

5777 High Holiday announcement

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Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome. This past year was one of significant growth and development at our Shul. We welcomed many new families (over 15!!!) and we look forward to their participation in utilizing their strengths, enthusiasm, and energy in taking Ohev Shalom to the next level. We appreciate the dedication and work of our founders and long term members and we are excited to continue to develop Torah learning programs to inspire and educate our entire community. As always, please feel free to contact the Rabbi or myself regarding ideas or suggestions that you have to help contribute to the warm and friendly environment for which Ohev Shalom is so well known.



Preparations are underway as the Yomim Noraim are less than one month away. Rosh Hashanah begins Sunday night, October 2nd, and concludes Tuesday night, October 4th. Yom Kippur begins Tuesday evening, October 11th, and concludes Wednesday night, October 12th. Our uplifting davening (prayer service) is designed to make this auspicious time most meaningful.

Details regarding child care during services will be forthcoming.

To reserve your seat(s) in Shul for the High Holidays, please fill out the High Holiday Form attached and mail it back promptly. A convenient way to reserve/pay is through our [website](#). If you would like to help provide seats for those having financial difficulties and would like to submit it through our website, please visit [this link](#) and donate to the Holiday Seating Scholarship fund. We appreciate your support and together may it be a memorable experience for all. The revenue generated by monies collected during the High Holidays provides a large part of our annual budget and is essential for the continued success of the Shul.

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This past year we were fortunate to dedicate a new Sefer Torah to the Shul through the generous support of the Bernstein family. We were able to raise over \$40,000 through this event and significantly impact the financial success of the Shul to provide additional programming, roof and bathroom renovations, and initiate plans for a building expansion/campaign. We continued to enhance the kiddushim and added more opportunities for Torah learning and participation in Shul activities.

We also welcomed Rabbi Menachem Ziemba and family to our community who have been instrumental in enhancing the boys' programming and ensuring that our holy Mesorah (tradition) is faithfully passed to future generations. This coming year we plan to focus on the long term growth of the Shul and will be looking to expand, grown and enhance the Shul by adding new staff members including an Executive Director.

We hope that you find the Ohev Shalom experience a most inspirational and

gratifying one. We are happy that you are with us. I wish you and your family a warm, successful, and meaningful new year. As always, if you are experiencing financial challenges please contact me at 936-537-0389 or ian.j.neeland@gmail.com to discuss arrangements.

Sincerely,
Ian J. Neeland, President

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