prayerbook is needed.

# SECURITY

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## Security

Based on Homeland Security recommendations, enhanced security has been part of our High Holy Days services for many years. Security will be present at all of our in-person events and our online services will be closely monitored.

## How You Can Help

To ensure Zoom services run smoothly all guests should use an identifiable name for entry into the service.

# EMERGENCY

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## If a Medical Need Arises

A licensed paramedic will be present during all in-person High Holy Days events. RTR also has first-aid supplies and an automated external defibrillator (AED) on the premises. If you or a family member are in need of assistance, please notify someone immediately.

# TEMPLE PARKING

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Parking at the Temple on **Sunday, September 20: Sound of Shofar Parade**, will be every other spot in order to maintain social distancing. The parking lot will be one way, and must be exited at the far end of the lot. Thank you in advance for helping this event run smoothly.





# DECORUM

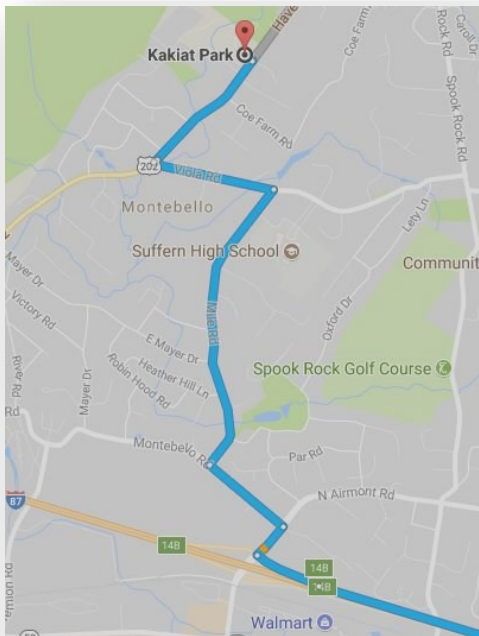
## Masks & Social Distancing

For all in-person High Holy Days events, you must wear a mask properly (over your nose and mouth) and you must maintain the recommended six feet of distance between you and anyone outside of your immediate family.

## Shofars

We encourage you to bring your shofar with you at our in-person events. However, just like you, your shofar must wear a mask. If you plan on sounding your shofar, make sure to place a mask on the end of your shofar.

## TASHLICH at KAKIAT PARK



**Sat, Sept 19, 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*). Please **bring ONE piece of bread per family** to cast into the water. **Bread will not be provided or shared.**

### DIRECTIONS from RTR (*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.



# ONLINE ACCESS REQUESTS

Access Requests made on behalf of the member or community member are required for **ALL High Holy Days Services**. Please make sure your name is properly entered for online services so you will be allowed to enter the service easily and quickly. Technical help will be available prior to Rosh Hashanah (**see page 6**).

**IMPORTANT:** Access information will be emailed out prior to Rosh Hashanah. If you would like access for immediate family members, or member guests, **your request MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPT 15**. Requests made after that date can not guarantee timely access to our services.

**ALL FORMS ARE ALSO ON OUR WEBSITE: [www.RTRny.org/hhd](http://www.RTRny.org/hhd)**

## Member Access

All members in good standing will receive access to all of our services. **Access information is not to be shared.** “In good standing” means that you have made your first quarter membership dues payment for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. If you have questions about your account, please contact Kama Clark at 845-358-2248 or [Kama@RTRny.org](mailto:Kama@RTRny.org).

## Children & Dependent Children

All children under the age of 18 and qualifying dependent children (aged 18 to 30) who still live at home and require financial support do not require separate Access Requests.

## Immediate Family Members

Access Requests 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 **Member Guest Request Form** online.

**Ticket Cost: \$72**

## Member Guests

Friends and extended family of congregants may also request access to services. Please complete the **Member Guest Request Form** online.

**Ticket Cost: \$180**





# ONLINE ACCESS REQUESTS

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## Complimentary Tickets

Complimentary Access is available 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 **Member Guest Request Form** online and email copy of their valid ID to [info@RTRny.org](mailto:info@RTRny.org).

## URJ Reciprocity

Members in good standing who will be away for the High Holy Days may request reciprocal attendance at another URJ-affiliated Reform Congregation. Please call the office at 845-358-2248 so we can assist you.

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

## Community Tickets

Members of the community may purchase access to all services. The amount paid will be applied toward Temple membership for anyone who subsequently joins RTR by 12/31/20. This offer is only available *one time* to community members who have never been RTR members. Please complete the **Community Request Form** online.

**Ticket Cost: \$180**

## Free Services

### Erev Rosh Hashanah & Shabbat Family Service

Fri, 9/18 at 5:30 PM—Contact Office for access.

### Yizkor on Yom Kippur

Mon, 9/28 at 1:00 PM—Access Requests are required online using the **Yizkor Only Request Form**.

