

# HIGH HOLY DAYS PACKET



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**HCRJ**  
HOUSTON CONGREGATION  
FOR REFORM JUDAISM



August 1, 2016

Dear Congregants:

I am sure we can all agree that this year has been an eventful one on so many levels. The Season of Penitence will soon be upon us, and there is much upon which we should reflect. I hope you and your family will be able to join us at HCRJ during this special time.

Enclosed you will find a packet containing information to help make our High Holy Days services run smoothly. We ask that you examine the information carefully. Rabbi Gross, the Ritual and Arrangement Committees and Executive Director, Melissa Wolfson, have carefully compiled this information for the benefit of all members. Following these guidelines in a timely manner will allow all of us to enjoy the most sacred of holidays.

As we look forward to the holidays, it is my hope that you, your family and friends will come together at HCRJ to experience the sense of bliss and contemplation offered at our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. The HCRJ Board of Trustees wishes you and your family a healthy and joyous new year.

If you have any questions about the enclosed information, please feel free to call the HCRJ office at 713-782-4162.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Bruce Shelby'.

Bruce Shelby  
HCRJ President



## Eligible Attendees

**Members in good standing:** those who have paid in full (1) the previous fiscal year's (15-16) Building Fund and membership dues, and (2) the first quarter of this fiscal year's (16-17) Building Fund and membership dues by September 2, 2016.

**Prompt payments are extremely helpful during this very busy season. Please help us by paying all outstanding bills today. Thank you.**

**Non-paying guests who have made arrangements for tickets in advance of High Holy Days:** (a donation is appreciated but not required)

- ☆ Dependent children, grown children visiting from out of town, and out-of-town houseguests of members in good standing
- ☆ All college students, active military personnel, and members in good standing from congregations outside of Houston (*with a letter from their congregation*)
- ☆ Out-of-town patients from local hospitals and their immediate families
- ☆ HCRJ religious school teachers

**Discretionary Guests:** This category includes any non-member who has shown Rabbi Gross or the Membership Committee a genuine interest in joining our congregation. These tickets will enable the guest to attend the Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services, including the daytime and evening services. Discretionary tickets will only be distributed in advance of the High Holy Days to a very limited number of guests.

Now for some specifics:

1. Everyone, including members and guests, must have a ticket in order to be admitted to each of the evening and morning services. The tickets are non-transferable. No ticket is required for any of the Youth Services or the Yom Kippur Meditation, Afternoon, Memorial, and Concluding Services. We encourage you to invite your friends and family to these services.
2. Members in good standing must make arrangements to obtain tickets from the temple office for their guests who qualify under the categories listed above. No other guest tickets will be available other than those outlined above. Please note that relatives or grown children of members who live in Houston must be members in their own right to attend services.
3. Tickets will be mailed on or before September 9, 2016. To obtain tickets after that date, please contact Melissa in the temple office to make arrangements. During the High Holy Days, tickets will be available for pickup before 8:00 p.m. for the evening services and 10:45 a.m. for the morning services. Tickets will not be available once services begin.
4. If you do not receive your ticket(s) by September 19, 2016, please email Melissa in the temple office at [hcrj@hcrj.org](mailto:hcrj@hcrj.org).



# High Holy Days Schedule – 2016

## *Rosh Hashanah (New Year)*

Sunday, October 2	8:00 p.m.	Rosh Hashanah Eve Service <i>Reception will follow this Service</i>
Monday, October 3	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Rosh Hashanah Youth Service Rosh Hashanah Adult Morning Service

## *Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)*

Tuesday, October 11	8:00 p.m.	Kol Nidre - Yom Kippur Eve Service
Wednesday, October 12	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. 2:15 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Yom Kippur Youth Service Yom Kippur Adult Morning Service Holy Days Discussion Hour Meditation Period Afternoon Service Memorial Service & Concluding Service
<i>Break-the-Fast at approximately 5:30 p.m.</i>		

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**Entrance:** For all services, please use the parking lot entrance (at the rear of the building).

**Children:** We encourage children of all ages to attend our Youth Services. We welcome all children who are able to sit respectfully throughout the service to attend with their parents. Childcare is available for a nominal fee. Please complete the enclosed childcare form and return it to the Temple. If you have questions, please call the Temple Office at (713) 782-4162 for more information.

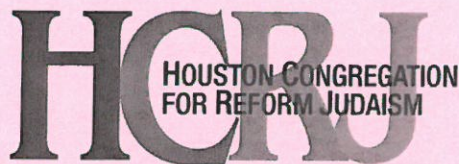
**Services Which Don't Require A Ticket:** No ticket is required for any of the Youth Services or the Yom Kippur Meditation, Afternoon, Memorial, and Concluding Services. We encourage you to invite your friends and family to these services.

