

# HIGH HOLIDAYS 5781

There are two principles that govern the decisions made for this year's High Holidays at Golf Manor Synagogue and they are safety and preserving a meaningful and inspiring High Holidays experience.

Due to the potential danger of staying in a shared space for an extended amount of time and the difficulty that many have with wearing a mask for long stretches of time, we have decided to adjust the services this year to allow for a quicker service. These adjustments will only be made this year due to the current circumstances.

Careful planning has been done to ensure that our shortened service will still be inspiring and meaningful. Information describing the exact adjustments will be available closer to Rosh Hashana.

It is important to understand that those who are concerned that attending our service will jeopardize their health should not attend.

Those who would like to come, but have difficulty properly wearing a mask for extended periods of time, are encouraged to take "mask breaks" as often as needed. Mask breaks should take place outside the building, not in the lobby or other side rooms.

It is also important to understand that attendance is not all or nothing. You may remain home for a portion of the service and attend the remainder of the service.

The schedule below includes a basic break-down of the different parts of the service. All times are approximate.

## **Rosh Hashana Sep 19-20**

### First Day, Shabbos

8:30 Begin  
9:00 HaMelech/Shacharis  
10:00 Torah Reading  
10:30 Drasha  
10:50 Musaf  
12:00 End

### Second Day

8:30 Begin  
9:00 HaMelech/Shacharis  
10:00 Torah Reading  
10:30 Drasha  
10:40 Shofar  
10:55 Musaf  
12:15 End  
12:30 Second Shofar Blowing in parking lot

## **Seat Reservations:**

Seats are limited this year to facilitate social distancing. To attend services you must reserve a seat. Once your reservation has been processed, you will be assigned a seat that will be labeled accordingly. Seating charts will be placed at both entrances to help you find your seat.

Only children age 11 or older who can remain in their designated seat may attend services. Exceptions may be considered on a limited basis, please contact Rabbi Alt for details, [rabbialtgms@gmail.com](mailto:rabbialtgms@gmail.com), 716-316-0426.

Members of the same household may only be seated within six feet of each other when seated at a tables.

Members may reserve seats for all immediate family members free of charge. Non-members may reserve a seat for \$75, additional seats may be added for other family members for an additional \$25 per seat. When booking, please include a brief description of your seating preferences in the appropriate field. Our volunteers will do their best to accommodate your preferences.

**The first round of reservations are due, Friday September 4.** If there are more seats available after that point reservations will be open to all free of charge. We cannot guarantee seats; they will be available on a first come first serve basis.

If you have questions or you would like to make your reservation by phone, please leave Mrs. Karen Lavenda a brief message (513-531-2915) and she will return your call. Questions can also be sent to [gmsseating@gmail.com](mailto:gmsseating@gmail.com).

Wishing you all a sweet new year,  
And may you be written and sealed in the Book of Life,

Sincerely,  
Rabbi Yosef Alt