



Celebrating the 5787 High Holy Days at Temple Israel of Boston

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May compassion, generosity, and justice
inspire us to live meaningful lives.

The High Holy Days arrive like the first cool breath of autumn —
anticipated, needed, and quietly transforming.

Once a year, we pause the relentless scroll of our lives and gather together,
accountability partners in the ancient work of becoming. The river of our lives never stops
flowing, but this season asks us to stand at the bank and look clearly —
at our failures, our possibilities, our unfinished business. It is hard work. It is sacred work.
And we cannot do it alone.

So we show up, together, in the same place, at the same time, ready to begin anew.



Your pathway
through the 5787
High Holy Days:

Elul

August 12 -
September 11

The month
leading up to
Rosh Hashanah
awakens us with
the sound of the
shofar to prepare
to enter the High
Holy Day season
together.

S'lichot

Rosh Hashanah

Days of Awe

Yom Kippur

Sukkot

Simchat Torah

Elul: A Month of Spiritual Preparation

Elul (אלול) is the name of the month in our Jewish calendar that immediately precedes the Jewish New Year and High Holy Days. The month of Elul fulfills the promise of drawing closer together, awakening our inner lives through the call of the shofar, and preparing ourselves for the joy and renewal of the holiday season.

Self-Guided Exploration For Preparation

Soundtrack to the High Holy Days



Prepare your heart and spirit for the Days of Awe with our curated playlist of live High Holy Day music, prepared by Cantor Alicia Stillman. This collection of music from our congregation, drawn from traditional liturgy, contemporary interpretations, and soulful melodies, invites reflection, connection, and a sense of sacred anticipation. Whether you're walking, driving, cooking, or simply pausing to breathe, let this soundtrack accompany you on your journey toward Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

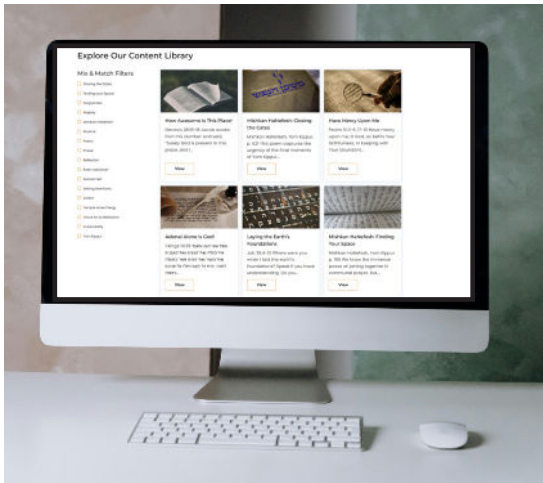
Listen now and let the season begin: www.tisrael.org/hhd-playlist.

A Vast Array of Resources for You



As you prepare for the High Holy Days, we invite you to explore our online collection of prayers, poems, reflections, and other spiritual resources. Whether you're looking for inspiration or ways to deepen your experience before the holidays begin, these materials can help you enter the season with greater intention. Browse by theme or discover the resources that speak most meaningfully to you as you prepare for this sacred journey.

Start now at www.tisrael.org/exploration.



Community Exploration

Congregational Read: *As a Jew*, by Sarah Hurwitz

Join us for our annual High Holy Day congregational read as we read Sarah Hurwitz's *As a Jew: Reclaiming Our Story from Those Who Blame, Shame, and Try to Erase Us*. In this insightful and deeply relevant book, Hurwitz reflects on her journey to reclaim her Jewish identity, shedding the harmful messages that led her to feel disconnected from her heritage and rediscovering the richness of Jewish tradition. At a time when antisemitism is rising across the globe, her honest and courageous story about embracing Jewish life with confidence and without apology feels especially important. As we read her story together, we will seek to define and strengthen our own Jewish identities, preparing ourselves for a new year.



We invite you to read along and take part in this meaningful conversation about identity, resilience, and Jewish belonging. **Be sure to mark your calendar for October 8–9 when Sarah Hurwitz will join us as Scholar in Residence.**

Qabbalat Shabbat During Elul

Fridays, August 14, 21, 28, September 4 at 6:00 p.m.

