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BZBI welcomes the entire spectrum of Center City’s Jewish Community: people of all ages, races, ethnicities and abilities; interfaith families; people who are single or partnered; individuals of all sexual orientations and gender identities. We are committed to disability justice and universal accessibility, and will do our best to provide accommodation.

To request assistance in breaking down barriers you may have to joining our community, please call us at 215-735-5148 or email engagement@bzbi.org

PREPARATION FOR THE HOLY DAYS - IMPORTANT DEADLINES

[Floral Sponsorship Forms](#) are due before 3:00 PM on **Friday, August 19, 2022**

[Member Ticket Request Forms](#) are due before 5:00 PM on **Friday, September 1, 2022**

[Immediate Family Member Guest Ticket Request Forms](#) are due by 5:00 PM on **Friday, September 1, 2022**

[Childcare and Youth & Family Reservations](#) are due before noon on **Monday, September 12, 2022**

[Lulav and Etrog orders](#) due before 5:00 PM on **Monday, September 12, 2022**

[To view the entire schedule, visit our website.](#)

Member ticket information:

[Order Member High Holy Days Tickets Online Here](#)

Tickets will be issued to all BZBI adult members and dependents who are full-time students, aged 18 through 26 with a current Student I.D. Children under the age of 18 do not need High Holiday Tickets.

You must be a member in good standing to receive High Holiday tickets. If you need to make payment arrangements, please contact [Leslee Schwartz](#).

If you prefer a version of the form that you can download and print, [click here](#).

Guest ticket information:

[Request your Guest Tickets Online Here](#)

BZBI has a limited number of guest tickets available. These may only be purchased by BZBI members for relatives who reside outside of the Greater Philadelphia area and are visiting for the holidays. You must be a member in good standing to purchase guest tickets. Tickets are for the entire holiday and cannot be prorated.

If you prefer a version of the form that you can download and print, [click here](#).

Reciprocal tickets are available at no charge for relatives who are members in good standing at another USCJ synagogue. A letter from their current synagogue is required and should be sent to Leslee's attention.

Families with kids and teens may now register their children for High Holiday youth programming and childcare. Your kids are invited to hang out with friends, participate in age-appropriate holiday youth services, and participate in experiential learning about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur through games, interactive discussions, and other fun activities. Please register your kids before September 12 at noon. [Registration is required to participate.](#)

BZBI High Holiday Guide to Services

All services will be held in BZBI's Goldberg Sanctuary except as noted on the schedule. For Kol Nidre, we will offer two services, in the Goldberg Sanctuary and in the Kahaner Auditorium.

Zoom and Facebook Live will also be available for all services in the Goldberg Sanctuary.

Rabbi Abe Friedman and Rabbi Abi Weber will lead our High Holy Day services, with Gedalia Penner Robinson as *ba'al tefillah* (prayer leader).

We are all aware that the current public health situation is fluid and could change at any time. At present, we have enough seating in the Sanctuary to accommodate all BZBI members who want to attend in person.

Please note the following health and safety guidelines for this year's High Holy Days:

Everyone aged 2 and older entering BZBI must wear a mask covering the nose and mouth, with limited exceptions for Torah readers, prayer leaders, and other roles specifically designated.

If you are unvaccinated, immunocompromised, or do not feel you can fully abide by these guidelines, we ask that you participate using Zoom or Facebook Live.

[Zoom Services](#) will be live streamed simultaneously from the Goldberg Sanctuary using the same functionality as last year. We always welcome you on Zoom. All members are invited to [register here for](#) services.

[Facebook Live Services](#) will be offered at the same time as Zoom services and freely available to the general public. You do not need to be a member of BZBI to attend. Simply go to the [BZBI Facebook page](#) and click on the live video link any time during the service.

High Holy Days Services Schedule

EREV ROSH HASHANAH, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022 / TISHREI, 5783

5:00 PM: RH²: Rosh Hashanah in Rittenhouse Square

Celebrating the High Holy Days is as easy as a walk in the park. Join us for the eighth year of Rosh Hashanah in Rittenhouse Square (RH²) and mark the start of the Yamim Noraim with an evening of spirited music and a family-friendly service.

Your support is essential in helping us continue this inclusive evening of music and prayer. To become a sponsor, please [click here or go to our website](#). For more information, contact Lynne Balaban, Executive Director at 215-735-5148 x102

- Josh Madoff - Keyboards, co-director**
- Dan Blacksberg - Trombone, co-director**
- Rena Branson - Vocals
- Yesseh Furaha-Ali - Woodwinds
- Jason Fraticelli - Bass
- Matt Scarano - Drums
- PLUS: Special Guest Rabbis

[To view additional information regarding donations please go to our website.](#)

