

High Holidays and Daily Minyan Plan during Covid-19

Community Zoom Meeting 22 July 2020 / 8:00pm

AGENDA

- Discuss Chabad daily and High Holidays Services plan.
- Answer FAQs and specific questions.

NOTES

General Information

- Our OPEN DOOR, NO FEE ATTENDANCE policies remain in place. At the same time, donations are encouraged and very much appreciated.
- This summary is a general overview and a general vision of what to expect. For more information about the Daily services, please visit: <https://www.chabadalberta.org/minyan>
- Chabad is following the guidelines proposed by the CDC and AHS.
- Masks will be provided for those who need them.
- Chabad is currently holding Minyan services in person for Yahrzeit (per request), every Saturday at 10:30am, and sporadically during weekdays.
- Pre-Registration for all Minyans is mandatory, as Minyans have pre-assigned seating. The Seating is planned based on physical distancing guidelines.
- Chabad is not and will not solicit for Minyan. Those who wish to attend services must register via email/phone.

- **Yahrzeit Minyans will be held.** However, Chabad will only invite its own Rabbis, the hosting family is responsible for inviting others for Minyan. If a Minyan for the Yahrzeit cannot be arranged, please contact Rabbi Matusof to discuss and make a plan.
- **Joining in by ZOOM is possible during weekdays by registration only.**
- **All Classes are being held via ZOOM.** A video of each class will be uploaded afterwards onto the Chabad Emergency Relief website. In - person classes are postponed until further notice.
- **The Faigel Shapiro Kosher Pantry is operating full force!**

High Holiday plan- Rosh HaShana & Yom Kippur

- **Security and additional ushers will be present for services this year.**
- **All plans are subject to change.**
- **Unfortunately, This year Chabad will not be offering sleep accommodations for the high holidays. For options, please call the office.**
- **Holiday Meals will also be limited to take out only. We plan and hope to have Faigel Shapiro's Kosher Pantry prepare and make available meals in full force!**
- **Chabad is by no means encouraging or pressuring anyone to attend.**
- **This year Chabad is planning for multiple, shorter services to accommodate the community.**
- **Shofar Hearing will be during the second day, as the first day of Rosh Hashanah falls on a Saturday.**
- **As the most important part of Rosh Hashanah is listening to the Shofar, Chabad will be providing Shofar Services several times throughout the day.**
- **As of now, no singing is allowed during Services.**
- **Multiple Tashlich services will be offered.**
- **A few sessions of beginner's educational services will be held.**

- **Prior, Detailed Registration is mandatory and will begin early, on a first come first served basis. We are encouraging early registration, as the number of participants is limited.**
- **Registration this year will be much more detailed (I.E. DATE and TIME you plan to come). Basically, attendance will be by appointment only!**
- **Those who do not register will be put on a waitlist, and will be allowed in only once space becomes available.**
- **Yom Kippur: Multiple Yizkor services will be held.**
- **Kol Nidrei and Neila will be held outside B”H weather permitting, to allow for more participants. If not, Shofar only will be held outside. Chabad might rent additional spaces as well. Plans will evolve as we get closer to the Holidays and will be updated accordingly.**
- **We are planning to also hold prayer Minyans in Woodlands, to accommodate only those who walk to Shul. Space will be strictly limited.**
- **Machzorim, Siddurim and Prayer books will be made available for purchase, rent, or loan to all members of the community. Based on availability.**
- **As Talleism and prayer books are in short supply, Chabad is encouraging individuals to bring their own. Should someone need either, please let us know in advance, along with the registration form.**
- **Unfortunately, Yarmulkes will not be provided.**
- **No one will be deprived of the opportunity to daven and connect with HaShem in these trying times.**
- **A pre- Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur ZOOM program will be held, especially for those who cannot attend the services in person. This will be an educational, spiritual, and inspiring program.**
- **At the end of Yom Kippur (and maybe Rosh Hashanah as well) we will have a special Post Yom Kippur Zoom Program!**

- **Sukkot Planning: A bigger, double size Sukka is in planning, with hopes to accommodate the many planning and wanting to attend the COMMUNITY OPEN SUKKAH!**
- **Simchat Torah will be planned as we get closer!**