## Lost or Misplaced Info

Please call the office at 845-358-2248 if you have misplaced your access information. Please check your technology PRIOR to the High Holy Days.



# CHILDREN'S SERVICES

On Rosh Hashanah Day One and Yom Kippur Morning **ONLY**, age-appropriate services and programming for children in Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> Grades are available via Zoom.

**REGISTRATION IS ONLINE ONLY AT [www.RTRny.org/hhd](http://www.RTRny.org/hhd)**

Holiday	Location	Time
Rosh Hashanah Day One	Zoom	9:00—10:00 AM
Yom Kippur Morning	Zoom	9:00—10:00 AM

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY SERVICES

Erev Rosh Hashanah & Shabbat Family Service—Fri, 9/18 at 5:30 PM

Rosh Hashanah Day One Children's Services—Sat, 9/19 at 9:00 AM

Tashlich at Kakiat Park—Sat, 9/19 at 4:00 PM

Sound of the Shofar Parade—Sun, 9/20: Sign up for a time slot

Yom Kippur Children's Services—Mon, 9/28 at 9:00 AM

Erev Sukkot & Shabbat Service—Fri, 10/2 at 7:00 PM

Havdallah & Simchat Torah Service—Sat, 10/10 at 6:30 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 4 at 9:00 AM



**K'tanim: Jewish Stories**  
Sun, Nov 1, at 9:00 AM

# Join us for the Sound of the Shofar Parade



**Sunday  
September 20**

**PICK A TIME SLOT:** There are half hour sign up times starting at 9 AM ending at 10:30 AM

**DRIVE TO THE RTR MAIN ENTRANCE:** Pop your trunk and deliver your food donations for the Annual Youth Group Yom Kippur Food Drive.

**PARK EVERY OTHER SPOT:** You don't even need to leave your car, park every other spot in our upper parking lot to hear the Sound of the Shofar. Please exit out the back when the mini service is over.

**BRING YOUR OWN SHOFAR:** If you want to blow your own shofar when you join us please make sure your shofar is wearing it's mask (you can place it right on the end)!

**SIGN UP TODAY AT:** [www.rtrny.org/hhd](http://www.rtrny.org/hhd)

*Food drive items to be collected - tuna, boxed mac & cheese, pasta, dried beans, rice, cereal & canned foods. All items will be donated to People-to-People, please do not donate any expired food.*



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# YIZKOR MEMORIAL BOOK

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The Reform Temple of Rockland will publish an online 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 ***Yizkor Memorial Book Form*** online to record the names of those you wish to have listed in the Book of Remembrance under your family name. You can also email or call the office directly.

This year, in addition to the online book, the names of your loved ones will be scrolled on screen during the Yizkor Service. The suggested minimum donation is \$18. Please consider increasing your donation this year to cover the cost of what will be a beautiful addition to our services.

**Yizkor Book submissions must be received by FRI, Sept 18.**

## THE HIGH HOLY DAYS APPEAL

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We know this year is unlike any other. 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 see our congregation as a family ready to share joy, extend comfort, pray, learn, and laugh together.

We hope you have seen how RTR has seamlessly offered outstanding programming and assistance regardless of current obstacles. Your contribution is necessary to maintain and expand our vision as the home for Joyful Judaism, as a family that gives back to the community at large and as the future of Reform Judaism in the County.

Please join us and share in this vision by giving to the High Holy Days 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. You can also make your contribution online or by calling the office.

Thank you in advance for your generous support in sustaining our future.



# **Annual Youth Group Donation Drive**

**Sunday, September 20**

**Drop-off During Sound of the Shofar Parade**

**Simply “Pop Your Trunk”**

**Sign up for a Time Slot at [rtrny.org/hhd](http://rtrny.org/hhd)**

As you may know, The Reform Temple of Rockland Youth Groups has a food drive every year on the High Holy Days. Now more than ever people are struggling with food insecurity. If you are able to donate food these High Holy Days, we will collect UNEXPIRED:



**Tuna**  
**Boxed mac n' cheese**  
**Pasta**  
**Dried Beans**  
**Rice**  
**Cereal**  
**Canned Foods**  
**Kosher Barley**



Donations will be given to People-to-People and The Rhoda Bloom Kosher Food Pantry. You will be able to “pop your trunk” at the top of the driveway on your way to the upper parking lot and we will remove your donations from your car. We will also collect food during the week of Mon, Sept 14—Fri, Sept 18 at temple. Please call the office in advance to arrange a drop-off time by calling 845-358-2248 or email [info@RTRny.org](mailto:info@RTRny.org).

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*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**

Email [JudaicaShop@RTRny.org](mailto: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 845-300-1950

*We look forward to helping you  
find the perfect item or gift!*

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

**L'Shana Tova**  
To a Happy New Year



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