[\(Onsite and Online\)](#)

For each week of Elul, we will gather for Qabbalat Shabbat to sing melodies and explore texts that bring us into the themes of the High Holy Days in which we immerse ourselves. Each week will feature a deep dive into one of the chapters of our Congregational Read, *As A Jew*, as we spiritually prepare ourselves for awakening and renewal; for *t'shuvah*, *t'filah*, and *tzedakah*.

Beit Midrash and Breath for Elul

with Yaakov Ginsberg-Schreck

August 18, 7:00 p.m. [\(Onsite\)](#)

Explore the ancient connection between breath and spirituality in Jewish tradition. Using the Beit Midrash ("House of Learning") model, we'll study texts from the Garden of Eden to the parting of the Red Sea, along with surprising Talmudic teachings on conscious breathing. During Elul's season of return, gain meaningful insights and practical tools to prepare for the High Holy Days.

In this 75-minute session, we will offer:

- Jewish wisdom around the breath as a healing and redemptive force in life
- Traditional *havruta* pair-learning (make a new friend in the community, or come with a study buddy!)
- All-levels, accessible breath practice, as a chance to deepen the learning through experience

No prior breathwork experience needed. All you need is curiosity and a reflective spirit. This event is offered in partnership with RUACH, a Boston-based collective of teachers in embodied Jewish spirituality and practice.

SHOFAR, a music documentary

with J. David Jacobs

Tuesday, August 25, 7:00 p.m. [\(Onsite\)](#)

SHOFAR is a music documentary that explores the meaning and power of the shofar through a deeply personal journey. The film follows J. David Jacobs as he creates a series of ceramic *shofrot*, culminating in a moving finale in which an ensemble of shofar blowers brings these handcrafted instruments to life.

J. David Jacobs is a ceramic sculptor and filmmaker whose work explores emotion, relationships, and Jewish themes. His sculptures have been featured in multiple juried exhibitions, including receiving First Prize for Sculpture at the 2026 North River Arts Festival, and are currently on view at the Old Frog Pond Farm 20th Outdoor Sculpture Walk in Harvard, Massachusetts. He creates his work in studios on Cape Cod and at the Harvard Ceramics Program.

Over the past two decades, Jacobs has also written and directed short films spanning science fiction, musicals, comedy, and documentary. SHOFAR brings together his passions for visual art, music, and Jewish tradition in a uniquely creative exploration of one of Judaism's most enduring ritual objects.

High Holy Days 101

Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur: August 27 at 7:00 p.m. [\(Online\)](#)

Sukkot & Simchat Torah: September 3 at 7:00 p.m. [\(Online\)](#)

Join us for two free, one-hour online sessions exploring the origins, symbols, and traditions of the High Holy Days. Whether you're new to these holidays or looking to reconnect, all are welcome to discover fresh meaning in these ancient and evolving practices. Register to join. Questions? Contact cajl@tisrael.org.



Your pathway
through the 5787
High Holy Days:

Elul

S'lichot
September 5

A candlelit
evening of soulful
music and prayer
that emphasizes
the themes of
forgiveness,
return, and
renewal.

Rosh Hashanah
Days of Awe
Yom Kippur
Sukkot
Simchat Torah

S'lichot

Join us for an extraordinary afternoon and evening of spiritual preparation for a transformative S'lichot experience. Come for any part or all of the day's program and service.

Saturday, September 5, 2026

- 4:45 - 6:30 p.m.** Family S'lichot Dinner, Service, and Activity (Village & Elementary)
- 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.** Community Dinner
- 7:30 - 8:45 p.m.** Spiritual Practice Lab:

- **Text Study with Temple Israel Clergy** ([Onsite & Online](#))
- **"Meditation, Movement, Connection — A Jewish Recipe for Repair and Return" with Yaakov Ginsberg-Schreck** ([Onsite](#))
- **Art Making Workshop** ([Onsite](#))

9:00 - 10:00 p.m. Candlelit S'lichot Service ([Onsite](#))

As we enter the High Holy Day season, S'lichot offers a gentle transition, a time to slow down, reflect, and return to ourselves and our purpose. The evening includes a community dinner, Spiritual Practice Lab session, and a moving candlelit S'lichot service as we ready our Torah scrolls—and our hearts—for the Days of Awe. Come with curiosity, dress comfortably, and step into the season with intention.



