



High Holy Days Service Schedule-2025-5786

Services are held at Congregation Bet Ha'am with an option to join via Zoom.
81 Westbrook Street, South Portland, ME

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ROSH HASHANAH

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service - [Zoom](#)

Children's Service*

Torah Study- [Zoom](#)

Worship Service- [Zoom](#)

Tashlich

Monday, September 22- 8:00pm

Tuesday, September 23 - 8:30am

Tuesday, September 23 - 9:00am

Tuesday, September 23 - 10:00am

Tuesday, September 23 - 5:00pm
at Pine Point Beach

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Shabbat Service- [Zoom](#)

Torah Study- [Zoom](#)

Shabbat Morning Service- [Zoom](#)

Friday, September 26 - 7:30pm

Saturday, September 27 - 9:00am

Saturday, September 27 - 10:30am

KOL NIDRE- [Zoom](#)

Wednesday, October 1 - 8:00pm

YOM KIPPUR

Children's Service*

Torah Study- [Zoom](#)

Worship Service- [Zoom](#)

Meditation & Healing Service

Afternoon Study

Afternoon Service- [Zoom](#) (This Zoom link will run through the Neilah service)

Yizkor Service

Neilah

Break the Fast Potluck**

Thursday, October 2 - 8:30am

9:00am

10:00am

12:45pm (No Zoom)

2:30pm

3:30pm

5:00pm

6:00pm

6:30pm

(*approximate time after Neilah)

SUKKOT and SIMCHAT TORAH

Erev Sukkot Service in the Sukkah w/Potluck

Erev Simchat Torah, Consecration and Oneg

Brief Yizkor Service- [Zoom](#)

Monday, October 6, 6:30pm

Monday, October 13, 6:00pm

Monday, October 13 - 7:00pm

* Our Children's Services are designed for children in third grade and younger with their families and are offered in-person only.

Important Reminder

For all attendees, members and non-members, a physical photo ID is required for entry to every service. This is a critical security measure.

Registration Overview

Since its founding in 1985, Congregation Bet Ha'am has been committed to being a house of worship where all are welcome. We invite anyone seeking a place to worship on Shabbat and other holidays to join us for services. To ensure the safety and security of all attendees, we have updated our High Holy Day policies to ensure the safety of all:

- All attendees must present state-issued photo ID and a ticket to enter the buildings.
- Non-members are asked to pay a \$150 registration fee.
- Services will also be available virtually.

Our website is actively being updated and will provide the full High Holy Day schedule and registration details for non-members.

Registration Process for Members

All members in good standing will receive their High Holy Day packets in the mail, which include name tags for each member of your household. Please present both your name tag and a picture ID at the patio entrance before each service. Attendance without both items will not be permitted.

Registration Process for Non-Members

Non-member family units may register to attend one or all High Holiday services for a flat fee of \$150. Registration can be completed online or by calling the office at 207-879-0028. Payment is required at the time of registration. If the fee presents a financial hardship, please contact the office to speak with the Rabbi or the synagogue President, Marcella Bobinsky.

Once registered, non-members will receive a ticket by email, which serves as their admission ticket. Please present this along with a picture ID at each service. Non-members may also register in person on the day of the service, but advance registration is strongly encouraged to ensure smooth entry.

Out-of-Town Family Members

Out-of-town family members who are active members of another synagogue may have the fee waived. Please call the office at 207-879-0028 and ask for Jeremy or Teri to arrange this.

Break the Fast

Please join us at the close of Yom Kippur Neilah services for our annual Break-the-Fast meal. We are seeking the following food items for this potluck event: bagels, spreads, salads, vegetarian dishes, and plenty of desserts. Please, no meat or shellfish. Kindly label your dishes and provide serving utensils if needed.

Since we typically have a large turnout, we ask that the serving size of the food you bring be approximately equal to the number of people in your party multiplied by four. Please have your food items prepared and placed in the Bet Ha'am kitchen as soon as possible after 12:00 noon on Yom Kippur day.

To let us know what you will be bringing, please contact Jane Snerson at 207-396-5114. We also invite you to sign up to help with setup or cleanup via the Sign-Up Genius form in the High Holy Day section of the weekly email newsletter.

Food Drive

As in past years, Congregation Bet Ha'am will conduct our annual High Holy Days Food Drive. Blue donation envelopes will be available at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Funds collected will be distributed to local agencies and to MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger.

Cash donations are preferred, as they allow food support agencies to purchase the greatest amount of food per dollar. We encourage donors to continue supporting Bet Ha'am through other means, including our Annual Fund.

Your High Holiday Food Donation:

Every year, during the High Holidays, Bet Ha'am collects food for people experiencing food insecurity. **This year we would like to focus our efforts on helping one particular local agency: Greater Portland Family Promise.** You probably know that Bet Ha'am has been working with this organization for several years with many of our volunteers directly involved.

On a monthly basis Family Promise staff and volunteers procure, pack and deliver much-needed food that supplements what the families receive through essential food programs. The grants that Family Promise received for this purpose are running out, and several new applications for continued funding have already been rejected. Consequently, our support is essential in allowing this program to continue.

Food assistance provided by Family Promise is likely to become even more important to these families in the future as federal, state and local government programs are being cut and eligibility criteria are becoming increasingly restrictive.

Please consider allocating your High Holiday food donation to go to Greater Portland Family Promise. In the High Holiday mailing you will find a blue envelope for your donation; more will be available in the Synagogue lobby during the Holiday period. If you decide to support Family Promise, please make your check **payable to Greater Portland Family Promise with a note in the memo section, "BH Food Drive" and return your envelope to Bet Ha'am.**

Parking

In addition to our own parking lot, which fills quickly, attendees may also park on Braeburn Avenue or across Westbrook Street at the Thornton Heights United Methodist Church parking lot (100 Westbrook Street).

No Fragrance Policy

In keeping with Bet Ha'am's "no fragrance" policy, please avoid wearing perfumed health and beauty products to events. This ensures the comfort of all attendees, as some members have allergies to scents.

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