

Our Services

We're bringing your favourite High Holy Days services for you and your family to enjoy! Beth Tzedec members can participate either in-person or via our virtual hub to access those experiences most meaningful to you.

This High Holy Days Guide will be updated with direct links to access the services as we move closer to Rosh Hashanah. Check your emails, and weekly eblasts for updated information and virtual links or visit our High Holy Days hub page at https://bit.ly/hhd-info-page.



Sanctuary Services

Join Rabbi Steve Wernick, Cantor **Chaim Stern** and choir director Asher Farber with the High Holy Day Choir and Rabbi Lara Rodin for our spectacular and inspiring High Holy Day services with excellent Chazzanut, choral singing and teaching. Congregational Torah and Haftarah readers participate in the Torah Service.

The Shofar Service and initial blasts begin at approximately 10:30 AM. Cantor Stern and the choir will commence when the Torah Service begins.

The Sanctuary Services will be livestreamed via https://bethtzedec.tv.

Rosh Hashanah

September 23 & 24 at 8:30 AM

Kol Nidrei

October 1 at 6:45 PM

Yom Kippur

October 2 at 9:00 AM



Mezzanine Services

Join Rabbi Robyn Fryer Bodzin, **Cantor Sidney Ezer** and Ritual Director Lorne Hanick for this inspiring and participatory service. The warm atmosphere and emphasis on singing will help every member engage with the liturgy as we celebrate the chagim. These Services are offered in-person only.

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Return Again and Again: Meditation

Begin your day with time in silent reflection, simple repeated melodies and deep learning. Spiritual Leader Aviva Chernick will guide us using the mindfulness tools of returning to the breath and the body, together with the teachings of this season, to awaken our hearts and open the pathway for the prayers that are waiting to be spoken. All are welcome. Previous experience with meditation is not necessary.

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Short & Sweet Outdoor Services

Join Yacov Fruchter, Director of Community Building and Spiritual Engagement, and Spiritual Leader Aviva Chernick for this spirited and welcoming 90-minute Service highlighting essential elements of the liturgy (Machzor), and combining familiar melodies and meaningful takeaways in an approachable way. These Services will be livestreamed via https://bethtzedec.tv.

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Family Services

This 90-minute service is lively and lots of fun. Join Daniel Silverman, Director of Education & Program Development, and Cantor Audrey **Klein**, Director of Family & Young Adult Engagement, for stories and songs to delight the family. These Services are in the Hendeles Chapel and offered in-person only.

Rosh Hashanah

September 23 & 24 at 11:00 AM

Kol Nidrei

October 1 at 6:45 PM

Yom Kippur

October 2 at 11:00 AM



Festival Mincha-Ma'ariv

Everyone is invited to join us at the end of each day for evening services in the Hendeles Chapel or on our livestream via https://bethtzedec.tv.

Erev Rosh Hashanah September 22 at 6:00 PM

Rosh Hashanah

September 23 & 24 at 7:00 PM

Kol Nidrei: Early Mincha October 1 at 2:00 PM



Celebrating Selichot

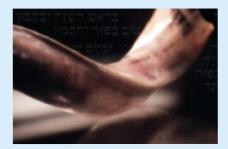
Saturday, September 13 9:30 PM

Join us for an inspiring and soulful Selichot, beginning with Havdalah followed by an inspiring Selichot Service with our Spiritual

Leadership—Rabbi Steven Wernick, Cantor Chaim Stern, Rabbi Fryer Bodzin, Cantor Sidney Ezer, Rabbi Lara Rodin, Yacov Fruchter, Aviva Chernick and Lorne Hanick. A dessert reception follows.

Then, at midnight, the Gates open!

For information about our Fall programs, see pages 34 to 48



Neilah, Ma'ariv and Shofar Blowing

Join members of our Spiritual Leadership in the Sanctuary as we conclude the High Holy Days with this beautiful and inspiring service in which we imagine the Gates of Heaven closing and offer our final plea for redemption and life.

Neilah will be followed by Ma'ariv, Havdalah and the final shofar blowing. You are encouraged to bring your shofar

If joining us via our livestream feed, for Havdalah, we suggest that you turn off the lights and turn on a glow stick. Then grab your shofar and sound the final blast with us.

This service will also be livestreamed via https://bethtzedec.tv.

Yom Kippur Evening October 2 at 6:15 PM



Yom Kippur Mincha Service

Join us in the Sanctuary for our *Mincha* Service with a Torah reading and a reading of the Book of Jonah. It will also be livestreamed via https://bethtzedec.tv.

