



High Holy Day Services at SWESRS – 2020/5781

Dear Member

Shanah tovah! This year will be a year like no other. Due to Covid-19 all services will be held on Zoom. Whilst all of us will miss being together in person, seeing old friends, hearing the uplifting voices of the Choir, there are silver linings to being online. We will be able to enjoy services from the comfort of our own homes, no one will have to stress about parking or security, we will enjoy seeing everyone’s faces together on our screens, and even be able to sing along without worrying about being in tune! Additionally, we will have the unique opportunity to join communities from across the country for Reform Judaism’s First Day Rosh HaShanah Family and Youth activities, to join Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner for a Second Day Rosh HaShanah service, and to join RJ on Yom Kippur too. We are delighted to welcome Student Rabbi Tali Artman who will be with us this year. If you haven’t yet joined us online, please think about participating in a Shabbat service beforehand to make your High Holy Day experience a little easier. If you don’t have a way to join us by Zoom, please contact the office to discuss possible ways to get you connected. All the links for our High Holy Day services will be sent to you by 11th September.

Memorial Prayers—Wednesday 9th September 10am to 3pm at the Western Cemetery, Bulls Cross Ride, Cheshunt. Families should contact the office to arrange a time to meet Rabbi Lisa so that everyone is assured of a time with her at the grave of your loved ones.

Selichot Service – Saturday 12th September – 8pm - with Menorah Synagogue and Jacksons Row

Machzor Drive Thru Sunday 13th September 10am-4pm - Please Pre-Register with the Office

Collect a hard copy of the HHD machzorim with a slice of honey cake!

11am & 2pm Coffee and Cake, socially distanced outside, weather permitting

Alternative Machzor Drive Thru Tuesday 15th September 10am-2pm - Please Pre-Register with the Office

Sunday 13th September 10am Neshamah Contemplative Service

Spiritual Preparation for the High Holy Days with Meditation, Chanting and Reflection

Erev 1st Day Rosh Hashanah – Friday 18th September

7.30pm followed by Kiddush with Apples & Honey

1st Day Rosh Hashanah – Saturday 19th September

SWESRS	Reform Judaism
9am Distilling the Essence of our New Year Early Morning service in 70 minutes	9.30am-10.30am Family Service (toddlers and Primary School)
10.30am Main Morning service with two breaks	11am-12pm RSY Teenagers activity
1.45pm Kiddush with Apples & Honey followed by online Chavurah Lunch at Home	
2.15pm Tots Service with ELELS (for about 30 mins)	

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah – Sunday 20th September

SWESRS with Student Rabbi Tali	Reform Judaism
10am Family Service	10.30am 2 nd Day Service with Rabbi Laura Janner-Klausner
11am Creating a New World (School Yrs 6-8)	
12pm Creating a New World (School Yrs 9-13)	
3pm Family Tashlich in Valentine's Park* All welcome.	

*Meet outside the Mansion at 3pm. If you arrive late, we will be sitting socially distanced by the stream at the bottom, down from the Mansion Café. Bring a picnic for yourself/your family. Activities for families and kids with Student Rabbi Tali. Bring breadcrumbs to throw in the stream for Tashlich. Everyone welcome.
Please pre-register with the office so we can contact you in case of cancellation due to weather.

Shabbat Shuvah – Saturday 26th September

10.30am Morning service with Rabbi Lisa & Mich Sampson
10 30am Family service & Teen Takeover with Student Rabbi Tali Artman

Kol Nidrei – Sunday 27th September Fast commences 6.33pm

7.30pm Kol Nidre Service

Yom Kippur – Monday 28th September

SWESRS	Reform Judaism
10.30am Morning service	9.30am-10.30am Family Service (toddlers and Primary School)
11 45am Torah service	
1pm Musaf	
2.30pm-3.30pm Break	11am-12pm RSY Teenagers activity
3.30pm Mincha	2pm-3pm Study session
5pm Yizkor	
6.25pm Neilah & Havdalah	3.30pm-4.30pm Meditative Mincha Service
7.32pm Shofar and Fast ends	

Wednesday 30th September - Building the Sukkah at Oaks Lane - **Please Pre-Register with the Office**

Building at 9am, decorating at 11.00am

This year our Sukkah will have a roof but no walls to maintain it as an outside space.

Erev 1st Day Sukkot – Friday 2nd October

7.30pm followed by Kiddush

1st Day Sukkot - Saturday 3rd October Joint service with Sukkat Shalom

10.30am Morning Service followed by Kiddush

Sunday 4th October - **Please Pre-Register with the Office**

9am Chol HaMoed Service in the Sukkah at Oaks Lane

10.30am Family Sukkot Wilderness Skills Sports Day with Student Rabbi Tali at Oaks Lane

Erev Simchat Torah – Friday 9th October

7.30pm followed by Kiddush

Simchat Torah – Saturday 10th October

9.30am Tots Service with Mich Sampson

10.30am Morning Service followed by Kiddush

Machzor Return - Sunday 11th October 10am-4pm

ALL ZOOM AND STREAMING INFO FOR THE ABOVE SERVICES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE BY 11TH SEPTEMBER.

How to Make the Online High Holy Days Special at Home This Year

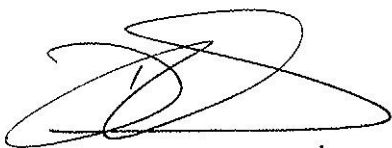
Gathering, celebrating and praying together from home will make this year's High Holy Day services very different from being in shul. Here are some suggestions for making sure they are still special.

1. Place your computer in a room that is calm and tidy, facing a pleasant view.
2. Put a white cloth on the table, with Kiddush, apples and honey ready for the end of the service.
3. Have some beautiful flowers in a vase nearby.
4. Turn off the landline phone and leave your mobile in another room.
5. Wear your yomtov clothes, maybe even the ones you would have worn at shul (don't show up in your pyjamas!)
6. Wear your kippah and tallit.
7. If you are watching with someone else, don't chat through the service.
8. Join us for a Shabbat service before Rosh HaShanah to check your Zoom works. If you are having problems, contact the office so we can help you out before the High Holy Days
9. If you don't have a computer, let us know immediately, so that we can see if an alternative option is possible.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have any queries **020 8599 0936** or admin@swesrs.org.uk.

On behalf of Rabbi Lisa, our Officers, Council and the Synagogue Staff, we wish you a Shanah Tovah u'Metukah - A Good and Sweet New Year!

Kindest regards



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OFFICE MANAGER