6:34 PM: Light Holiday Candles

ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 / TISHREI 1, 5783

- 8:30 AM Multi-Access Service in Goldberg Sanctuary, [Zoom](#), and [Facebook Live](#)**
- 9:00 AM Service for Families with Young Children in Kahaner Auditorium
- 9:00 AM *Childcare Begins*
- 10:00 AM Youth Programming Begins
- 10:30 AM **High Holiday Yoga**
with Emily Kashka-Ginsburg in Kahaner Auditorium
- 11:00 AM Teen Programming Begins
- 5:00 PM Community Tashlich on the Schuylkill River at Locust Street**
- 7:31 PM Light Holiday Candles from a pre-existing flame

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ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2022 / TISHREI 2, 5783

- 9:00 AM** Multi-Access Service in Goldberg Sanctuary, [Zoom](#), and [Facebook Live](#)
- 9:00 AM Childcare Begins
- 10:00 AM Youth Programming Begins
- 10:00 AM** **Mindfulness Meditation**
with Sarah Kahn in Kahaner Auditorium
- 11:00 AM Teen Programming Begins
- 11:30 AM** **Chai Chi: High Holy Day Mindful Movement**
with Doug Barg in Kahaner Auditorium
- 7:30 PM Yom Tov (Festival) Ends

SHABBAT SHUVA, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022 / TISHREI 6, 5783

- 9:30 AM** Multi-Access Service in Goldberg Sanctuary and on [Zoom](#)
- 7:23 PM Havdalah (Shabbat Ends)

KOL NIDRE (EREV YOM KIPPUR), TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2022 / TISHREI 10, 5783

- 6:00 PM Childcare Begins
- 6:15 PM** Multi-Access Kol Nidre Service in Goldberg Sanctuary, [Zoom](#), and [Facebook Live](#)
- 6:15 PM** Kol Nidre Service in Kahaner Auditorium
- 6:20 PM Light Holiday Candles

YOM KIPPUR, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2022 / TISHREI 11, 5783

- 9:00 AM:** Multi-Access Morning Service in Goldberg Sanctuary, [Zoom](#), and [Facebook Live](#)
- 9:00 AM:** Service for Families with Young Children in Kahaner Auditorium
- 9:00 AM: Childcare Begins
- 10:00 AM: Youth Programming Begins
- 10:30 AM:** **Mindfulness meditation**
with Sarah Kahn in Kahaner Auditorium
- 11:00 AM: Teen Programming Begins

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- 2:00 PM: *Childcare Ends*
- 2:15 PM: **The Communal Sin of Gun Violence: An AI Chet for Our Times**
with Adam Garber in *Klinghoffer Chapel*
- 2:15 PM: **Reflecting on the Past Year: Meditation for Yom Kippur**
with Liat Kovnator in *Kahaner Auditorium*
- 3:15 PM: **Shahbakhti High Holy Day Restorative Yoga**
with Deb Glassman in *Kahaner Auditorium*
- 3:15 PM: **Pride and Penitence: Self-Perception in the Book of Jonah**
with Rabbi Abe Friedman in *Klinghoffer Chapel*
- 5:00 PM: *Childcare Resumes*
- 5:00 PM: **Multi-Access Mincha Service in Goldberg Sanctuary, [Zoom](#) and [Facebook Live](#)**
- 6:30 PM: **Multi- Access Neilah Service in Goldberg Sanctuary, [Zoom](#) and [Facebook Live](#)**
- 7:17 PM: *Break-the-fast (served outdoors)*

SUKKOT DAY 1, MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022 / TISHREI 15, 5783

- 9:30 AM **Multi-Access Morning Service in Goldberg Sanctuary and [Zoom](#)**
- 10:00 AM Program for students in 1st - 7th grade
- 11:15 AM Program for families with young children
- 7:09 PM Light Holiday Candles from a pre-existing flame

SUKKOT DAY 2, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022 / TISHREI 16, 5783

- 9:30 AM **Multi-Access Morning Service in Goldberg Sanctuary and [Zoom](#)**
- 10:00 AM Program for children in Pre-K and Kindergarten
- 11:15 AM Program for families with young children (age 0 -3)
- 7:07 PM Yom Tov (Festival) Ends

HOSHANAH RABBAH, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022 / TISHREI 21, 5783

- 9:00 AM **Multi-Access Morning Service in Klinghoffer Chapel and [Zoom](#)**
- 6:01 PM Light Holiday Candles from a pre-existing flame

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SHEMINI ATZERET/EREV SIMCHAT TORAH, MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2022 / TISHREI 22, 5783

- 7:30 AM** **Multi-Access Morning Service with Yizkor in Goldberg Sanctuary and [Zoom](#)**
- 5:15 PM Youth and Family Dinner and Holiday Program
- 6:15 PM Hakafot Service in *Kahaner Auditorium*
- 6:59 PM Light Holiday Candles *from a pre-existing flame*

SIMCHAT TORAH, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022 / TISHREI 23, 5783

- 9:30 AM** **Multi-Access Morning Service in Goldberg Sanctuary and [Zoom](#)**
- 6:57 PM Yom Tov (Festival) Ends

[BZBI Weekday and Shabbat Services](#)

All are welcome to attend BZBI's multi-access Shabbat and weekday religious services in-person. This includes Kabbalat Shabbat in Fidler Square at 7:30 PM on Fridays during the summer months (or the Klinghoffer Chapel if inclement weather is forecast) and Shabbat services in the Goldberg Sanctuary on Saturdays at 9:30 AM.

