



Congregation Emanu El



High HOLY Days

2024 | 5785





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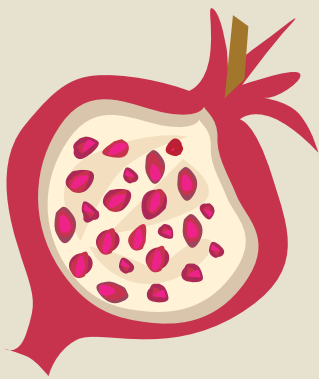
The Days of Awe are upon us once again: a span of sacred time in which are commingled equal measures of solemnity and celebration. Each year the High Holy Days present us with a new blank slate of pure possibility – a time to undertake the meaningful work of spiritual renewal and reorientation.

The weeks leading up to these holy days have been a time of joyful anticipation as our clergy, staff, and lay leaders have worked tirelessly to prepare this year's slate of opportunities for prayer, study, and reflection. We are eager to see you during this inspiring and comforting season; this booklet will help you explore the many offerings of prayer, study, and song that Emanu El will provide during this year's holidays.

As we take our first steps together into this new year of possibility and hope, we pray that this year will bring abundant peace and fulfillment to our entire community and to our world.

With every blessing to you and those you love,
Rabbi Oren Hayon, Rabbi Pamela Silk,
Rabbi Joshua Fixler & Cantor Rollin Simmons





GENERAL INFORMATION

ALL INFORMATION IN THIS BOOKLET CAN BE FOUND ONLINE BY VISITING THE HIGH HOLY DAYS PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE - [EMANUELHOUSTON.ORG/HHDWORSHIP](https://emanuelhouston.org/hhdworship).

DIGITAL PASSES

Emanu El is excited to announce that we will be using digital passes for High Holy Day services again this year. Each adult member of your household will receive one digital pass via email which may be used for all High Holy Day services. If only one member of your household has an email address on file, passes for all adults will be emailed to that address. You will receive an email from orders@simpletix.com which will be sent to the email address on file, in your ShulCloud account. You can print your pass at home or simply save it on your phone to be scanned when you arrive at the building for services. Passes can be saved to your Apple Wallet, Google Wallet, etc. Your name will be on your pass, and passes are NOT transferrable. As a reminder, you must be a member in good standing to receive High Holy Day passes.

As in previous years, members in good standing may request up to two passes for out-of-town guests. Please email jessiec@emanuelhouston.org with the name and email address of your guests so that they can receive the simpletix email with their guest pass.

We also welcome members of the community who have moved to Houston since last High Holy Days. Please ask them to contact Anna Shabtay at 713.529.5771, ext. 261 or annas@emanuelhouston.org to arrange for newcomer passes.

As always, finances are never a barrier to membership at Emanu El, and paid guest pass options are also available for non-members. If you would like more information about these options, contact Fredi Bleeker Franks at 713.529.5771, ext. 221 or fredif@emanuelhouston.org.



PARKING/ENTRY

Please remember to bring your cell phones or your printed digital passes! Only individuals with High Holy Days passes will be permitted entry to the Emanu El campus. Parking on Floors 1 and 2 of the Gaylor Parking Facility will be reserved for handicap-accessible use. The West Lot is reserved for Rabbi's Circle members with a required special pass. Because there is limited garage parking, we encourage you to park off-site. Buses will run continually between satellite parking and Emanu El.



Parking for Erev Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur will be at the Medical Clinic of Houston at 1707 Sunset Blvd. The parking garage entrance is located on Rice Blvd. On Rosh HaShanah day, parking will be available at Rice University.

For our Tashlich service, we encourage you to take the shuttle to and from temple, as parking near the Bill Coats Bridge is limited. A map of the Tashlich location can be found on our website.

UBER TO EMANU EL FOR SERVICES

Emanu El is subsidizing Uber by \$5 on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur for worshipers who live within 25 miles of the synagogue. Links to access the vouchers are available on our website.

CHILDCARE

Childcare for children ages 15 months to 8 years is available during Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur morning services. Advance registration is required. Registration and deadline dates are available on our website.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Our goal is to make your experience as easy as possible in connecting with us during these High Holy Days. Members of the synagogue staff will be available during weekday business hours in addition to during our High Holy Days worship services to provide assistance to our congregants.

Please call 713.529.5771 for support.





ACCESSIBILITY

For wheelchair or disability accessibility, please contact Christian Simmons at 713.529.5771, ext. 262 or christians@emanuelhouston.org.

The only reserved seats during the High Holy Days are for those that request this access ahead of time. When contacting Christian, please include the services you plan to attend. Those requesting accessible seating may be granted a maximum of four additional seats for family members. Please note this seating will be released 15 minutes prior to the beginning of services.

The deadline to request accessible seating is Tuesday, September 26, 2024.

