

2009 HIGH HOLIDAY PROCEDURES

The following are policies and procedures for High Holy Days. **This year, 2009, Erev Rosh Hashanah begins sundown Friday, September 18th. Rosh Hashanah is Saturday and Sunday, September 19th and 20th. Kol Nidre begins at sundown Sunday, September 27th, and Yom Kippur is on Monday, September 28th.** All members and guests will be required to have a picture ID that matches the name on their ticket when entering the building for any of the High Holy Days services. Please Note: Tickets will be mailed or issued **only** through the Business Office.

We urge you to read the information below, note the deadlines and plan ahead. Please contact Julie Bernfeld, Membership Services Manager at 713-666-1881, ext. 360 if you have any questions.

1. High Holiday tickets will be issued to members who are:
 - In Good Standing (members whose dues and obligations are current through June 30, which includes payment in full for **any outstanding balance**)
2. Tickets are **not** required for:
 - Children of members under 18
 - Any person age 19 and above, who is a full-time student or active military personnel. They must show their **current** school or military ID.
3. Complimentary tickets will be issued to the following people: Please note: Tickets are available only upon request and are issued through the business office. Proper and current identification must be presented when attending services.
 - Beth Yeshurun Conversion class students
 - New Residents of Houston (6 months or less)
 - Caretakers of elderly members
 - Guests visiting from other countries (valid passports must be presented)
 - Guests who live farther than 90 miles from Houston and belong to a synagogue in their area must ask their home synagogue to send a "Letter of Reciprocity" no later than September 11, 2009. To fax (713-666-7767) Attn: Julie Bernfeld or email jbernfeld@bethyeshurun.org
4. High Holiday tickets are available to anyone who resides 90 miles or more from Houston for a required donation of \$180.00 per ticket. There is no reduction in the donation for services not attended. Guests under age 18 accompanying their parents do not require separate tickets. The deadline to obtain tickets is September 11, 2009. Tickets will not be processed without the required donation.
5. Persons who live within 90 miles of Houston must join Beth Yeshurun as full or dual members to receive tickets. When applying for regular membership on or after **August 1, 2009**, 3 months dues payment is required with application.
6. Persons wishing to apply to Congregation Beth Yeshurun for membership in time to receive tickets should do so no later than **September 11, 2009** to enable the Membership Committee sufficient time to process all applications.
7. Members of other Houston area synagogues with tickets and identification may attend Beth Yeshurun services on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, and Yom Kippur **after** Yizkor. Such tickets will **not** be honored on the first night of Rosh Hashanah, the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, or Yom Kippur morning through Yizkor.
8. Members whose tickets are being held for the reason of non-payment of dues and obligations will have notices mailed to them by August 10, 2009. Such members must make satisfactory arrangements with the Membership Committee no later than September 1, 2009 to receive their tickets in the mail. Otherwise, the tickets will be held in the office until financial arrangements have been made. Contact Julie Bernfeld at 713-666-1881 to schedule an appointment.
9. Tickets for members who are in arrears and have not made financial arrangements by **September 16th** will not be issued a ticket to enter High Holiday services. Membership Committee representatives will not have access to these tickets on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur. Committee representatives will be available those days **between** Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to discuss financial arrangements.