High Holy Day Services

This High Holy Day season, we gather as one sacred community, joyfully welcoming the new year through music, prayer, connection, and celebration. Find the service that is right for you and your family. Full schedule on the following pages.



Community-wide services

(All are welcome!)

Experience the power and music of our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services in the Sanctuary. These spiritually rich gatherings blend timeless tradition with a modern, inclusive spirit. **On Erev Rosh Hashanah**, the entire community comes together for one community-wide service followed by a joyful **Grand Homecoming Community Schmooze** (details on page 7).

Riverway Project Services

(20s & 30s)

Dynamic, welcoming services for young adults in their 20s & 30s on Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre. Pray, sing, and connect as we enter 5787 together with meaning and joy.



Family Services

(Grades 2 – 7)

Interactive, music-filled services led by clergy and musicians. **Begin Erev Rosh Hashanah at 6:15 p.m. with a Family Schmooze & Dinner**; an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. Then join the full community for an uplifting evening service with the full community.

Village & Young Families Services

(Age 0 – 6)

Celebrate with singing, dancing, and playful connection. **On Erev Rosh Hashanah, stay after the service for a Family Schmooze & Dinner.** On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur mornings, join us for a service followed by a snack, story, and crafts.



We offer all of these service options for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Details on service times are on pages 6 and 10. For information about ticketing for each of these services, visit www.tisrael.org or see page 14.

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Your pathway through the 5787 High Holy Days:

Elul

S'lichot

Rosh Hashanah

September 11-13

1-2 Tishrei

As a community we gather to celebrate the world beginning anew as we enter the New Year together.

Days of Awe

Yom Kippur

Sukkot

Simchat Torah

Rosh Hashanah 5787 Service Schedule

	Community-Wide (All are welcome)	Village & Young Families (Age 0 – 6)	Family (Grades 2 – 7)	Riverway Project (20s & 30s)
Erev Rosh Hashanah Friday, September 11	7:30 p.m. Community-Wide Service (Families Grades 2 and older join this service) <i>Onsite & Online</i> Followed by a Grand Homecoming Community Schmooze! <i>Onsite</i>	5:30 p.m. Young Family Service <i>Onsite</i> 6:15 p.m. Young Family Schmooze and Dinner <i>Onsite</i>	6:15 p.m. Family Schmooze and Dinner before joining together at Community-Wide Service <i>Onsite</i> 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary for the Community-Wide Service <i>Onsite & Online</i>	6:15 p.m. Riverway Service <i>Onsite & Online</i> Followed by Riverway Dinner <i>Onsite</i>
Rosh Hashanah Saturday, September 12	9:00 a.m. Early Community-Wide Service <i>Onsite & Online</i> Followed by Tashlich <i>Offsite</i> 11:45 a.m. Late Community-Wide Service <i>Onsite & Online</i> Followed by Tashlich <i>Offsite</i>	9:15 a.m. Young Family Service <i>Onsite</i> Followed by Tashlich <i>Offsite</i>	9:00 a.m. Family Service <i>Onsite</i> followed by Tashlich <i>Offsite</i>	Join together with the Community-Wide Services at either 9:00 a.m or 11:45 a.m. <i>Onsite & Online</i> Followed by Tashlich
Rosh Hashanah Day 2 Sunday, September 13	10:00 a.m. Lay-Led Service & Lunch <i>Onsite & Online</i> 2:00 p.m. Reverse Tashlich <i>Offsite</i>	We wish you a happy and sweet New Year! שנה טובה ומתוקה		

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Welcoming our Rabbinic Intern, Ben Poor!



Ben Poor (he/him/his) looks forward to joining Temple Israel’s spirited clergy team for the High Holy Days this year. A fifth year student at Hebrew Union College’s Los Angeles campus, Ben leads the Choosing Judaism program at Wilshire Boulevard Temple, where he guides an exploration into Jewish life for people seeking community with others on a similar path. Before rabbinic school, he worked as a community organizer, including at the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Boston. Ben loved spending time at Temple Israel while in Boston, serving on the Riverway Leadership Team, co-chairing TI’s GBIO Leadership Team, teaching in the religious school, and regularly attending Saturday morning Torah study. In his time at HUC, Ben has been recognized for service to small congregations, study of Rabbinic literature, and Israel Studies, but he’s most proud of his pun-based Purim costumes.