On weekdays, BZBI holds multi-access services in the Klinghoffer Chapel on Sunday (9:00 AM), Monday (5:45 PM except civil holidays), and Thursday (7:45 AM, 9:00 AM on civil holidays). On other weekdays, BZBI offers zoom-only services at 7:45 AM, 9:00 AM on civil holidays, and 8:30 PM.

We ask that once inside our building, you observe BZBI's rules, which were put in place with the guidance of our COVID task force, the city of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania:

Everyone aged 2 and older entering BZBI must wear a mask covering nose and mouth, with limited exceptions for Torah readers, prayer leaders, and other roles specifically designated by our Rabbis.

We also ask that you pledge for yourself and those with whom you may be attending that you will not attend any service or program at BZBI if you, or those attending with you, experience any of the potential indicators listed below, or are awaiting the results of a COVID-19 test:

- continuous or intermittent cough
- shortness of breath
- fever or feel feverish (with or without chills)
- sore throat
- headache
- muscle aches or muscle pain
- recent loss of the sense of taste or smell
- fatigue
- congestion or a runny nose
- recent nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- exposure in the last 14 days to someone with a cold, flu contagious illness, or suspicion of COVID-19

Divrei Torah from the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services, as well as Shabbat morning services, may be viewed throughout the year on our [Virtual BZBI webpage](#).

Other Ways to get Ready

- **Floral Sponsorship**

The deadline for floral sponsorship for the High Holidays has been extended to Friday, August 19!

[Click the link here to become a sponsor.](#)

- **The Sisterhood Gift Shop is ready for Rosh Hashanah!**

You will find apple and honey dishes, shofars, kiddush cups, candles & candlesticks, books and gifts for children, and more at the gift shop! Proceeds from the gift shop benefit the Laurie Wagman Playschool, Abigail R. Cohen Preschool, and Neziner Hebrew School. Visits are by appointment only. Please [email the Temple office](#) or call 215-735-5148.

- **[Order Your Lulav and Etrog Sets](#)**

The holiday of Sukkot begins on Sunday evening, October 9, and BZBI is taking orders for personal Lulav and Etrog sets. The cost is the same as last year at \$54 per set, and the deadline to place orders is Monday, September 12th. Please note that once the deadline passes, we cannot place additional orders. [Click here to order your set.](#)

- **Community Selichot Program and Soul Spa**

After a two year hiatus, BZBI and partners Society Hill Synagogue and Congregation Leyv Ha-Ir welcome you to join in a spiritually rousing and heart-opening experience of prayer, song, and contemplation led by musicians, clergy, and prayer leaders from all three communities. The Selichot service marks the beginning of the High Holy Days season and our Soul Spa is the perfect opportunity to get your heart, mind, and soul ready for Rosh Hashanah. This event will take place Saturday, September 17, 2022 at 8:30 PM Society Hill Synagogue, 418 Spruce Street.

- **Challah Bake**

Wednesday, September 21 and Thursday, September 22, 7:30 - 8:00 PM join Eileen Dwell, Carmie Levine and Gary Bramnick over [Zoom](#) to bake egg and vegan challah together for the holidays! Sign up here to be part of the fun. Recipes, materials for baking, and a zoom link will be sent out to participants once you have signed up. [Click here to sign up.](#)

- **Gather Items for the Clothing Drive**

The Tikkun Olam committee seeks baseball caps and flip-flops for local shelters and those in need. Please bring these items to the drop box in the Temple office. For more information, contact the Temple Office.

- **High Holy Days Food Drive**

Sunday, September 25 through Wednesday, October 19 the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia will be accepting food donations for the High Holy Day Season. Please no glass jars, open packages, or expired items. All food items (canned goods, non perishables, etc.) can be dropped off in the box provided in the 18th street lobby. If you have any questions regarding the food drive, please contact Julia Pollock at communications@bzbi.org.

- **Reverse Tashlich**

October 2, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM BZBI and Repair the Sea | Tikkun HaYam invites you to participate in Reverse Tashlich. Join Jewish communities around the world as we reverse the Tashlich tradition, and pull our "sins" (debris) from local environments. The event meet up location is Schuylkill Banks at Lloyd Hall Recreation Center. Contact Eileen Dwell or Liat Kovnator with any additional questions, or visit www.repairthesea.org/reverse-tashlich. [To sign up for this event, please click here.](#)

- **Book of Remembrance**

The Book of Remembrance, used during Yizkor services four times a year, is only available as a printed booklet. If you attend services in-person, copies of the Book of Remembrance will be available in the Goldberg Sanctuary. If you will be joining us over Zoom, you can pick up a copy from the synagogue office during office hours, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM Monday – Thursday, and 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM on Friday.