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# RABBI BIGMAN'S LETTER

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## IMPORTANT NEWS! (HIGH HOLY DAYS)

It is so exciting to have people join me for worship in our sanctuary once again! Other than the limited-attendance *Shabbat* services when we celebrated *B'nei Mitzvah* during the pandemic, most worship services consisted of me in the sanctuary by myself, looking at the camera on our back wall to engage you in worship via the livestream. (For a few months, my boyfriend Stefan was with me in the sanctuary. He has Tourette Syndrome, so you may have heard him a bit during our worship. I look forward to introducing you to him at upcoming *Shabbat* and High Holy Days worship.)

I am so pleased that our Cantor Emerita, Pamela Schiffer, will be joining me on the *bimah* once again this year for the High Holy Days. It was so wonderful to prepare for and lead worship with her during the pandemic High Holy Days. She knows this congregation well, so our preparation for the unknown of a pandemic holy days was so much easier.

We are very excited to have you join us in the sanctuary throughout the High Holy Days. (It was very lonely with just the two of us on the *bimah* last year!) We will continue to livestream our services, as always, so for those of you who are not ready to come back to in-person worship, you will be able to join us at [www.shaarezedek.com](http://www.shaarezedek.com).

We are also excited that many members of our choir will be enhancing our worship in the form of duets, trios, and quartets. As you know, singing is a big spreader of the virus, so we will ask these musicians to be fully vaccinated as well as those sounding the *shofar*. We also will be including musical instruments in our worship this year.

Our children's services will be outside in a tent as they were in 2019. At this service, we will ask that all members of the congregation wear masks, regardless of vaccination status. This is especially important for the children in our congregation. The only people without masks will be the worship leaders (who are fully vaccinated). **We also ask that unvaccinated members wear masks and encourage vaccinated members to wear them as well to keep healthy our immunocompromised members and for the health of the children in our congregation throughout the High Holy Days.**

The worship schedule for *Rosh HaShanah* and *Yom Kippur* is listed below. As you can see, we will be worshipping together on the first day of *Rosh HaShanah* and throughout the day on *Yom Kippur*. We will combine *minhagim* (customs) from the Reform and Conservative Movements for these services. Second-day *Rosh HaShanah* will be a Conservative service.

### Rosh HaShanah Evening, September 6

7:30 p.m. Evening Service

### Rosh HaShanah, September 7

9:00 a.m. Children's Service

10:30 a.m. Adult Morning Service

4:00 p.m. *Tashlikh* Service/Birthday Party for the World

### Rosh HaShanah, September 8

9:00 a.m. Conservative Service

### Yom Kippur, September 16

9:00 a.m. Children's Service

10:30 a.m. Adult Morning Service

1:30 p.m. Adult Education with Rabbi Bigman and Dr. Valles

3:00 p.m. Healing Service

3:30 p.m. *Minkhah* Service

5:00 p.m. *Yizkor*

5:30 p.m. *Neilah*

6:30 p.m. Break Fast

### Kol Nidrei, September 15

7:30 p.m. Evening Service

