




High Holidays 5785/2025

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**Beth Jacob has NO High Holiday tickets.
Ever.**

Selichot

Saturday night
September 28

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday evening - Friday
October 2-4

Yom Kippur

Friday evening - Saturday
October 11-12

Sukkot

Wednesday evening - Friday
October 16-18

**Hol Hamoed
Sukkot**

Friday evening - Tuesday
October 18-22

**Hoshanah
Rabah**

Tuesday evening - Wednesday
October 22-23

**Shemini
Atzeret**

Wednesday evening - Thursday
October 23-24

Simchat Torah

Thursday evening - Friday
October 24-25



FROM RABBI TAMAR MAGILL-GRIMM

Dear Beloved Community,

This is Beth Jacob's 39th High Holy Day season as a congregation. In the collective imagination of our ancestors, the weeks leading up to the High Holy Days were unique compared with the rest of the year. They understood the month of Elul as a time that held both the mundane and the holy, a time to double down on our individual and communal work while also inhaling the aroma of holiness, feeling closer to our sense of spirituality, more awake to what truly matters.

The sages' metaphor for this intense dual experience was, "The King is in the field." While certain aspects of that metaphor may feel incongruous with contemporary spirituality, the beauty of its meaning can shine through and speak to very real needs in our world today, and this year in particular.

First, the need to be "in the field," to feel like we can make some kind of positive difference, to be actively engaged in working towards healthier and kinder versions of ourselves while also looking for ways to have a positive impact on whatever parts of the world we can influence. The sages identified 39 kinds of Melacha (work) – forty minus one. And here we are in our 39th Elul as a congregation. In a year in which the Jewish reality has often provoked feelings of helplessness and despair, I find strength and encouragement in the sages' understanding of Elul as a time of shared commitment to working for the betterment of our world.

Second, the need for kedusha, for connection to that which transcends the mundane. As we each work hard in our own "fields," the King comes out to meet us. Spiritual connection finds us wherever we are. Kedusha finds us and accompanies us as we do our work, helping us remember the "why." We begin to feel the tangible presence, the sense of connection becoming palpable. In a year in which the Jewish reality has often provoked feelings of existential loneliness, this sense of connection is like a balm to the aching soul. Then, at the end of Elul, we come in from the fields to celebrate together as a community, and the feelings of loneliness abate even more.

There are many reasons the Yamim Noraim at Beth Jacob are special: hearing the ancient melodies and words chanted by members of our shul community, seeing the bags of food donations overflowing bins in the lobby, and the collective breath we take after hearing the shofar's wordless piercing cry/scream/laugh/sigh. Even the bees buzzing around the honey cake at kiddush in front of the shul remind us that we are part of a fragile ecosystem, so we swish the bees away and wish each other a shana tova. Perhaps the sweetest aspect though, really, is greeting each other, seeing each others' faces, and feeling the strength we get from each other. We need that every year, but we really need it this year.

I am so grateful for all of you: for the beautiful community we share together, for the work we do together to make the world less broken, and for the way we have continued to celebrate and support each other through one of the hardest years in recent Jewish history – we have been "in the field" together, standing next to each other, helping each other feel a little less alone. I am looking forward to the sweetness of being together in community at Beth Jacob on these Yamim Noraim and praying for a more peaceful world in 5785.

May all in our community be inscribed for a good and sweet New Year.

Shanah tovah tikatevu.

Rabbi Tamar Magill-Grimm



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Community Selichot Service

Saturday, September 28

Selichot prayers are designed to open our hearts and deepen the work of reflection and teshuva (transformation).

Join rabbis and prayer leaders from Beth Jacob and the Shir Tikvah and Zuta (local independent minyan) communities for a heartfelt night of learning, song, and connection, in preparation for the Days of Awe. Drawing from both Ashkenazi and Sefardi traditions, this nighttime Selichot marks the beginning of our journey into this sacred season together.

Selichot will be in-person at **Shir Tikvah, 1360 W Minnehaha Pkwy**, and on Zoom.

*Learning begins at 7:00, Havdalah is at 7:45.
Service begins at 8:00*

On Line Resources



Beth-Jacob.org/HH (or the QR code): Beth Jacob's landing page for the High Holidays.

Beth-Jacob.org/Guide: Home Observance Guide: Everything you need to know to celebrate and understand the Holy Days in your home.

Beth-Jacob.org/HHKids: Register your kids for our fabulous High Holiday Children's Programming. Also, sign up to volunteer help in the classroom.

