



High Holy Days 2025/5786
Rosh Hashanah begins sunset Monday, September 22
Yom Kippur begins sunset Wednesday, October 1

Dear Friends,

We hope you are enjoying a wonderful start to fall! We are preparing for the High Holy Days and look forward to welcoming everyone for inspiring services, beautiful music, and meaningful programs.

Last year, in response to security concerns, we made important changes to our High Holy Day logistics. These adjustments worked smoothly and helped ensure the safety and comfort of our community. Because we continue to face an environment that requires vigilance, **we will continue those procedures this year**, along with a few small updates.

Please read this letter carefully for important information about **security, service locations, tickets, and other High Holy Day logistics**.

Security & Entrance

- **One Entrance Only** – All attendees must enter through the **main synagogue entrance** for every service (Sanctuary, Chapel, or Tent).
- **Ticket Check** – Ushers will check tickets at the entrance for **all** High Holy Day services, including Family Services and Yizkor.
- **On-Site Security** – Bridgeport Police will be present at all services, with increased guard patrols, at the front entrance and near the Tent.
- **Bag Policy** – Please avoid bringing large bags. All bags are subject to inspection.

Tent Services

- As last year, the Tent will be located in the **Rabbi James Prosnit Outdoor Community and Prayer Space** behind the Chapel for greater safety and protection.
- **Capacity:** Approximately **150 people**. Seating is **first-come, first-served**. If the Tent is full, ushers will direct you to the Sanctuary.

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- **Entry/Exit:** All Tent attendees must enter and exit through the **main synagogue entrance**. Please do not walk along Park Avenue to reach the Tent.

Traditionally “Non-Ticketed” Services (Open to All)

- Family Services, Yizkor, and Yom Kippur afternoon programs remain **free of charge** but now require tickets or **pre-registration** for security purposes.
- **Members:** Bring your ticket to every High Holy Day service and event.
- **Non-Members:** May attend by pre-registering at: www.cbibpt.org

Havurah Services & Children’s Programming

- Attendance for **Havurah (ages 0–5)** and **Children’s Programming/Babysitting** requires advance sign-up.
- RSVP to Alexa Cohen at acohen@cbibpt.org.

Tickets

- Tickets will be mailed to congregants in **good financial standing**, as in previous years.
- **Deadlines:**
 - *Rosh Hashanah Tickets:* **Monday, September 15**
 - *Yom Kippur Tickets:* **Thursday, September 25**
- Tickets will **not** be issued after these deadlines.
- If your payment is complete but you have not received your tickets by the deadline, call the Temple office at **(203) 336-1858** immediately.
- Tickets will be held at the **Will Call Table** if there is not enough time to mail them.
- **Anyone in arrears will not receive tickets** – for questions or to request contribution assistance, contact our Financial Secretary at mnigrosh@cbibpt.org.
- **IMPORTANT:** *No tickets will be available for purchase on the day of services.* The Temple office will be **closed** on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Thank you for helping us keep our community safe while ensuring the High Holy Days remain meaningful and welcoming for all.

Shanah Tovah!

Samantha Burgan & Mary-Megan Marshall, High Holy Day Chairs
Richard Walden, President
Rabbi Evan Schultz
Rabbi Sarah Marion
Cantor Scott Harris
Alexa Cohen, Director of Education