



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

HIGH HOLY DAYS PARKING INFORMATION AND GENERAL GUIDELINES

Traffic Control / Parking

Parking in the synagogue parking lot behind the building is prioritized for **persons with limited mobility**. Please respect the needs of those in our community who need the specially designated spaces. 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 traffic officer will be directing traffic following services on both days of Rosh Hashana, Erev Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre, and Yom Kippur day. Please cooperate for the safety of all.

Additional parking free of charge will be available at the municipal lot at Whalley and Blake Streets.

Consider walking to services or parking on the street (legally) to allow for these new arrangements.

Entry to Services

Please check in with the greeters stationed at the Harrison Street entrance or at the parking lot doors. They will have a current membership list, as well as the list of those who have made arrangements as guests or family members. Please note that if you arrive just as services are beginning there might be a slight wait and plan accordingly.

All bags will be subject to inspection by either trained volunteers or professional security personnel. Please keep all bags to a minimum to avoid unnecessary delays.

If you are interested in having an Honor for the service, please progress to the Honors table in the lobby. Honors will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. As we would like as many people to participate as possible, there will be only one honor given per person for the holidays.

In the Sanctuary

Talitot (prayer shawls), head coverings (and bobby pins) will be located in the lobby of the synagogue. It would be appreciated, however, if you could bring your own *talit*.

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

Entrance and exit from the Sanctuary is through the Social Hall only to minimize disruption to services and sermons. If the congregation is standing, please wait until they are seated to take your seat.

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 are small white books with *supplementary readings* for the holidays.

*SECURITY UPDATE: Please know that our High Holy Days team is working hard to make sure that while remaining the warm and welcoming community we have always been, we are doing our best to implement some **new procedures and policies**, which take your security very seriously to ensure our community's security. Your understanding and total cooperation are very much appreciated. To reinforce and in addition to the procedures below, there will be professional security personnel on-site.*

Visual Aid: Several magnifying glasses will be available to assist those who need. Please remember that these are for use in the sanctuary and should not be taken out of the building.

Sound is best in the center of rows six to ten along the Whalley Avenue side of the Sanctuary. A **Hearing Loop**. To access, switch hearing aid to T-coil. There is a chart posted of the sections of the Sanctuary with the clearest sound.

On Yom Kippur, the congregational *Yizkor* Memorial Books used during that special part of the service will be available on a table in the Social Hall section. 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.**

While there will be natural breaks in the service to allow for entrance and egress, if you *do 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.** *Again, entrance to and exit from the sanctuary is best accomplished using the Social Hall.*

IMPORTANT!! Please help us observe the Shabbat and these Holy Days – **TURN OFF and stow cell phones**, and any other 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 to silent/vibrate mode and only if necessary, find a DISCREET place to make your call. A free land line is available in the synagogue office for these emergencies only.

As mentioned above, 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.

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.

Ushers and greeters (men and women both) 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 Harold

Birn (haroldbirn@aol.com) or Jennifer Myer (jennifer.myer@yale.edu), if you are interested in acting as an usher, or **Eva Shragis** (eshragis@hotmail.com) or **Rob Lettick** (robolettick@aol.com) to serve as a greeter. Your help is definitely needed and appreciated.

Seats are available on a first-come/first-serve basis. We have both fixed seating at the front of the sanctuary and movable seating at the back. Please seat yourself in way which feels comfortable for you with respect to distancing due to covid. Please do not hesitate to ask your seat neighbors if they are comfortable with the distance between seats. If you would prefer more choice or more distance, please choose to sit in the movable seats in the social hall. The dividers will be open for the duration of the service. Doors to the loading dock will be open to allow for increased air flow.

CHILDREN ARE OUR JOY AND OUR INSPIRATION – THEY ARE MOST DEFINITELY WELCOME IN THE SANCTUARY!

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. Children are expected to be either in the sanctuary or in an age appropriate High Holy Days program. All parents are responsible for their children's appropriate and respectful behavior in the synagogue. 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. **לשנה טובה!!! L'SHANA TOVA**