LIVE STREAMING

You can watch all High Holy Day services live-streamed three ways:

1. Emanu El website: emanuelhouston.org
2. Facebook: facebook.com/emanuelhouston
3. YouTube: youtube.com/emanuelhoustonvideo

HEARING LOOP

The Barish Sanctuary is equipped with an Induction Loop System which transmits audio signals directly to one's telecoil (T-coil)-equipped hearing aid.

CLOSED CAPTIONING

To ensure everyone can enjoy and participate in our beautiful High Holy Days services, Emanu El will be providing closed captioning for all Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services in the Barish Sanctuary except for the children's services.

For those watching remotely, we intend to use the StreamText platform. Visit our website to access the link.

HUNGER FUND

Last year, your generosity allowed us to contribute \$5,000 each to the Emergency Aid Coalition, Second Servings, the Houston Food Bank and Meals on Wheels. Congregation Emanu El's longstanding commitment to fighting hunger is made possible year after year by our congregants' generous contributions to the High Holy Days Hunger Appeal. Donations will support emergency food needs in the Houston area, our partners in the community helping to fight hunger and our ongoing service projects with Kids' Meals and SEARCH. More than 1 million people in the greater Houston area are food insecure and 1 in 4 kids in our area are hungry every day. Please consider joining our collective efforts to help battle hunger by making a contribution to the High Holy Days Hunger Appeal at emanuelhouston.org/hdhungerappeal or by mailing a check to the Congregation.

HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

SELICHOT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 9:00 P.M.

ROSH HASHANAH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Kick-Off Reception, 5:00 P.M.

Rosh HaShanah Unplugged, 6:00 P.M.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Children's Service, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Service, 10:30 A.M.

TASHLICH (Bill Coats Bridge)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

following the Rosh HaShanah morning service

SHABBAT SHUVAH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6:00 P.M.

OUTDOOR FAMILY EXPERIENCE (Nature Discovery Center)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 9:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.

CEMETERY SERVICE (Emanu El Memorial Park)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 5:00 P.M.

YOM KIPPUR

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Kol Nidre Service, 7:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Children's Service, 9:00 A.M.

Morning Service, 10:30 A.M.

Afternoon Offerings, 12:30 P.M.

Healing & Wholeness, 3:45 P.M.

Eileh Ezk'rah: Oct. 7 Memorial, 4:45 P.M.

Yizkor, 5:00 P.M.

N'ilah, 6:00 P.M.

Break the Fast, 6:45 P.M.



HIGH HOLY DAYS

SELICHOT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

SERVICE | 9:00 P.M.

We begin the season of repentance with the observance of Selichot. Each year we gather on the Saturday evening before Rosh HaShanah to reflect on the past year and the changes we wish to make in the upcoming one. This moving service features intimate and quiet reflection, and culminates with the changing of our Torah scrolls into their special white holiday mantles.

ROSH HASHANAH

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

HIGH HOLY DAYS KICK-OFF RECEPTION | 5:00 P.M.

Gather with friends and loved ones before services to celebrate the new year together over refreshments and hors d'oeuvres.

ROSH HASHANAH UNPLUGGED | 6:00 P.M.

SERMON BY RABBI OREN HAYON

This innovative service features a joyful, creative, contemporary prayer experience, suitable for all ages, with unique musical additions to encourage singing and participation.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

CHILDREN'S SERVICE | 9:00 A.M.

Designed for children 8 and under and their families, this lively and fun service highlights the themes and rituals of the holiday.

MORNING SERVICE | 10:30 A.M.

SERMON BY RABBI JOSHUA FIXLER

This intergenerational service combines familiar music and prayers with beautiful liturgical writing and stirring poetry. You will also experience an inspiring and engaging collection of music enhanced by our professional choir and organ.

3rd through 5th grade students are invited to pray with their parents for the first half of the service, then they will be led by our Helfman Religious School staff into their own separate High Holy Days celebration with fun and engaging activities.

Pre-registration required: emanuelhouston.org/hhdyouth.



TASHLICH

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 | IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUR MORNING SERVICE BILL COATS BRIDGE AT HERMANN PARK

We set aside some time as Rosh HaShanah concludes to gather and symbolically cast our sins into the water while singing and reflecting together. We will ensure our new year gets off to a sweet start by celebrating Tash-LICK — the addition of an ice cream truck! Parking information for Tashlich is available online under High Holy Days.

SHABBAT SHUVAH

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4 | 6:00 P.M.

Hear a message of inspiration from our member, Bobbi Samuels, to deepen your spiritual and moral explorations on this very special Shabbat between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur.

OUTDOOR HIGH HOLY DAYS FAMILY EXPERIENCE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 | 9:00 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

NATURE DISCOVERY CENTER, 7112 NEWCASTLE

To complement our High Holy Days Children's Services, families with children in 2nd grade or younger are invited to join Emanu El clergy and staff for an in-person outdoor experience featuring a PJ Library Story Walk™.

We will be gathering at the Nature Discovery Center in Bellaire for this very special event. Arrive at your convenience to enjoy a guided walk with activities, an apples and honey snack, and more! This program is free of charge and open to the community; however, space is limited and advance registration required at emanuelhouston.org/hhdworship.