Yom Kippur October 2 at 4:40 PM



Musical Participatory Service with The HarmonEzers

Tuesday, October 14 9:00 AM

Join us for a Musical Participatory
Service led by Cantor Chaim Stern,
Cantor Sidney Ezer and the
HarmonEzers, our a cappella choir,
conducted by Asher Farber. We will
explore many classic and familiar
melodies, as well as new and modern
ones. With inspiring arrangements and
innovative harmonies, we welcome
you to sing along with us. A
Congregational Kiddush follows.

This Service will be livestreamed via https://bethtzedec.tv.



Tefillah and Tales

Tuesday, October 14 9:00 AM

A joyful 30-minute holiday adventure for little ones—with songs, prayers, stories and shofar blasts! For kids in preschool, JK and SK and their families.

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Yom Kippur

October 2 at 9:45 AM

Our High Holy Days Programs



A Pre-Rosh Hashanah Kabbalat Shabbat Service and Dinner

Friday, September 19 6:00 PM

Shivim Panim-70 Faces

Join us for a musical Kabbalat **Shabbat Service featuring Cantors** Chaim Stern and Sidney Ezer and the High Holy Day Choir as we gather to celebrate the coming High Holy Days with an inspiring and meaningful Service followed by a delicious catered dinner.

Let's enjoy this time together as a community to celebrate and reconnect with our Beth Tzedec family, friends and neighbours..

Cost for dinner. Pre-registration is required by Monday, September 15 via https://bit.ly/pre-rosh-hashanah-dinner-2025 or call 416-781-3511.



The Beth Tzedec Sukkah has been donate by the Sitzer Family in memory of Minnie Sitzer.

Many of the decorations are provided by the Greenspan Family.



Spinagogue for All Ages **Rosh Hashanah Edition**

Sunday, September 21 11:15 AM

Join Beth Tzedec for a communitywide, private Rosh Hashanah-themed spin class at Rocket Cycle. Ticket price includes a spot on a spin bike, spin shoes, a branded reusable water bottle and a post-ride snack.

Cost: \$30 (includes spin bike, shoe rental, Spinagogue branded water bottle and smoothies/breakfast cookies from Becked Goods). Pre-registration required via https://bit.ly/spinagogue-all-ages-rh.



Pre-High Holy Day Picnic and Flower Picking

Sunday, September 21 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Nothing says living your best life like a field full of flowers for you to pick. On Erev-Erev Rosh Hashanah, join Beth Tzedec in Newmarket at Country Cut Flowers' beautiful farm for a picnic and flower-picking (970 Miller's Side Road, Newmarket). You'll even have a chance to work with a professional florist to create your own beautiful flower arrangement.

Cost: \$50 for one adult; \$10 for other family members over age 10. Pre-registration is required via https://bit.ly/family-picnic-

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Shivim Panim: Celebrate 70 Years in Song Annual High Holy Day Concert

Sunday, September 28 at 7:30 PM

Get ready for an unforgettable night of music and memories as we celebrate Beth Tzedec's 70th anniversary in spectacular style! Join choir master **Asher Farber** as he leads our new High Holy Day ensemble—with special appearances by our new Senior Cantor **Chaim** Stern and Cantor Sidney Ezer—for an evening that will uplift your spirit and stir your soul. Let's celebrate 70 years of community, tradition and song-together.

No charge, but pre-registration is required via https://bit.ly/Shivim-Panim-Concert.

Rosh Hashanah **Connect Lounge**

On both days of Rosh Hashanah, vou can take a break from Services to connect with friends and extended family over fresh coffee and baked cookies in the Connect Lounge.





Camp Hi Ho: High Holy Days Children's Care Experience

Welcome to Camp Hi Ho; our High Holy Day children's care experience! While parents are in services, campers (children) will be participating in developmentally appropriate explorations around the themes and messages of the holidays.

Games, singing, acting, escape room challenges, physical play, guided mindfulness exercises, snacks and more await at Camp Hi Ho!

CAMP UNITS:

Shofar Babies: Birth to age two—with professional childcare staff

Tekiah Tots: Nursery (ages 2-3),

JK, SK

Shevet Shevarim: Grades 1—Ages 6

Troop Teruah: Grades 2, 3 and 4—

Ages 8 and 9

YESH:

Grades 5, 6 and 7—Ages 10 to 14

The Tekiah Gedolah Gang: Grade 8

Rosh Hashanah

September 23 & 24from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Kol Nidrei

October 1 from 6:15 to 9:00 PM (Babysitting, childcare and programs for children up to Grade 3 only)

Yom Kippur

October 2 from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Pre-registration is requested for all participants in Camp HiHo. To register, please visit https://bit.ly/camp-hi-ho-2025.



