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2016/5777 High Holidays

5777 is drawing near and we are looking forward to having you join us for the High Holidays. Services will once again be led by our rabbi, Margie Klein Ronkin. Rabbi Klein Ronkin is a dynamic, creative leader with a beautiful singing voice. We will continue to conduct services that are egalitarian and traditional, in both English and Hebrew with prayer books that offer transliterations to help everyone follow and join in the services. While being respectful of tradition, we also strive to develop new ways to make the holidays more meaningful and relevant for today's modern Jews.

Once again, while we hold our regular Shabbat services at the Ashland Community Center, due to space considerations **our High Holidays services will continue to be held at the Federated Church (118 Main Street) in Ashland.** All non-Jewish symbols are either removed or covered.

Schedule of Services for Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah	Sunday	10/2	6:00 pm	Federated Church of Ashland
Rosh Hashanah Day 1	Monday	10/3	9:30 am	Federated Church of Ashland
Rosh Hashanah Day 2	Tuesday	10/4	9:30 am	Federated Church of Ashland

Schedule of Services for Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre	Tuesday	10/11	6:00 pm	Federated Church of Ashland
Morning Service	Wednesday	10/12	9:30 am	Federated Church of Ashland
Neilah Service	Wednesday	10/12	5:45 pm	Federated Church of Ashland

There will be a Children's Service oriented to children ages 5-9 during the Torah Service on Rosh Hashanah Day 1 and Yom Kippur. Approximate time: 10:45-11:30.

As is our custom, our services are open to the entire MetroWest Jewish community. **Although we do not require membership or tickets to attend any of our services, for non-members we do have an expected donation to help cover our considerable costs.** Sha'arei Shalom has always placed a high value on opening our services to all; we depend on these donations to help us keep this possible. Our expected donations are:

Individuals: \$275.00

Couples: \$300.00

Families: \$325.00

Please mail your contribution prior to the holidays to the P.O. Box listed above. If your situation allows for a larger contribution, we would greatly appreciate it.

We hope you will join us for the High Holidays. We also welcome you to join us for any of our other holiday, Shabbat, and social events. Come check out what makes us one of the warmest, most innovative Jewish communities in the area! For more information about us, visit our website at <http://www.shaareishalom.org> or call 508-231-4700. **If you are not already a member, we hope that you will consider joining the congregation. Members do not have an additional cost for High Holiday attendance. Consider applying your High Holiday donation toward membership and help us to continue to grow and serve the MetroWest Jewish community.**

Wishing you and yours a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Jen Gordon

President, Sha'arei Shalom

High Holiday Letter 2016

Dear Friends,

The High Holidays are a time of sacred possibility. We imagine that despite the habits and shortcomings that have held us back in the past, this year, we have the capacity to be different. This year, we have the capacity to be our best selves, to forge the best relationships we can, create the best world we can.

How can we start anew? And what does spending three days in synagogue praying in a language many of us don't understand have to do with starting over?

First, changing our lives so often requires our faith that change is possible. We come together at High Holiday services to lift each other up, to breathe life into the dreams of all those around us. It is easier to believe we can change when we support one another to do so.

Second, the High Holidays offer us time and space to reflect on our lives, take stock, and figure out how to move forward. We take time to reflect on our deepest longings, hopes, and fears. We give each other courage to be honest with ourselves about where we need to grow, where we might offer apology or forgiveness in order to let go of guilt or hurt.

Third, the High Holidays are *holy*. On these three days Jews around the world stand before God and chant the same haunting prayers and hear the same cries of the Shofar as many of us heard as children before we even knew how to talk. We utter the same words that our ancestors spoke 1000 years ago. There is power in these ancient rituals. They ground us deeply in who we have been and give us strength to transform into who we hope to be.

I hope you will join us this year, to dream, to reflect, to transform. As Mary Oliver writes,

You do not have to be good.

You do not have to walk on your knees

For a hundred miles through the desert repenting.

You only have to come as you are, present to the possibility of who you might become.

Blessings,

Rabbi Margie Klein Ronkin



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2016/5777 HIGH HOLIDAYS REGISTRATION – PLEASE RETURN TOP PORTION OF THIS FORM BY SEPTEMBER 29, 2016

NAME(S):	TELEPHONE:
ADDRESS:	EMAIL:

CHILD(REN)S NAME(S) AND AGE(S): _____

Donation: \$275 single attendee _____

 \$300 couple _____

 \$325 family _____

Additional donation: _____

Date	Service	Time	Location
Sunday, October 2	Erev Rosh Hashanah	6:00 p.m.	Federated Church of Ashland
Monday, October 3	Rosh Hashanah Day 1	9:30 a.m.	Federated Church of Ashland
Tuesday, October 4	Rosh Hashanah Day 2	9:30 a.m.	Federated Church of Ashland
Tuesday, October 11	Kol Nidre	6:00 p. m.	Federated Church of Ashland
Wednesday, October 12	Yom Kippur	9:30 a.m.	Federated Church of Ashland
Wednesday, October 12	Neilah	5:45 p. m.	Federated Church of Ashland

NOTES:

- **SCHEDULE**
All services will begin promptly at the scheduled times shown above.
- **SEATING**
Seating is limited, and on a first-come/first-serve basis. Plan to arrive early to avoid disappointment.
- **BUILDING**
Although we meet in a church, during our services all non-Jewish symbols are either removed or covered.
- **PARKING and ACCESSIBILITY**
The church parking lot is very limited. Parking near the church is available in the parking lot across from the Ashland Public Library (Front St.) For weekday services we ask that you avoid parking in the lots near Town Hall as those spaces are needed by local businesses. If you need to park closer or need an accessible entrance to the church due to physical limitations, please contact us at hh@shaareishalom.org
- **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**
If you have any questions, please contact us at 508-231-4700 or at hh@shaareishalom.org.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST IN THE PAST FEW YEARS,
WE WILL NO LONGER PROVIDE BABYSITTING.
 THE NURSERY ROOM WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE TO THOSE WHO WANT TO USE
 IT TO TAKE A BREAK WITH THEIR CHILD/CHILDREN.**



Sha'arei Shalom's Annual Food Drive 2016

**Please help support those served by
The Ashland Food Pantry**

Please bring items to High Holiday Services

Our goal is to have every family bring at least one item

Most requested items:

Diapers
Evaporated milk
Tuna fish
Canned soups
Canned fruits
Instant pudding
Vegetable oil
Mayonnaise
Spaghetti sauce
Granola Bars

Ramen Noodles
Raisins or dried fruit
Boxed rice
Cold cereals
Hot cereals
Peanut butter
Instant potatoes
Boxed pastas
Juice Boxes
Small bags of Rice