Beth-Jacob.org/Volunteer: Volunteer to be a greeter, or to help in the kitchen. There are many spots to fill. Both you and the congregation will benefit.

Beth-Jacob.org/RHDinner: Save your spot for our delicious Erev Rosh Hashanah dinner cooked by our new Kitchen Manager Tom Legare.

Beth-Jacob.org/Lulav: Order your lulav and etrog for Sukkot.

Beth-Jacob.org/Sukkot: Sign up for our Sukkot Happy Hour!

High Holidays Services 5785/2024

Selichot - Saturday Night, September 28

Havdalah, Learning, Singing, and Service 8:00 pm-9:30 pm
Shir Tikvah Synagogue, 1360 W Minnehaha Pkwy

Erev Rosh Hashanah - Wednesday, October 2

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services 6:00 pm
Candle lighting 6:32 pm
Community dinner at Beth Jacob 6:45 pm

First Day of Rosh Hashanah - Thursday, October 3

Morning Service 9:00 am
Family Service for all ages 10:30 am
Children's Program 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Teen Learning 11:30 am
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Tashlich Picnic at Hidden Falls Park 5:00 pm
Candle lighting for second night 7:30 pm

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah - Friday, October 4

Morning Service 9:00 am
Family Service for all ages 10:30 am
Children's Program 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Teen Learning 11:30 am
Candle lighting for Shabbat 6:27 pm

Kever Avot - Sunday, October 6

Visiting graves of loved ones
Sons of Jacob Cemetery 10:00 am
770 Parkway Dr. St. Paul

Yom Kippur

Friday, October 11

Candle lighting 6:15 pm
Mincha, Kol Nidre, & Ma'ariv (childcare provided) 5:45 pm

Saturday, October 12

Morning Service, Yizkor, Musaf 8:30 am
Children's Program 8:30 am- 1:30 pm
Family Service 11:30 am
Teen Learning 12:30 pm
Study & Meditation 3:00 pm
Mincha, Neilah, Shofar (childcare provided) 4:30 pm
Fast Ends/Havdalah/Ma'ariv (chapel) 7:14 pm

Break-the-fast refreshments are provided courtesy of an endowment established by the Bernick family in memory of Bernice and Milton Bernick (z"l).

High Holidays Services 5785/2024

Sukkot

Wednesday, October 16

Candle lighting 6:06 pm

Thursday, October 17

Morning Service (bring lulav/etrog) 9:00 am

Children's Program 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Candle lighting for second night 7:05 pm

Friday, October 18

Morning Service (bring lulav/etrog) 9:00 am

Children's Program 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Candle lighting for Shabbat 6:03 pm

Shabbat - Saturday, October 19 (no lulav/etrog)

Shabbat morning service 9:00 am

Children's Program/Limudim 9:30 am

Minyan Katan 11:35 am

Post Kiddush Zmirot in the Sukkah 1:00 pm

Havdalah 7:02 pm

Hol Hamoed Sukkot

Sunday, October 20

Morning Service at Temple of Aaron (bring lulav/etrog) 9:00 am

Monday - Tuesday, October 21-22

Morning Service (bring lulav/etrog) 7:00 am

*Breakfast at Beth Jacob served during Hol Hamoed Sukkot thanks to the Neal & Sandy Gale
Hol Hamoed Breakfast Fund in memory of their parents, Norm & Annetta Abrams (z"l),
Harvey & Florence Gale (z"l), and Neal's brother Edward Gale (z"l).*

Tuesday, October 22

Sukkot Happy Hour 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 23

Hoshanah Rabbah Service (bring lulav/etrog) 7:00 am

Candle lighting 5:55 pm

Shemini Atzeret - Thursday, October 24

Morning Service & Yizkor 9:00 am

Children's Program 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Simchat Torah

Thursday, October 24

Services, dancing, & candle lighting 6:30 pm

Friday, October 25

Morning service & dancing 9:30 am

Candle lighting for Shabbat 5:52 pm

*Children's programming is being underwritten by the
Robyn Calmenson High Holy Days Children's Programing Fund.*

Register for Children's Programming

Beth-Jacob.org/HHKids

Beth Jacob offers quality High Holiday children's programs with prayer, discussion, active learning snacks, and hands-on activities.

High Holiday children's programming is underwritten by the Robyn Calmenson High Holy Days Children's Programming Fund. Individual donations to this fund are welcome.