A 20s and 30s Trail Torah with Rabbi Lara Rodin

Tuesday, September 23 from 11:15 AM to 12:30 NOON

Join Rabbi Lara Rodin on the trails of Cedarvale Ravine as you reflect on the passing year and the year to come, connect to nature through the lens of Torah and prayer, and build community.

Meet in the upper parking lot by the gate at 11:15 AM. We will use all of our senses—sight, taste, touch, smell and hearing—to bring our bodies and our spirits into the High Holy Days.



Outdoor Family Experience: Shofar Blowing and Tashlikh with Daniel Silverman

Tuesday, September 23

3:30 to 4:30 PM

Join Daniel Silverman at the baseball diamond at Cedarvale Park for an outdoor shofar blowing after which we will walk to Cedarvale Ravine to perform the ritual of Tashlikh, symbolically casting our sins into the river. Bring some pieces of bread to 'cast' into the river.

For information, email dsilverman@beth-tzedec.org.



Downtown Shofar Blowing with Yacov Fruchter

Wednesday, September 24

5:00 PM

Join Yacov Fruchter in the Rosh Hashanah mitzvah of the shofar blowing. We will meet at the Labyrinth (700 Markham St., Toronto). All are welcome.

Pre-registration is not required. For information, email, please email Yacov Fruchter at yfruchter@beth-tzedec.org.



Outdoor Shofar Blowing and Tashlikh with Rabbi Steve Wernick

Tuesday, September 24

4:30 to 5:30 PM

Join Reb Steve in the Beth Tzedec parking lot for an outdoor shofar blowing. Then, at approximately 5:00 PM, we will walk to Cedarvale Ravine to perform the ritual of Tashlikh, symbolically casting our sins into the river.

For information, email nleybman@beth-tzedec.org.

Sukkot and Simchat Torah

We are happy to be able to extend our Holy Days celebrations with programs and events highlighting Sukkot and Simchat Torah.



Short & Sweet Multi-Generational Family Service and Sukkah Hop

Tuesday, October 7 at 10:30 AM

Join us for a special Short & Sweet Sukkot Family Service! Shake the lulav and etrog (bring your own or use ours), pray, sing and have lots of fun on Yom Tov! After services, we'll have lunch in stages as we visit sukkot in the neighbourhood. (In the case of rain, lunch will be at Beth Tzedec).

No charge. Pre-registration is requested via https://bit.ly/families-sukkah-hop-2025



Let's Sit: LGBTQ+ Mindfulness Event

Thursday, October 9 6:45 PM

Sitting in the Sukkah offers a special kind of comfort and embrace.

Join facilitator Aviva Chernick, Director of the Beth Tzedec Centre for Spiritual Well-Being, together with fellow community members for this opportunity to rest in loving attention through meditation, reflection and song in a Queer and Trans Jewish space. AND... there will be soup and tea to keep us warm.

While we honour our allies, this particular event is for those who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. Please only register if you will be attending the program.

No charge. Pre-registration is required via https://bit.ly/lets-sit-sukkot-2025



Family Simchat Torah Faire Pageant and Celebration

Tuesday, October 14

5:30 to 6:45 PM

Celebrate the merriment of Torah and all the pageantry of the holiday! Dress in a costume or design a hat based on something found in Torah. Join us for the Torah-related festivities with activities and games, joyous hakafot (aka Torah parades) in the Hendeles Chapel and a light, dairy dinner.

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Simchat Torah Community Hakafot

Tuesday, October 14 at 6:45 PM

Come Hug A Torah!

Let's celebrate Simhat Torah with Hakafot and dancin g at Beth Tzedec.

- Candy Bar
- Drinks Bar
- Dessert spread
- For all ages
- Dress code: Torah dancing casual

Everyone is welcome. Pre-registration is not required!

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SENSORY ROOM

Beth Tzedec is pleased to announce the return of our dedicated Sensory Room Pop-Up, a calming space for individuals aged 4+—including adults—with neurodiverse or sensory processing needs.

Concerned your child might feel overwhelmed in a busy synagogue? We understand. That's why we've created a quiet, welcoming space where sensory overload melts away. With gentle lighting and soft textures, our Sensory Room helps reduce anxiety and increase calm—so your child can feel safe, supported and included.

Because every family deserves to feel at home during the High Holy Days.

The Sensory Room is located in the School Wing across from Room 213. To reserve a timeslot, visit https://bit.ly/sensory-room-2025-2026.

*Please note that the Sensory Room is a fragrance-free space. Images do not specifically depict the items in the Beth Tzedec Sensory Room