

HIGH HOLIDAY PROTOCOL



Thank you so much for spending the Holidays with Zichron Yisroel Congregation.

PLEASE READ ALL OF THE INFORMATION BELOW

Please consider this email your tickets to attend shul services. Print it off as many times as you will need for each of the individuals attending with you.

Please note the following for the services:

- There will be two services: one indoors and one outdoors.
- For those with tickets to the outdoor service: the tent is sold to capacity. You should arrive early. If the weather is good, we encourage you to spread out further, even beyond the tent.
- For those with tickets to the indoor service: if you wanted outdoor seating but were not able to get them, weather permitting, chairs will be available outside the tent for those who would like to utilize them. If you do take advantage of this opportunity, please do not setup chairs under the tent.
- Youth program is for ages 2-12 years old and runs from 10-12 noon (Rosh Hashana) and 10:30-12:30 (Yom Kippur). Supervision will begin at 10am, programming will begin at 10:30 am. The program is running under a separate tent at the back of the building where we had previously been davening outdoors.
- All evening services, except Kol Nidre for those with indoor tickets, will be held in the tent.
- Washrooms are available in the following places
From Outside: Enter from the south west entrance and up the stairs
From Inside: Men's Room is near the main auditorium at the front of the building; Ladies Room is at the back of the auditorium
For those with mobility issues: there is a washroom on the ground floor inside the south west entrance
- Please bring water as it may be hot days.
- Please be sure to **bring your MACHSORIM**. They will not be provided.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The school building has been rented out to Elections Canada for use throughout the election period. The Elections Canada's office is situated by the building's south-west doors, essentially opposite the location of the main tent. As the office is open every day, this will potentially result in both pedestrian and vehicle traffic during our services. We have worked with both building management and Elections Canada to develop a plan to ensure our access to needed building services/facilities as well as our physical security. Our hired security is well aware of the situation, and we will be physically protecting access to the tent. However, we encourage you to be vigilant at all times, including when walking through the parking lot to/from the tent.

[Please click this link for the High Holiday service schedule.](#)

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As this year is again different than any other years, the following protocols will be in place:

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

NOTICE TO ALL ATTENDEES & USERS OF ZICHRON YISROEL CONGREGATION FACILITIES

In light of the evolving increase in COVID-19 cases primarily caused by the Delta variant, we are updating our policies for attending all services during the High Holidays as follows:

All those attending any indoor or outdoor service age 12 and over must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (which means having received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine with the second dose at least 14 days prior to the beginning of Rosh Hashanah) or provide proof of a negative Rapid Antigen COVID-19 test taken within 48 hours of the beginning of Rosh Hashanah and another test taken within 48 hours of the beginning of Yom Kippur

1. All those in attendance must be not have had any symptoms of Covid-19 or have has any known contact with anyone who has had symptoms in the last 14 days.
2. Anyone who is immunocompromised or has another condition which increases the risk of severe illness with COVID-19 is strongly urged to continue to daven at home.
3. **MASKS MUST BE WORN BY ALL AT ALL TIMES INSIDE AND OUTSIDE.**
4. No children under the age of 12 can be inside the building, except to use the washroom.
5. A cleaning plan for high-touch areas is in place.
6. All family groups must be seated 6 feet or 2 metres apart from other congregants and maintain social distancing while on the premises. We encourage you to arrive early for services and setup enough chairs for your family group, starting with the chair groupings already laid out. Additional chairs will be available to add to your family grouping as needed, but please ensure 6 feet/2 metres between your family group and others in every direction. We know this may result in you sitting somewhere other than your preferred location, but maintaining health & safety protocols is critical. We've all been doing this routine for 18 months now and trust that everyone will do what's necessary to make others feel comfortable.
7. Individuals who receive aliyahs must maintain social distancing and can make their brachos from 6 feet away.
8. No touching or kissing of mezuzos or Torahs.
9. If within 14 days following a service you have attended, you test positive to Covid-19, please contact zyc@zichronyisroel.ca listing the dates, times and which services you attended.

Thank you very much for your patience while we strive for a joyous, spiritual start to our new year!