Tashlich 5787: Together, we symbolically cast away our transgressions.

Saturday, September 12, following services

We invite you to participate in Tashlich ("to cast away"), a beautiful ritual that allows us to symbolically cast our wrongdoings into the water. This tradition can be done on your own or with our TI community. Immediately following Rosh Hashanah morning services you can join us for this experience.

Help clean the Muddy River with Reverse Tashlich.

Sunday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Offsite, location shared after registration at www.tisrael.org

During Tashlich we symbolically cast our transgressions into the water. At the same time, our literal waterways suffer from the pollution of human wrongdoings. Join us for a "reverse Tashlich" by helping to clean up the Muddy River and learn more about how we can care for our local waterways.



Stay after Erev Rosh Hashanah Services for a Grand Homecoming Community Schmooze!

Friday, September 11, following the Community-Wide Service

Come schmooze with friends both new and old as we ring in the new year! Together, we’ll celebrate the start of 5787 with fabulous food, delectable drinks, and, most importantly, the warmth of community.





Your pathway
through the 5787
High Holy Days:

Elul
S'lichot
Rosh Hashanah

Days of Awe

September 11-21

A personal time of
reflection on the
richness of these
special days that
focus on renewal
and return.

Yom Kippur
Sukkot
Simchat Torah

The Days of Awe at Temple Israel

During the sacred time from Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur, Temple Israel offers opportunities to enter the new year with intention.

Participate in our Ongoing Food Drive

For the 28th year, Temple Israel is proud to partner with the Greater Boston Food Bank for our annual Yom Kippur Food Drive—delivering their largest single-day donation. **Paper bags will be available on Rosh Hashanah; please fill them with non-perishable food and return them on Yom Kippur, Sunday, September 20, when the Food Bank truck will be on Nessel Way.** You can also contribute year-round by bringing food whenever you visit TI, or by making a financial donation through our website. Most-needed items include peanut butter, canned goods, pasta, rice, and personal care products. Please avoid perishable or refrigerated items.



Tzedakah Row



Each year, we support select organizations through our communal *tzedakah* effort. This year's partners reflect Temple Israel's core values, and we've been proud to engage with them throughout the year. Please consider contributing to the designated *tzedakah* boxes in the Atrium. **Scan this code to watch videos about each Tzedakah Row organization.**



La Colaborativa

La Colaborativa is a Latina-led organization that has supported Latinx immigrants in Greater Boston for over 35 years through advocacy, programs, and essential resources. As ICE raids and anti-immigrant threats intensify in Chelsea, Temple Israel is showing up in solidarity—volunteering at La Colaborativa's food pantry and standing with our neighbors, one meal and one act of kindness at a time.



IMPJ Israeli Movement for Progressive Judaism

The IMPJ is a vibrant and inclusive movement, with a rich history dating back to the early 20th century. With over 50 congregations and initiatives across Israel, the IMPJ has been instrumental in promoting progressive values and religious pluralism in Israeli society through education, life cycle events, and justice campaigns. Today, IMPJ continues to make a significant impact including advocating for equal rights and religious equality. In response to the humanitarian emergency in Israel, the Israel Reform Movement, along with its rabbis, congregations, and volunteers, is mobilizing to aid those directly affected in the Shaar HaNegev (Gaza Envelope) region and across central and southern Israel as they grapple with the ongoing crises.



RAC-MA (Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism – Massachusetts)

RAC-MA is the Massachusetts state-level chapter of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, organizing Reform congregations across the Commonwealth to advance justice through statewide advocacy and community organizing. Grounded in Jewish values, RAC-MA equips clergy and lay leaders to build relationships, develop advocacy skills, and influence public policy on issues including immigration, gun violence prevention, democracy, and combating hate. Temple Israel is a proud part of RAC-MA amplifying our collective voice and transforming our Jewish values into meaningful action across Massachusetts and beyond.





