



Oseh Shalom

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July 23, 2023

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Oseh Shalom is happy to announce our plans for the 5784 *Yamim Noraim* (2023 High Holy Days, "HHD"). Most services will be hybrid, giving you the option to attend in-person or via Zoom in order to balance your desire and comfort level to gather together to celebrate the holidays.

We will again be offering our popular Family Services on First Day Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings outside in the tent, and there will be a special service for Teens.

And we will be holding our popular catered Break-Fast in the Social Hall after Neilah Services on Yom Kippur again this year. If you wish to attend Break-Fast, you must make a reservation on Shulcloud.

Although there is no cost for HHD tickets for members, the funds raised through the HHD Appeal and from greetings in our program and memorials in the Yizkor books are a major source of Oseh Shalom's annual revenue. We ask that you donate what you can to support Oseh and remember those who are no longer with us, and honor your loved ones and others that you appreciate during the HHD Appeal.

Please complete the HHD forms online on Shulcloud at <https://osehshalom.shulcloud.com/form/high-holidays-2023.html> and for the youth service <https://osehshalom.shulcloud.com/form/high-holy-days-youth-program-2023.html>. If you wish to get a hard copy of the forms, please email the HHD committee at HHD2023@oseh-shalom.org and they will mail you a paper packet. All paper forms must be returned to Oseh Shalom at 7515 Olive Branch Way, Laurel, MD 20707 or drop them off no later than **August 24, 2023.**

As the New Year is a wonderful time to introduce friends, family, and neighbors to our community, please feel free to invite others to join with us for the High Holy Days or one of our special upcoming virtual or in-person events, such as:



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- July 28 – BBQ & Barchu – Family Activities and Dinner 5:30 pm and Services 7:30 pm (*reservations required for dinner*)
- August 25 - Back to Shul Night – Tot Shabbat 5:30-6:00 pm, Dinner 6:00pm and Services 7:30 pm (*reservations required for dinner*)
- September 1 - Labor on the Bimah, 7:30 pm

At Oseh Shalom, we always strive to create a joyous and celebratory mood and we strive toward the best possible future together as a community. A recent survey conducted by our new Media Consultant confirmed what we discovered the very first time we entered Oseh Shalom's doors, whether physically or virtually -- it is our caring community of clergy, lay leaders, staff and, most importantly, our fellow congregants that continue to create our sacred community and bring us together in good times and challenging moments.

During 5783, our celebrations of holidays such as Hanukkah, Purim and Simchat Torah, and our social events (*i.e.*, Speakeasy Dinner Dance, Carryout Shabbat Dinners), brought record numbers of participants who dined, danced and davened together. We have plans for many traditional and lots of new programming for the coming year and we can't wait to experience them together with our wonderful community.

As always, if we allow ourselves to be guided by the Jewish values of *Tikkun Olam* (saving the world) and *Pikuah Nefesh*, (preserving life) during our congregational observance of the *Yamim Noraim*, perhaps we can find our way in the direction of *Teshuvah* and begin the year 5784 with a renewed and deepened sense of purpose and connection.

We wish you a ***Shanah Tovah Umetukah*** for a sweet, healthy and safe new year.

Shelley Reese

President