

INTRODUCTION

Hag Sameah to our members and their families. We are again pleased to ask for your help as we assess and plan for our future High Holy Days experiences. Please help us by providing your feedback while it is still fresh in your mind.

The survey consists of 10 brief multi-part questions that should take less than 10 minutes to complete, plus any time you might spend providing your comments. Results are anonymous. The survey maintains the same format as in previous years to allow us to compare results one year to the next.

The survey closes on Friday, October 26th at 3:00 pm. Please contact the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 if you prefer to obtain a paper copy.

Each of your family members (of any age) is invited to complete his/her own survey. Please feel free to complete additional surveys on behalf of each of your children, with their input.

Thank you for participating and sharing your thoughts and opinions with us.

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High Holy Days Committee Co-Chairs

Section 1

Section 1 relates to the High Holy Days prayer service that you primarily attended:

1. 1a. Please identify the High Holy Days prayer service that you primarily attended:

2. 1b. Please tell us why you chose this service. Please select as many as apply:

- Because you like a more traditional service
- Because you like a less traditional service
- Because of the people leading it
- Because you enjoy services led by a cantor and choir
- Because its timing worked well
- Because you liked its degree of formality
- Because you liked its degree of informality
- Because you liked its length
- Because you liked its location
- Because your family members were attending this service
- Because your friends were attending this service
- Because you are looking for something more intimate/participatory

Other (please specify)

3. 1c. Please tell us how you were impacted by the service – to what extent do you agree with each of the following statements about the service you selected above:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable
It helped me pray	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Its sermons were meaningful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It helped me learn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It was spiritually uplifting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It included moving music	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It was well-paced	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It was physically comfortable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It had a good balance of participation and presentation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It was meaningful to be part of this service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

4. If you attended a second service that you wish to comment on, please complete the following. Otherwise, please skip this question and proceed to Section 2.

1d. Please identify the additional High Holy Days service you will be commenting on:

5. 1e. To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements about the second service you attended:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable
It helped me pray	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Its sermons were meaningful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It helped me learn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It was spiritually uplifting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It included moving music	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It was well-paced	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It was physically comfortable	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It had a good balance of participation and presentation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It was meaningful to be part of this service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I visited this service because I was curious about it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This service offered something I felt was missing from the service I primarily attended	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Section 2

Section 2 relates to any other High Holy Days prayer services you attended at Beth Tzedec, beyond those you already identified in Section 1:

6. 2a. Please identify any other High Holy Days prayer services that you attended or visited (excluding the one you primarily attended, as indicated above). Please check as many as apply:

- Sanctuary service (led by Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Guest Cantor Moshe Fishel, Howard Black and choir)
- Parallel service (led by Rabbi Moshe Meirovich and Cantor Sidney Ezer)
- Family service (led by Daniel Silverman)
- Short & Sweet service (led by Yacov Fruchter)
- Spiritual Exploration of the High Holy Days service (led by Rachel Rosenbluth)
- Kehillah Inclusion service for individuals with special needs (led by Raquel Binder and Lindsey Malc)

7. 2b. Please provide any comments about the service(s) you just selected that might be helpful in future planning for these and other similar types of services:

Section 3

Section 3 relates to High Holy Days programs (other than prayer services) that you attended:

8. 3a. Please identify which of the following High Holy Days programs you or your non-adult children attended. Please select as many as apply:

- Hot Topics and Connect Talk Discussions (led by various Beth Tzedec members and clergy on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur; held mainly in the Museum)
- Connect Lounge (in the Hurwich Boardroom)
- Programs for Teens and Kids in Middle School
- Songs and Stories for Young Children in the L'Chaim Lower Hall(led by Shirel Barkan)
- Youth Programs for Kids in Grades 1 to 5
- Babysitting and Childcare for children ages 0-5
- None of the above

9. 3b. The next three questions only apply to Hot Topics and Connect Talk sessions held in the Museum and Mezzanine. If this does not apply to you, please continue with Section 3e.

