

*Temple Ahavat Achim*  
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**HIGH HOLIDAYS 5779 | 2018**  
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

**Our Services are Open to All**

We do not issue tickets or reserve seats for the holidays. If you know of unaffiliated families or individuals, please do invite them to join us for any of our services.

**Donations and Your Guests**

It is a long-standing tradition to make a donation to the temple during the High Holiday season. In addition, while we do not charge for seats, we encourage donations for family and friends who might accompany you. The suggested donation is \$50 per person per holiday. As always there will be donation cards on the seats during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. If you choose to make a donation prior to the holidays, we have enclosed an envelope for your convenience. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

*We would love to have name tags for your guests. Please email their names to Natalia at [natalia.taaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:natalia.taaoffice@gmail.com) and she will prepare them.*

**Family Services**

We will hold two concurrent family services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. One will be for infants to five-year-olds while the other will be for 5.5 and up. **On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, they will begin downstairs at 10:00 am and will conclude upstairs in the main sanctuary with the Shofar Service.** We hope that you will accompany your children upstairs where you will be led to the front of the room for an up-close and personal experience.

**Babysitting (Complimentary)**

Babysitting will be available from 11 am-1 pm to the conclusion of the main service on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur day. The sitters will sign your children in. We ask that you handle bathroom visits and diaper changes before dropping your children off.

**Food Collection**

We will be collecting donations of non-perishable food for the Cape Ann Food Pantry on Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre. We ask for one pound per person. There will be boxes in the lobby for your contributions.

**Parking**

**The parking lot will be reserved for handicapped parking only. The hashed parking area will be needed for unloading and loading of wheelchairs.**

The city will allow parking in legal parking spaces without charge or ticketing.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Do not park on Main Street or Rogers Street or in the Gloucester House parking lot, or the Sawyer Free Library parking lot behind the temple. Vehicles parked in these locations will be ticketed and the tickets will NOT be eligible for abatement by the city.

You must place a temporary parking permit on your dashboard. Permits are available at the TAA office or are printable from our website:

[www.taagloucester.org](http://www.taagloucester.org)

## **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Selichot Service with Rabbi Lewis**

Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 8 pm

Join us for song and prayer to help prepare ourselves for the Holidays.

We will do a short writing exercise as a self-assessment on character traits based in the Mussar tradition. The exercise is designed to discover your "soul" curriculum. What character traits feel in balance? What character traits do you want to work on?

### **Chazzan**

Carl Woolf will once again join us as Chazzan. He has been chanting Torah and leading services since his Bar Mitzvah. He works at Harvard Medical School as a software engineer and he performs in symphonic, liturgical, kirtan and klezmer groups. In addition, Carl is studying for rabbinic ordination with ALEPH, a progressive, spiritually focused stream of Judaism.

### **TAA Community Break-Fast**

We will break our Yom Kippur fast together, directly following concluding prayers and Havdalah Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Kindly RSVP by visiting

[www.taagloucester.org](http://www.taagloucester.org)

*Honor your grandchildren by helping to sponsor the Break-Fast! Please visit [www.taagloucester.org](http://www.taagloucester.org) for more information and to sign up.*