For our youngest children

(Birth through PK)



Childcare is available in the nursery:

Rosh Hashanah	9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Kol Nidre	5:45 pm - 9:00 pm
Yom Kippur	8:30 am - 1:30 pm
Neila	5:30 pm - 7:15 pm

Family Services (all ages)

Rosh Hashanah	10:30 am
Yom Kippur	10:45 am



On the first day of Rosh Hashanah there will be a blessing on the bima for all babies born this year.

For K-6th Grade

Family Services (all ages)

Rosh Hashanah	10:30 am
Yom Kippur	10:45 am

Kids Activities

Rosh Hashanah	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Yom Kippur	8:30 am - 1:30 pm
Kol Nidre	5:45 pm - 9:00 pm
Neila	5:30 pm - 7:15 pm
Sukkot First 2 Days	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Shmini Atzeret	10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Teens

We expect our 7th-12th graders will participate in shul, davening with the congregation throughout the Holidays, except when they are in their special programs or assisting with children's programs.



On each day, we will offer engaging learning for 7-8th graders and 9-12th graders

Rosh Hashanah	11:30 am
Yom Kippur	12:30 am

These programs will run simultaneously.

Sign up to volunteer in the classroom:
Beth-Jacob.org/HHKids

Who wants to Volunteer?

Meet new people!
Have fun!
Help the shul!

Please help make our High Holidays special by volunteering!

Beth-Jacob.org/HHKids
Help out in the classrooms



Kitchen: Help put out our kiddush, put out snacks for our Children's Program, and/or clean up.

Greeting: Add a friendly face to Beth Jacob, welcoming our regulars and guests.

Beth-Jacob.org/Volunteer

Join the Beth Jacob
community for a delicious

***Erev Rosh Hashanah
Dinner***

6:45 pm

Wednesday, October 2



Early Bird Price until September 25
\$30 per adult/\$15 per youth

Cost will not be a barrier.

Beth-Jacob.org/RHDinner



Kesher Committee's Annual Tashlich Potluck Picnic

Hidden Falls Park Picnic Shelter

(By the North Entrance)

Thursday, October 3, 5:00 pm

First day of Rosh Hashanah

Everyone is Welcome at the Tashlich Picnic

Tashlich, from the Hebrew for "cast away," is a symbolic action of our willingness to cast off behaviors and beliefs that are not in our true nature or best interests.

We'll share a potluck dairy meal and have a chance to perform the ritual of Tashlich. It is a brief ceremony in which we "cast our sins upon the waters," an action that is traditionally carried out during the High Holiday period. Take time for quiet contemplation or join in with a group. Think about what no longer serves you and what you want to create in this fresh new year.

Contact Laurie Radovsky with questions:
Laurier21@me.com

Order your Lulav and Etrog

**Early Bird Order Deadline
September 27**

**Late Bird Order Deadline
October 7**

[Beth-Jacob.org/Lulav](https://beth-jacob.org/Lulav)



Sukkot

Happy Hour!

Enjoy Sukkot-themed drinks and appetizers
in the Beth Jacob Sukkah

Tuesday, October 22, 2024
6:00pm BJC Sukkah
(Before Adult Limudim Session)

This event is free.
Donations encouraged.
RSVP's appreciated.

[Beth-Jacob.org/Sukkot](https://beth-jacob.org/Sukkot)

We are a Conservative Jewish Synagogue that values:

- **Torah—Study**
- **Avodah—Reverential service**
- **Gemilut Hasadim—Acts of loving kindness**



Beth Jacob Congregation is a community that has come together since 1985 to nurture a relationship with God and supportive connections to each other.

Shabbat is the centerpiece of our community's week. Davening on Shabbat morning brings together individuals with different understandings and knowledge of liturgy: its "choreography," its meaning, and its historical significance. The Kehillat Shabbat and Limudim programs afford the opportunity for children to know the joys of Shabbat. Other activities through the year—our daily morning minyan, Talmud study, learning Hebrew, Friday dinners—all build on, and seek to enrich, Shabbat and the holidays. We understand that our responsibility for repairing the world does not end at our shul doors. For example, whether serving breakfast for the homeless at Dorothy Day, or visiting the sick and homebound, our shul takes seriously the mitzvah of Hesed.

We are participatory.

Everyone has a responsibility to contribute their talents and energy to sustain and enrich our community. This can be done in many ways, including through Gemilut Hasadim: teaching; support of the Congregation facility; office volunteering; or assistance with congregational programs.

We are egalitarian.

Everyone has an equal opportunity to be part of the community. Individuals and families of all ages and incomes are welcome. Financial hardship should never be a barrier to participation.

If you are interested in more information about Beth Jacob or know someone who is considering membership, please contact our office at (651) 452-2226.

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