Please identify which Hot Topics or Connect Talk session(s) you attended:

- The 'High' Holy Days with David Lerner (Rosh Hashanah Day 1)
- Abraham on Trial with Jack Grossman, Michelle Schwartz and Aaron Wine (Rosh Hashanah Day 1)
- 'Friends' vs. 'Followers' with Zoe Kichler, Devorah Lithwick, and Danielle Thé (Rosh Hashanah Day 2)
- Abraham on Trial with Ronald Kaufman, David Matlow and Heidi Brown (Rosh Hashanah Day 2)
- Sorry, Not Sorry with Rabbi Jennifer Gorman and Aida Seetner (Yom Kippur Morning)
- Let's Talk About The Elephant In The Room: God with Yacov Fruchter (Yom Kippur early afternoon)
- Empathy & Kindness with Dr. Brian Goldman (Yom Kippur afternoon)
- Queer on Yom Kippur (Yom Kippur late afternoon)
- Empathetic Listening and Talking About Israel (Yom Kippur late afternoon)

10. 3c. To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements about the Hot Topics or Connect Talk session(s) you attended:

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
It helped me connect to themes of the High Holy Days	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It gave me a break from services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It helped me learn something new	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It was spiritually uplifting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I left the session feeling more informed about the issue at hand	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I left the session more connected to the Beth Tzedec community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. 3d. Please provide any additional comments about these Hot Topics or Connect Talk sessions that might be helpful in future planning, including whether you would want to revisit a particular topic and what topics or speakers you may want to hear in the future:

12. 3e. The next three questions only apply to parents or grandparents who dropped off children in the babysitting, childcare and youth programs or who participated in our Songs and Stories program. If this does not apply to you, please continue with Section 4.

Please identify which drop-off program(s) your child(ren) or grandchild(ren) participated in:

- Babysitting for ages 0-3 (drop off on 1st floor)
- Childcare for ages 4-5 (drop off on 1st floor)
- Youth programming for Grades 1-5 (drop off on 2nd floor)
- Songs & Stories for Young Children with Shirel Barkan (in L'Chaim Lower Hall on basement level)

13. 3f. To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements about the drop-off childcare programs, based both on your own assessment as well as feedback from the child(ren):

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Drop off was smooth and well-organized	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pick up was smooth and well-organized	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My child(ren) or grandchild(ren) were engaged by the programming	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My child(ren) or grandchild(ren) had an enjoyable experience	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
My spiritual experience benefited from being able to drop off my child(ren) or grandchild(ren)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. 3g. Please provide any additional comments about babysitting, childcare and youth programming, as well as the Songs & Stories program, if applicable:

Section 4

Section 4 relates to your overall experience on Rosh Hashanah:

15. 4a. Which of the following statements best describes your feelings after leaving Beth Tzedec on Rosh Hashanah:

- I left feeling engaged and felt my Rosh Hashanah was enhanced by my attendance.
- I left feeling dissatisfied and somewhat unfulfilled on Rosh Hashanah.
- My Beth Tzedec experience did not impact my Rosh Hashanah positively or negatively.

16. 4b. Please provide any comments specifically about your Rosh Hashanah experience at Beth Tzedec:

Section 5

Section 5 relates to your overall experience on Kol Nidrei evening:

17. 5a. Which of the following statements best describes your feelings after leaving Beth Tzedec on Kol Nidrei evening:

- I left feeling engaged and felt my Kol Nidrei was enhanced by my attendance.
- I left feeling dissatisfied and somewhat unfulfilled on Kol Nidrei.
- My Beth Tzedec experience did not impact my Kol Nidrei positively or negatively.

18. 5b. Please provide any comments specifically about your Kol Nidrei evening experience at Beth Tzedec:

Section 6

Section 6 relates to your overall experience on Yom Kippur Day:

19. 6a. Which of the following statements best describes your feelings after leaving Beth Tzedec on Yom Kippur Day:

- I left feeling engaged and felt my Yom Kippur was enhanced by my attendance.
- I left feeling dissatisfied and somewhat unfulfilled on Yom Kippur.
- My Beth Tzedec experience did not impact my Yom Kippur positively or negatively.

