

A Message from Rabbi Laurie Franklin about the High Holidays

Dear Chevre (Holy Friends),

Yes, the changing conditions of the pandemic challenges us to keep hope alive. I wholeheartedly believe that we have the inner resources to imagine a world full of renewal and healing, to reach for connection with each other and the Divine, and to create a community that supports our yearnings through learning, prayer, and action. Here's how we will do this together, some observances face-to-face, outdoors and others on Zoom.

We will observe the main services on Zoom, from the sanctuary with only service leader(s) and technical assistance present, and with help of our virtual readers. Some events—Leil Selichot, Shofar, Rosh Hashanah II contemplative service—will take place in the back garden, weather permitting for Selichot and Rosh Hashanah II (we will set up a little bit of tenting for shade and drizzle), and we'll observe Tashlich along the Clark Fork River.

Rain or shine, we plan a fun, outdoor shofar service on Rosh Hashanah morning in the back garden and parking lot, so everyone—singles, families, and kids—are invited to hear the shofar. If rain, please come in cars and open the windows OR bring a sturdy umbrella! Later in the season, we will be in the sukkah, also in the back garden. The new, printable schedule is [here](#).

Very important, please confirm the names you wish to add to this year's Yizkor Book. Please confirm that you would like to republish the names you submitted last year (check your submission in last year's booklet [here](#)) and let us know if you would like to add new names [here](#).

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