Your pathway through the 5787 High Holy Days:

Elul
S'lichot
Rosh Hashanah
Days of Awe

Yom Kippur
September 20-21
10 Tishrei

Our Day of Atonement, our most vulnerable day when we face our imperfect selves and our efforts to make *t'shuvah*.

Sukkot
Simchat Torah

Yom Kippur 5787 Service Schedule

	Community-Wide (All are welcome)	Village & Young Families (Age 0 – 6)	Family (Grades 2 – 7)	Riverway Project (20s & 30s)
Kol Nidre Sunday, September 20	5:30 p.m. Early Community-Wide Service <i>Onsite & Online</i> 8:15 p.m. Late Community-Wide Service <i>Onsite & Online</i>	4:30 p.m. Young Family Service <i>Onsite</i>	6:00 p.m. Family Service <i>Onsite</i>	7:00 p.m. Riverway Service <i>Onsite & Online</i>
Yom Kippur Morning Monday, September 21	9:00 a.m. Early Community-Wide Service <i>Onsite & Online</i> 11:45 a.m. Late Community-Wide Service <i>Onsite & Online</i>	9:15 a.m. Young Family Service <i>Onsite</i>	9:00 a.m. Family Service <i>Onsite</i>	Join together with the Community-Wide Services at either 9:00 a.m or 11:45 a.m.
Between Services: Stay in the Day Monday, September 21	2:15 p.m. Deepen Your Yom Kippur Experience, see all your choices on page 11.	May you and yours be sealed in the Book of Life! גִּמְרַ חֲתִימָה טוֹבָה		2:15 p.m. Riverway Gathering Space
Yom Kippur Afternoon Monday, September 21	3:45 p.m. Torah Service, Afternoon Service, Yizkor, Neilah, Havdalah <i>Onsite & Online</i>			Join together with the community-wide services at 3:45 p.m.

Yom Kippur Afternoon: Stay in the Day

Monday, September 21, 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Between Yom Kippur morning and afternoon services, we invite you to participate in your choice of facilitated conversations, or find one of many spaces inside the Temple Israel building and along the Muddy River for meditative quiet.



Deepen Your Yom Kippur Experience:

- Ask the Clergy:** Delve into the themes of the holidays with Rabbis Zecher and Oberstein, and Cantor Stillman. *(Onsite & Online)*
- Hour of Action:** Join Tikkun Central, our justice and compassion initiatives, with Rabbi Dan Slipakoff to make the world a better place. At the end of the hour, you will have done a direct kindness for someone in need and in turn, brought deeper compassion and purpose into your Yom Kippur practice. *(Onsite)*
- Self-Guided, Meditative Walk:** Take a contemplative walk at your own pace this Yom Kippur afternoon. Start by scanning a QR code linking to a meditative audio soundtrack designed to accompany your journey with moments of reflection, breath, and prayer. Whether you are fasting or simply seeking a moment of peace, this self-guided experience invites you to slow down, listen inward, and connect with the sacredness of the day through nature and stillness. Walk whenever it feels right for you. No experience is needed—just an open heart, comfortable shoes, and a smartphone with headphones. *(Unfacilitated)*
- Poetry as Prayer, Prayer as Poetry** with Rabbi Suzie Jacobson. *(Onsite & Online)*
- Riverway Gathering Space:** Connect with other people in their 20s & 30s alongside our Rabbinic Intern Ben Poor *(Onsite)*
- Quiet, Meditative Spaces in our Building** *(Unfacilitated)*



Yom Kippur Break Fast

Following Neilah and Havdalah, we will have the chance to gather for a delicious and hearty break fast to share the end of Yom Kippur together! Stay for this delicious moment to share together after the final shofar blast!



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High Holy Days:

Elul
S'lichot
Rosh Hashanah
Days of Awe
Yom Kippur

Sukkot

September 25-
October 2
12-21 Tishrei

Our temporary
dwelling reminds
us of our fragility
and strengthens
our commitment
to building
a righteous
community.

Simchat Torah

October 2-3
22 Tishrei

The High Holy
Days culminate in
celebration when
the annual reading
of Torah begins
once again.