**Memorials:** Honor the memory of a loved one with a name in the Yom Kippur memorial booklet or with a plaque on the memorial wall. Please fill out and return the attached forms by **September 6** in order to have the names in the book/on the wall by the High Holy Days.

**Tickets:** Tickets will be mailed on or before September 9, 2016.

**QUESTIONS:** If you have any questions, please call the Temple Office at (713) 782-4162, and ask for Melissa Wolfson.





## HIGH HOLY DAYS RECEPTIONS (October 2 & October 12)

The High Holy Days are just around the corner and the Arrangements Committee has already begun planning the Rosh Hashanah Oneg and the Yom Kippur Break-The-Fast. It is our tradition at HCRJ to make these events enjoyable, special and fulfilling. These receptions provide us with the opportunity to interact with our fellow congregants and guests as we celebrate the New Year.

Each year our Holy Day Receptions are successful because of the generous donations from our congregants and the dedication of our volunteers. On behalf of the Arrangements Committee, we would like to thank each congregant who has donated time, food or money for these receptions in the past, and we are confident this congregation will continue its generosity this year as we approach the High Holy Days.

There are various sponsorship levels named after some of our favorite Jewish foods. We also look forward to enjoying the baked goods and other items prepared by our congregants. We would be honored if you would consider contributing this year to HCRJ. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call Melissa Wolfson at 713-782-4162 or send an e-mail to [hcrj@hcrj.org](mailto:hcrj@hcrj.org). We appreciate your continued support and we look forward to seeing you during the High Holy Days Services.

Sincerely,

Laura Rosenfield  
Arrangements Chair

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### 2016 HCRJ High Holy Days Receptions Response Form.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Have/has enclosed a contribution to the High Holy Days Receptions Fund

I/we plan to bake or donate the following item(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Bagel Level \$18.00**

This level will cover approximately 2 dozen cookies. \_\_\_\_\_

**Rugelach Level \$36.00**

This level will cover approximately 1 Fruit Tray or Cheese Tray. \_\_\_\_\_

**Bobka Level \$54.00**

This level will cover approximately a Tuna, Chicken or Misc. Salad. \_\_\_\_\_

**Kugel Level \$108.00**

This level will cover approximately a Meat or Chopped Liver Tray. \_\_\_\_\_

**Lox Level \$256.00**

This level will cover approximately a Lox or White Fish Salad Platter. \_\_\_\_\_

**The Whole Schmeat \$500.00**

This level will cover approximately ½ of the Rosh Hashanah oneg or Yom Kippur desserts. \_\_\_\_\_



# Yom Kippur Book of Remembrance

A Memorial Booklet will be published this year for the Yom Kippur Memorial Service. Any member wishing to have departed loved ones included in the booklet should send the name(s) in writing, together with a donation of \$18.00 per name for up to 5 names (all names after the first 5 can be added at no additional cost), to the temple office by **September 6**. We regret that we will be unable to accept names after this date.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print or type names to be memorialized**

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**Number of names** \_\_\_\_\_ **x \$18\* = \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*\*All names after the first 5 can be added at no additional cost.*



# HCRJ High Holy Days Childcare Registration

We want everyone to enjoy their High Holiday experiences, especially our children. For this reason we will be providing childcare during each of the High Holiday services.

All childcare will be provided on a pre-paid reservation basis only, and there will be a separate childcare fee for each service. No same-day registration will be permitted this year. This policy is to ensure proper staffing ratios and the safety of all children under our care. Thank you for your understanding.

**Childcare Fees:** \$10.00 Per Child, Per Service, as Listed Below

**Reservation & Payment Deadline:** September 6, 2016

**To reserve childcare, please complete this form and return it with your payment to Melissa in the HCRJ office by September 6, 2016.**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Child Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to register my child(ren) for the following services:**

**Erev Rosh Hashanah**

**8:00 PM**

Sunday, October 2

☐ Yes ☐ No # Children \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10/child) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Rosh Hashanah Day**

**Morning Services**

Monday, October 3

☐ Yes ☐ No # Children \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10/child) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Kol Nidre**

**8:00 PM**

Tuesday, October 11

☐ Yes ☐ No # Children \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10/child) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Yom Kippur Morning Services (Half Day)**

Wednesday, October 12

☐ Yes ☐ No # Children \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10/child) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Yom Kippur Afternoon Services (Half Day)**

Wednesday, October 12

☐ Yes ☐ No # Children \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10/child) Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to HCRJ.**

You may also email your form to [hcrj@hcrj.org](mailto:hcrj@hcrj.org) and then call the office to pay by credit card at 713-782-4162.

*Please Remember the Registration Deadline: September 6, 2016*