

Please read this letter carefully to understand the procedures that will be in place for our High Holiday services. Unfortunately, we are living in a new age, and we do need to institute measures to ensure everyone's safety and health. We will continue to require that everyone eligible be fully vaccinated (including at least one booster) in order to attend services in person. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

A full list of protocols is included in this packet of information.

TICKETS:

- Tickets must be ordered in advance. An order form is enclosed and should be sent back to the office, together with proof of vaccination (if not already on file with us). Forms can be mailed to the office, or scanned and emailed to espiegel@melvillejc.org.
- If all paperwork is received by the office by September 12th, and you are a member in good standing, tickets will be mailed. If not, you can pick up your tickets in person on September 20th from 7:00pm -8:30pm.
- As in the past, guest tickets will be available. Please read the details on our ticket policy on page 4. You must submit the name and address of any guest when you order their tickets. In addition, they will need to submit proof of vaccination.

FACE COVERINGS:

- Everyone is required to wear a face covering both for your safety and for the health of your fellow congregants. This includes children (2 and older). Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

FOBS AND ID:

- All members with electronic FOBs will be asked to display their High Holiday ticket and use the FOB-controlled (right hand) door.
- All others (including members without FOBs) will be asked to provide a valid picture ID to the guard at the left-hand door along with their ticket. **No one without a FOB will be admitted without a valid ID and ticket.**
- The security guard at the left hand door will have a current membership list and a list of guests for whom tickets have been issued. To avoid confusion or embarrassment at the door, it is imperative that everyone obtain their tickets in advance, and submit names of all guests.

TALLIT and KIPPOT:

- We prefer that you bring your own, but we will have both available.

COMMUNITY YIZKOR:

- Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate our usual open-door policy for the local community for the Yizkor service. Guests will be required to pre-register and provide the necessary paperwork in advance. If you know of anyone that would like to attend, please have them contact our Melville JC office (631-421-3224).

USHERS:

- Ushers will be available to answer your questions, to guide you and to ease the flow of traffic into and out of the sanctuary.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING:

- Accessible parking will be provided to physically challenged members with accessibility permits. A designated drop-off area will be provided for all others. Drivers must then park with the general membership.

ELECTRONICS:

- Please ensure your phones are silenced in the Synagogue building and please do not use them for any non-emergency purpose, including picture-taking, anywhere in the Synagogue at any time during the High Holidays. That includes the rest rooms. Thank you for your cooperation in respecting our Conservative tradition.

SIMULCAST SERVICE:

- We will simulcast services into the Simḥa Room for those who would like to be more socially distant.
- A remote option via Zoom will also be available for those congregants who prefer not to attend in person. Links and details will be provided a few days prior to the High Holidays. Register to receive the link at hhtickets@melvillejc.org.

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES:

- Family Services will take place on all days of the High Holidays and will be announced from the bimah. Masks are required for all participants. Please see enclosed flyer for times and details on the programs.

Our policies are subject to change without notice, as determined by the Rabbi, Presidents and/or the Board of Melville JC, to be necessary or appropriate to protect the congregation in accordance with Jewish law and public health directives. We appreciate everyone's help and cooperation as we adjust.

If you have questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to reach out to us at president@melvillejc.org. We are happy to answer any questions and listen to your suggestions.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and remember, the High Holidays will be here before we know it. Time to get ready!

Warmly,

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High Holidays (HH) September 2022 – Protocols Effective August 1, 2022

- High Holiday services will be held in person. A remote participation option (Zoom) will be provided.
- All eligible attendees should be fully vaccinated (including one booster) and should submit proof of vaccination to the Melville JC office in advance. This will allow everyone to enter in a quick and timely manner.
- Face coverings ARE required for ALL individuals (age 2 and above).
- Guest tickets will be sold, however all guests should follow the Covid guidelines we have established for your safety.
- No food, drink or schnapps is permitted or served on premises.
- Kissing or physically touching the *mezuzot* on and within the building is not permitted. A symbolic gesture in that direction is recommended instead.
- Kissing, hugging or any other contact among non-family / outside cohort participants is discouraged.
- We request and strongly recommend that you bring your own *kippot*, *tallit* & women's head covering.
- Once the Torah is taken from the ark, the Torah will be placed on a long table in the middle of the Bimah.
- Persons receiving an Aliyah, who are in the sanctuary, may come to the Bima.
- Once the Aliyah has been completed, the person(s) must return to their seats before the next Aliyah.
- An option to attend services remotely will be available via Zoom. Please register in advance for access by emailing htickets@melvillejc.org. The link will be emailed to you a few days prior to the start of the holiday.
- All members with designated pew seats will be permitted to utilize them.
- *Yizkor* will be conducted as usual, however community, non-congregant participants will need to pre-register and will be required to follow the guest requirements, outlined above.
- Torah procession will be conducted however, we request that everyone refrains from touching or kissing the Torah.

High Holiday Ticket Policy 2022

1. Members and their children who are 23 and younger will continue to receive tickets as part of their membership dues, at no additional cost.
2. Children under 13 do not require a ticket.
3. Members may purchase tickets for other family members, including children over 23, married children and their spouses, parents and grandparents of the member, at a cost of \$90. All Covid protocols will apply to guests.
4. All others, (friends, other relatives, neighbors etc) will be charged at the current ticket prices: $\frac{1}{2}$ of the single dues rate per ticket, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the family dues rate for 2 tickets, etc. All Covid protocols will apply.
5. The current policy of \$25 per pew seat maintenance charge will remain in effect.
6. There are a number of pew seats available for endowment. The current rental policy for pew seats not being used this year for the High Holidays will continue unchanged. Please contact Monique Mensch at moniquem@optonline.net if you are interested in purchasing or renting pew seats.