Sukkot 5787

Sukkot reminds us of our communal obligation to face outwards with open hearts to ease suffering and heal our fractured world. Join us in our Sukkah of Justice & Compassion for a night of heartfelt prayer, festive food, and music.

Erev Sukkot

Friday, September 25, 2026

5:15 p.m. Schmooze and Festival Meal for all ages ([Onsite](#))

6:00 p.m. Festival Service in the Sukkah of Justice and Compassion ([Onsite & Online](#)). Learn how Tikkun Central is making an impact—and how you can join in! Festival service followed by an oneg.

Sukkot

Saturday, September 26, 2026

9:00 a.m. Sukkot Festival Service and Torah Study ([Onsite & Online](#))

10:00 a.m. Village Sukkot Celebration (ages 0-5) ([Onsite](#))

11:00 a.m. Sukkot Qiddush

Thursday, October 1, 2026

6:00 p.m. Riverway Sukkot Harvest Festival (20s & 30s) ([Onsite](#))



Simchat Torah 5787

We celebrate the conclusion of one cycle of Torah reading, and immediately begin again, reading various familiar passages, and learning some of our clergy's favorite texts. Stay afterwards for music and dancing with the Torah!

Erev Simchat Torah

Friday, October 2, 2026

5:00 p.m. Consecration for Kindergarten and all new students ([Onsite](#))

5:15 p.m. Food and Celebration for all ages ([Onsite](#))

6:00 p.m. Erev Simchat Torah: A Moving Torah Experience ([Onsite & Online](#)). Come be part of this specially designed moving Torah experience, where we'll unroll the Torah scroll in its entirety. Together, we'll chant the final verses of Deuteronomy and, without missing a beat, begin again with the opening words of Genesis. As we hold the Torah together, everyone will have the opportunity to see its beautiful letters and become part of the story it tells. Then the celebration continues in Levi Auditorium, where we'll dance with the Torah, celebrate with our feet and our hearts, and enjoy festive treats together.

Simchat Torah

Saturday, October 3, 2026

9:00 a.m. Simchat Torah Festival Service and Yizkor Memorial Service, followed by Qiddush ([Onsite & Online](#))

10:00 a.m. Village Simchat Torah Celebration (ages 0-5), followed by Qiddush ([Onsite](#))

10:15 a.m. B'Mitzvah of Elliot Alexander Hodess—Mazel Tov!



Logistical information

5787 High Holy Day Digital Tickets

Last year, we introduced digital tickets for the first time, making it easier to welcome our community into our sacred spaces. Thanks to your patience and feedback, the transition was a great success. This year, we've made the process even more convenient with new self-service options.

We are pleased to offer complimentary High Holy Day tickets to Temple Israel members in good standing, active military personnel, and full-time undergraduate students. Members in good standing are those whose membership commitments are current or who have made arrangements with the Temple to fulfill them. If you'd like to purchase additional tickets for visiting family or request reciprocal tickets with another URJ congregation, please visit www.tisrael.org for details.

Members in good standing will receive their complimentary digital tickets by email in the days leading up to Rosh Hashanah. Tickets purchased online will be emailed immediately after your order is complete. New this year, beginning in September, you can retrieve your tickets at any time by visiting our self-service ticket portal at **find.simpletix.com** by entering the email address associated with your membership or ticket order.

Each digital ticket includes your name, the service(s) you are attending, and a unique QR code that will be scanned upon arrival. You may present your ticket on your phone or bring a printed copy—whichever is most convenient. If you're unsure of your membership status or need assistance accessing your tickets, please contact Matthew Feinberg at tickets@tisrael.org.

Safety & Security

To help ensure a safe and peaceful environment for all, metal detectors will be in use at our entrances during the High Holy Days. These enhanced security measures are designed to streamline the entry process and will reduce the need for most bag checks. We encourage you to arrive 15 minutes early to allow time for both security screening and our new digital ticketing system.

As we continue to assess and respond to the realities of our changing world, you may see metal detectors in use at other times throughout the year. This is part of our ongoing commitment to safety, made possible by the generosity of our community. Your support allows us to create a High Holy Day experience that is secure, joyful, and welcoming for all.

