

A Family Guide for the High Holy Days at Congregation Beth Yeshurun

The High Holy Days are a time for building family memories with our children that can last a lifetime. In order to help make those memories positive ones, we at Beth Yeshurun have developed services and programs designed specifically for our families with young children.

SERVICES

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Morning Preschool Services

9:30 am – 10:10 am Freedman-Levit Sanctuary

Celebrate the richness of our High Holy Days in a service designed for our preschool age children and their families. The service will involve age appropriate prayers, songs and a few surprises! The service will be led by Rabbi Brian Strauss and popular song leader, Rachel Buchman.

Freedman-Levit Service

Rosh Hashanah Morning: 10:05 am – 1:00 pm Kol Nidre: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Rosh Hashanah Evening: 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm Yom Kippur Morning: 10:05 am – 1:00 pm

A contemporary service located in the beautiful Freedman-Levit Sanctuary. It will be led by Rabbi Brian Strauss, Annette Sondock, and our High Holy Day Family Choir. This service is not designed for preschool age children.

PROGRAMS

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Morning Children's Programs

10:15 am – 11:00 am in the school wing

Enjoy interactive programs designed for our children and led by our teachers. Three programs are available – CDO/Toddler/Nursery, Pre-K – 1st grade, and 2nd – 3rd grade.

Tashlich

Sunday, September 20, 2009 – 6:15 pm

Join us for Tashlich as we walk to the nearest body of water (the bayou!), attach our sins to our breadcrumbs and toss them into the “sea”! We provide the breadcrumbs, cold drinks and delicious ice cream bars.

Yom Kippur Havdallah Service

Monday, September 28, 2009 – 7:00 pm (Meet in the Freedman-Levit Sanctuary)

We invite our children into the darkened Barg Sanctuary for a memorable way to end Yom Kippur. We provide the light sticks.

Babysitting Services

Babysitting is available for young children throughout the High Holy Days for those with reservations. Please contact Marsha Weiss at (713) 666-1881 for more information or complete and return the babysitting registration form to reserve your spot.

AFTER THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Consider building your own Sukkah at home! See www.sukkah.com for more information.

Enjoy the beauty of Sukkot in the Beth Yeshurun Sukkah. Come both times if you can!

Young Families Sukkot Dinner: Sunday, October 4, 2009 – 6:00 pm – Bring a dairy main course for everyone to share. We'll provide the ice cream and drinks. RSVP to tfriedman@bethyeshurun.org and let her know what you can bring.

Congregational Sukkot Dinner: Wednesday, October 7, 2009 – 6:00 pm - Bring a dairy meal or purchase a meal from the BYDS PTO (details to follow) for your family and we'll provide the drinks, desserts and arts and crafts for everyone.

Simchat Torah: Saturday, October 10, 2009

Dance with the Torah and to Hakafot led by Hazzan Propis and the Beth Yeshurun Klezmer Band. Bring 100 pieces of kosher candy for the kids; we will provide flags and refreshments.