GEMETERY SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 | 5:00 P.M.

**EMANU EL MEMORIAL PARK, 8431 BISSONNET ST
MEMORIAL SERMON BY RABBI OREN HAYON**

We invite all to join together in the beautiful, serene surroundings of Emanu El Memorial Park to remember our dear ones during the High Holy Days season.



YOM KIPPUR



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

KOL NIDRE SERVICE | 7:30 P.M.

SERMON BY RABBI OREN HAYON

This service, on the holiest night of the year, will feature the contemplative prayers and stirring music unique to this holiday. They will be accompanied by Ann Frohbieter on organ and our professional choir and include the poignant setting of Kol Nidre played by Brinton Smith, Principal Cellist of the Houston Symphony.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

CHILDREN'S SERVICE | 9:00 A.M.

Designed for children 8 and under and their families, this service offers engaging music, prayers and stories that will encourage families to reflect on how we can be our best selves.

MORNING SERVICE | 10:30 A.M.

SERMON BY RABBI PAMELA SILK

This service will be led by our clergy, accompanied by Ann Frohbieter on organ and our professional choir. Through stirring music and meaningful prayer, we will reflect on the themes of repentance and forgiveness.

3rd through 5th grade students are invited to pray with their parents for the first half of the service, then they will be led to a unique, age-appropriate Torah experience facilitated by our teen leaders and Helfman staff. Pre-registration is required and available at emanuelhouston.org/hhdyouth.



AFTERNOON OFFERINGS

**AND THE YOUTH SHALL SEE VISIONS:
ISRAEL THROUGH OUR EYES**

12:30 P.M. – 1:20 P.M.

We'll hear the voices of our teens and young adults as they share their diverse perspectives about Israel and this moment for American Jews. Join us to learn from our young members about their experiences on this summer's Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience, at their college campuses, and more. Musical and artistic representations will be interspersed with their remarks.

BLOCK 1: 1:45 P.M. – 2:35 P.M.

**LET'S DISCUSS: SMALL GROUP
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT ISRAEL**

Join Rabbi Silk and other facilitators in small group conversations about Israel. Share your thoughts about the current state of affairs in Israel through the lens of caring, compassion and our Jewish values.

**I SAID I'M SORRY... NOW WHAT?
SELF-REFLECTION THROUGH ART**

JENNIFER PITTSFORD

Join us in a relaxed, welcoming space as Houston-based artist Jennifer Pittsford guides us on an artistic journey using mixed media. We will explore what starting fresh in this new year can look like and imagine how to pursue being our best selves. No art experience is necessary. All ages welcome. This session continues in Block 2.

YOM KIPPUR

WRITE YOUR PERSONAL MISSION STATEMENT ANNA SHABTAY

Take time at the beginning of 5785 to create your personal mission statement to help define the personal, moral, and ethical guidelines to guide you to the being the best version of you. Writing encouraged but not required.

MEDITATION ANN FRIEDMAN

Experience a guided journey of mindfulness, utilizing the themes of the Days of Awe.

BLOCK 2: 2:35 P.M. – 3:35 P.M. JOINING THE CONVERSATION: REPAIR AND RETURN RABBI OREN HAYON

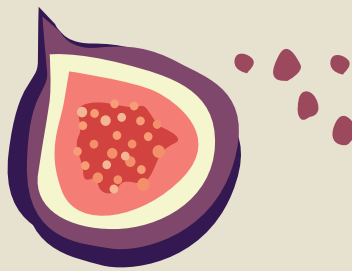
For more than two millennia, Jews have studied Torah in community, generating lively debates in our search for meaning and relevance. Together, we will study forgiveness, one of the central themes of our High Holy Days, through the lens of text and tradition.

EMANU EL VOTES FORUM

Come to learn about how Jewish values support democracy and voting. EEVotes, our synagogue's non-partisan voter and civic engagement project, invites you to come hear from local experts to prepare for this fall's election and beyond.

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION

A string quartet of Rice University Shepherd School musicians will create space for personal contemplation and meditation on the themes of the holiday.



HEALING & WHOLENESS | 3:45 P.M. CANTOR ROLLIN SIMMONS & RABBI PAMELA SILK

Find restoration and strength through poetry, song and prayer.

EILEH EZK'RAH, THESE I REMEMBER: MARKING A YEAR SINCE OCTOBER 7 4:45 P.M.

We will share a brief service of literature, poetry, and music of lament that invites us to mourn the loss of life and commemorate the tragic events of October 7 and the year that followed.

YIZKOR & N'ILAH | 5:00 P.M. SERMON BY RABBI ROY WALTER.

We will bring our holidays to a close with an opportunity to honor and remember our dear ones, the sweetness of Havdalah, and the separation between the penitential season and the promising new year ahead.

BREAK THE FAST | 6:45 P.M.





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