20. 6b. Please provide any comments specifically about your Yom Kippur Day experience at Beth Tzedec:

Section 7

Section 7 relates to how your experience at Beth Tzedec this year might inform your choices next year:

21. 7a. If you were making High Holy Days plans today for next year (5780), please identify the High Holy Days prayer services or programs that you would likely attend (Please check as many as apply):

- Sanctuary service (this past year led by Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, Guest Cantor Moshe Fishel, Howard Black and choir)
- Parallel service (this past year led by Rabbi Moshe Meirovich and Cantor Sidney Ezer)
- Family service (this past year led by Daniel Silverman)
- Short & Sweet service (this past year led by Yacov Fruchter)
- Spiritual Exploration of the High Holy Days service (this past year led by Rachel Rosenbluth)
- Kehillah Inclusion service for individuals with special needs (this past year led by Raquel Binder and Lindsey Malc)
- Songs and Stories for Young Children (this past year led by Shirel Barkan)
- Hot Topics Discussions directed to all ages
- Connect Talk Discussions directed to those in their 20s and 30s
- Programs for Middle School and High School students
- Youth Programs for Kids in Grades 1 to 5
- Childcare Programs for Children age 0-5
- Not sure – I'm still considering the various options
- Not sure if I want to return to Beth Tzedec for the High Holy Days

22. 7b. We are always looking to expand the service and program options available to members and guests. Please indicate the likelihood of your participation in the following possible future services:

	Very Likely	Likely	Neither Likely Nor Unlikely	Unlikely	Very Unlikely
Abbreviated Beginner's Teaching Service - for people who want a better understanding of the specific Hebrew prayers that will be recited in this service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Abbreviated Service - for people who are not comfortable with Hebrew or do not understand the Hebrew prayers and want increased usage of English prayers and translations but with a Hebrew component as well	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Abbreviated Service of Healing - designed for those in mourning, still suffering from the loss of a relative or friend or loneliness, and for those who are alone without family or friends during this time of year and in need of a caring community and a blessing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am not interested in participating in any new services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

I would like to offer an additional new service idea:

Section 8

Section 8 relates only to the Sanctuary service. If you cannot comment on the Sanctuary service, please proceed to Section 9.

23. 8a. In the Sanctuary service this year, the Cantor and choir used traditional melodies interspersed with contemporary/modern arrangements. Would you prefer...?

- The current mix of traditional and new
- More traditional melodies and fewer contemporary/modern arrangements
- More contemporary/modern arrangements and fewer traditional melodies
- Don't know / No comment

24. 8b. If Beth Tzedec were to use this year's High Holy Day Sanctuary service as a model for future Shabbat and Festival services, would you most likely...?

- Attend Beth Tzedec's Sanctuary service more frequently
- Choose an alternative Beth Tzedec service more frequently (e.g. the Little Minyan or the Family Service)
- Attend Beth Tzedec less frequently
- It would have no impact on my attendance at Beth Tzedec services

Section 9

Section 9 will provide us with some information about you:

25. 9a. Are you...?

- Male
- Female
- Other
- Prefer Not To Answer

26. 9b. What is your age bracket?

- Under 18
- 18 to 25
- 26 to 35
- 36 to 45
- 46 to 55
- 55 to 65
- 66 to 75
- 76 to 85
- 86 or over
- Prefer not to answer

27. 9c. How many years have you been a member of Beth Tzedec?

- Under 5 years
- 6 to 10 years
- 11 to 20 years
- 21 to 30 years
- 30 or more years
- Not sure how many years
- Not a member of Beth Tzedec

28. 9d. Which one category best describes your living arrangement?

- Single/never married
- Married
- Co-habiting (in a common law relationship)
- Separated/Divorced
- Widowed
- Prefer not to answer

29. 9e. Do you have any children under the age of 18?

- Yes
- No

30. 10. Please provide any additional feedback or ideas for the future that you would like to share concerning your Beth Tzedec High Holy Days experience and any individual services or programs:

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this survey.

Please contact us by email at info@beth-tzedec.org or by calling the Synagogue office at 416-781-3511 with any questions, further comments or feedback.

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