



P'nai Or Philadelphia High Holydays 2025/5786 pnaior-phila.org

L'Dor vaDor Nagid Godlecha: Singing Praises from Generation to Generation

Services will be led by Senior ALEPH Rabbinical student Susan Swartz and

Cantorial Leader Daniella Forstater,

along with musicians and members of the community

With deep gratitude for the over thirty years of leadership of Rabbi Marcia Prager and Hazzan Jack Kessler z"l

Summit Presbyterian Church in West Mt Airy, Fellowship Hall

6757 Greene Street, Philadelphia (enter from Westview Avenue)

Our High Holyday prayer space is wheelchair accessible. For those unable to join in person, Zoom is available, with opportunities to connect with the other Zoomers. Times are EDT.

Please let us know you are coming! Sign up through our website pnaior-phila.org

Volunteers needed! Contact Tobie Hoffman (aunttobie@gmail.com) to help out

New Members are welcome! Contact rachelpnaiorphilly@gmail.com

SELICHOT

Saturday Evening, Sept 13

Zoom only.

7:30 pm Havdalah

8:00 pm Selichot Service with Daniella Forstater

- [Shanah Tovah Selichot resources](#)

ROSH HASHANAH

EREV ROSH HASHANAH, Monday Evening, September 22

6:00-7:30 pm - Erev Rosh Hashanah Intergenerational Service

- [Erev Rosh HaShanah Kiddush](#)

ROSH HASHANAH DAY ONE AND DAY TWO

At P'nai Or, we treat the two days of Rosh Hashanah liturgically as one extended day. Together they create a flow that builds with power and intention to the series of shofar blasts of Musaf on the second day.

Tuesday, September 23 and Wednesday, September 24

10:00 am-2:00 pm - Rosh Hashanah Services (Days 1 & 2)

2:00 pm Potluck lunch [dairy, fish, vegetarian]

- [Rosh Hashanah Days 1 & 2 pages](#)



4:00 pm TASHLICH FIRST DAY OF ROSH HASHANAH at Saylor Grove Park

Saylor Grove is bordered by Wissahickon Ave, Lincoln Drive and Rittenhouse Street. • A walkway is accessible on the Rittenhouse side. • There are benches, a small bridge and running water which is filtered by wetland plants and wildlife. • Parking is available right next to the park on Rittenhouse and up the hill past the gas station.

YOM KIPPUR

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

Renewing ourselves from the inside out, the way a tree grows.

Kol Nidrei, Wednesday, October 1

5:00 pm Ritual passage into Yom Kippur including Tzedakah (bring checkbook) and candle-lighting. We wear our tallis at night. Wearing white is encouraged.

5:45 pm - Kol Nidrei service begins

- [Kol Nidrei pages](#)

Yom Kippur Day, Thursday, October 2

10:00 am Shacharit Services begin

4:00 pm (aprox.) Yizkor Memorial Service

5:00 pm-7:00 pm **Minchah/Neilah**, closing the gates with a candle-light chant circle

7:00 pm Vegetarian/pescatarian potluck break-fast. All are welcome to stay!

• [Yom Kippur Morning pages](#) • [Yizkor Prayers pages](#) • [Musaf pages](#) • [Neila pages](#)

SUKKOT AND SIMCHAT TORAH

Stay tuned for details about **Sukkot**, which begins on **Monday Evening, October 6**, and **Simchat Torah**, which begins on **Wednesday Evening, October 14**.

Welcome to our High Holyday Services!



Who is welcome: Many of us carry wounds from a history of not being fully welcomed into Jewish community, whether due to class, race, sexual orientation, marital status, age, views on Israel/Palestine, disability, gender, or another form of marginalization. You are welcome here, as your full self, in your dignity. Come rest and renew and connect. Come share your perspectives. Come allow your heart to open. Come sing and dance and come sit quietly in the back. Come laugh and come cry. Come for a short time or come for the full service. You are welcome here.

Arriving on time: We will welcome you whenever you arrive; however, it is deeply supportive to our service leaders to arrive a few minutes before services start and to be settled in your seat for the beginning of services.

Bringing Children: Our Erev Rosh Hashanah service (Monday, September 22, 6:00 pm) will be appropriate for all ages. Our Tashlich service (Tuesday, September 23, 4:00 pm, at Saylor Grove) provides a lovely time to be together as a family in community. Our other services are adult oriented.

Pre-registration: Required for all, whether you will be joining us in person or on Zoom. Please register early, as we will be sending out updates and teachings and opportunities to volunteer over the holidays (a wonderful way to make new friends while helping out the community). The Eventbrite registration form can be found on our website or by [clicking here](#).

Membership and Donations: We warmly invite you to consider becoming a member of P'nai Or. Membership is an investment in revitalizing vibrant Jewish renewal community in Mt Airy. You can learn more about becoming a member on the P'nai Or (literally, Faces of Light) Philadelphia [webpage](http://pnaior-phila.org) (pnaior-phila.org). While Eventbrite is generally a place to buy "tickets", we don't technically sell tickets to High Holydays and all payments are tax deductible. We invite you, according to your capacity, to make an additional contribution to help us pay our rent and support our clergy team and programming. If you have the capacity to make a larger High Holyday contribution, sending us a check will avoid credit card processing fees. Thank you for your generosity!