



Congregation Beth El - Keser Israel
85 Harrison Street, New Haven, CT 06515

HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES INFORMATION AND GUIDELINES

A. Traffic Control / Parking

1. Automobile entrance to the synagogue parking lot will be from the **Whalley Avenue** ramp/driveway only. Exit will be by way of the **Harrison Street** driveway **ONLY**.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS A STOP SIGN AT THE END OF THE DRIVEWAY AT HARRISON STREET.

A police officer will be directing traffic following services on both the first day of Rosh Hashanah and Erev Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre, please cooperate.

2. Additional parking will be available at the municipal lot at Whalley and Blake Streets.

B. Entry to Services

1. Please enter the synagogue by way of either the **NEW parking lot entrance** or the **main Harrison Street entrance**.
2. Please have your ticket(s) ready to present to the usher(s) at these doors. **Entrance to the building will be permitted only on presentation of appropriately designated tickets or full-time student or military ID.** Please make sure that you bring the *appropriate* ticket (RH/YK, Kol Nidre) or ID with you.
3. *Talitot* (prayer shawls), head coverings (and bobby pins) will be located on a table immediately inside the main entrance to the synagogue. It would be appreciated, however, if you can bring your own *talit*.

Kipot/Yarmulkes: Please remember that **all men and women approaching the Bima are required by synagogue policy to wear a head covering.**

4. Prayer books (*mahzorim*) will be located at your seats. Although the Torah readings are included in the Mahzor, larger print copies of the holiday Torah reading *with commentary* will be available on the table as you enter the sanctuary, if you prefer. Also available will be magnifying glasses to assist those who need.
5. On Yom Kippur, the congregational *Yizkor* Memorial Books used during that special part of the service will be available near the door of the sanctuary. Please remember to take one to your seat. Please remember that the *Yizkor* service is appropriate for **ALL** congregants and guests...**exit from the sanctuary is UNNECESSARY at that time.**
6. While there will be natural breaks in the service to allow for entrance and egress, if you need to exit the sanctuary at another time, please do so as quickly and quietly as possible. **IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE EITHER TO TAKE OR LEAVE YOUR SEAT WHILE THE CONGREGATION IS STANDING OR DURING THE RABBI'S SERMON.**

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7. **IMPORTANT!!** Please help us observe these Holy Days – TURN OFF and stow cell phones, cameras, any electronics. Better yet, unless absolutely necessary, leave these items at home. Use of these items in the synagogue is inappropriate.

For physicians and emergency personnel only: Please set phones/pagers to silent/vibrate mode and only if necessary, find a DISCREET place to make your call.

C. Ritual

1. If you are interested in participating in services in any way (including an *aliya* to the Torah), please either complete the appropriate form **or** contact the synagogue office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
2. Notices of participation and honors will have been sent out to allow sufficient time prior to the High Holy Days to permit each recipient the opportunity either to accept or decline these honors. **If you receive such a notice, PLEASE call the synagogue office to accept or decline.**
3. **As always, all persons (male AND female) approaching the Bima for participation in services at Beth El - Keser Israel are requested to wear an appropriate head covering and attire.**
4. Before entering the restrooms, please remove your *tallit* and either leave it at your seat, or use the hooks provided for this purpose just outside the restrooms.

D. Ushering

1. Ushers and greeters (who may be men or women) will be appointed by the High Holy Days Committee to assist congregants and guests and to help ensure the smooth and secure progress of the services. Please contact Jay Brown (288-9073), Head Usher, if you are interested in acting in either capacity. Your help is definitely needed.
2. Please do not save seats for late arrivals. Seats are available on a first-come/first-serve basis. Please fill the seats from the front to the back of the sanctuary, using the sanctuary seats first and the folding chairs only as needed.
4. **CHILDREN ARE MOST DEFINITELY WELCOME.** Parents, of course, *are responsible for their children's appropriate and respectful behavior.* Special services and programs for children will be held throughout the holidays and are sponsored by Rabbi Murray Levine in loving memory of Malka Levine. For infants and young toddlers, babysitting is available by advance request ONLY. *Babysitting will not be provided unless it is requested in advance.* Children are expected to be either in the sanctuary or in an age appropriate High Holy Days program. For THEIR security, please comply with these guidelines.

These guidelines are designed to provide a meaningful and secure environment for the High Holy Days for all attending.

We appreciate your cooperation.

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