Please note that pepper spray, mace, and all weapons are not permitted in the building. If you have any questions or concerns, we invite you to reach out to Dan Deutsch, Executive Director, at ddeutsch@tisrael.org.

How to Access Livestream

At Temple Israel, our mission of living Judaism together is at the heart of all we do. A vital part of that mission is coming together in prayer. If you are unable to join us in person, we invite you to connect with our community online. We've thoughtfully invested in making the life of our congregation accessible and meaningful from wherever you are. **All community-wide and Riverway Project High Holy Day services will be available on livestream.** Whether you're near or far, we invite you to be part of this sacred season with us online.



STREAM ON OUR WEBSITE
Visit www.tisrael.org and click "Livestream" in the top menu.



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Visit our channel and "Subscribe" to be notified when we go live. Find us at: youtube.com/@TempleIsraelofBoston



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK LIVE
Follow us at: facebook.com/TempleIsraelBoston to view services and connect with our community in real time.

Parking Information

Parking will be available along the Riverway for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, at the Winsor lot, and in the 375 Longwood Avenue Garage. If you are attending the early service, we request that you leave promptly after each service so that parking will be available for congregants attending the late service. Alternatively, Temple Israel is a 5-minute walk from the Longwood station on the D branch of the Green Line.

Accessibility at Temple Israel of Boston

- Temple Israel of Boston strives to ensure that our services are accessible and inclusive and we are proud to offer the following:
- Assisted listening devices are available at the reception desk.
 - Large print prayer books are available for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services.
 - We offer closed captioning on Youtube, Livestream, and Facebook Live, where available.
 - Gender-neutral and wheelchair-accessible bathrooms are available on the first and second floors.
 - Accessibility ramps are located at the Nessel Way and Riverway entrances.
 - Elevator access is available to all levels, and wheelchair spaces are provided in all gathering spaces.
 - ADA-compliant bathrooms are available on all floors.
- Please see any staff member for assistance.

Machzor Bookplate

Our High Holy Days *machzor*, *Mishkan HaNefesh*, is the result of collaboration between rabbis, cantors, lay leaders, and members of Reform congregations. Consider dedicating a bookplate, in the amount of \$72, to be placed in the front of one of our beautiful *machzorim* to remember or honor a loved one, teacher, or friend. Contact Emma Savitz at 617-566-3960 or esavitz@tisrael.org.

Prayerbook Pickup: A Lending Library

For optimal viewing of the liturgy during our online prayer experiences, we suggest you have our prayerbook (*machzor*) in front of you in book form or electronically. During September, we will lend out copies of *Mishkan HaNefesh*, the Reform Movement machzor for the High Holy Days, to Temple Israel members in good standing, while supplies last.

Please contact Emma Savitz at esavitz@tisrael.org. We ask that you return them after the High Holy Days. You may also purchase a copy of the prayerbook on our website at www.tisrael.org/prayerbooks.

Yizkor Memorial Book

Each year, our Yizkor Memorial Book gives us a quiet, lasting way to hold our loved ones close. It is one of Temple Israel's most treasured traditions, a page where names and memories are kept alive within our community.

The book automatically includes the names of Temple Israel members and their loved ones who have passed away in the past year, as well as those honored with a plaque in the Memorial Alcove or on the Winn Memorial Menorah.

If there is someone else you wish to remember, whether a family member, a friend, or anyone whose memory you carry with you, we invite you to add their name to this year's book. Please visit www.tisrael.org/memorial-book to complete the listing form. A contribution of at least \$25 per name is requested to help cover production costs. All forms must be received by August 28, 2026. For questions, please contact Emma Savitz at 617-566-3960 or esavitz@tisrael.org.





Your Gifts from the Heart are the Strength of Our Community!



Everything we share at Temple Israel of Boston, every gathering, every moment of connection, every act of care, is only possible because of you. This community is not something you simply belong to; it is something you are part of—and that is part of you. As we look toward the year ahead, there is so much to anticipate: meaningful holidays, learning, celebration, and the everyday moments that connect us. We hope you will continue to be part of it all and help shape what comes next. Continuing your membership sustains this shared life. Many in our community also choose to deepen their impact through an additional gift beyond dues, helping ensure that Temple Israel remains vibrant and accessible to all.

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