

Celebrating Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur 5782/2021 with MakomNY August 2021 Update

Dear Friends,

We hope that you all have been enjoying your summer with family and friends. As we get closer to the 5782/2021 High Holy Days we have been assessing and evaluating the ever-changing environment and COVID guidance from the CDC.

Currently, we are implementing some changes to our previous protocols. The health and safety of all our Makom families is first and foremost, and we believe that these changes will best protect everyone in our community. As we know, things can change overnight, and we will update you further if our guidelines need to change.

Please take a few minutes to review the changes highlighted below.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you back for both in-person and online holiday services and are happy to answer any further questions you may have.

Q1: Where will services take place this year?

A: We will meet at our 'home' at the Bethpage Worship Center, 600 Broadway, Bethpage. **We will utilize the Ulam (large Social Hall) as our sacred space. Our Family Services and Mitzvah Project will take place in a tent in the parking lot/picnic area. We ask that families stay together in their own "pods." As of now, masks will not be required outdoors.**

Makom's services are conducted by Rabbi Deborah Bravo, with Cantorial Soloist Sarah Lonsert and Musical Director David Bravo.

Q2: How was the decision made regarding in-person services with an online option?

A: We are grateful to all who completed the survey that was sent to all members of the MakomNY community in May. 88% of households who responded that they plan on attending services this year prefer in-person services. The survey response also indicates that 97% of all eligible individuals have been or plan to be fully vaccinated by Rosh Hashanah.

Current national, state, and local guidelines were followed in making this decision. Additionally, we have been in touch with other area congregations, all of whom are meeting in person this year. All decisions have been made in consultation with our Advisory Council and medical professionals in our MakomNY community. We are confident that we are creating a safe and welcoming atmosphere while providing opportunities for all to participate in a service that is most comfortable for you.

Q3: What are the safety protocols during these High Holy Days?

A: Again, we will follow all current CDC, NYS and Nassau County guidelines. Please understand that these guidelines continue to change. We will share any changes in our weekly emails and on our website.

Q4: What are the specific protocols to attend in-person services?

A: In order to attend our indoor in-person services, we require that all individuals be vaccinated. In order to attend our outdoor in-person services and programs, we require that all eligible individuals 12 and older be vaccinated. You will need to provide proof of vaccination for each individual in your party in advance of the High Holy Day services. Once you show your vaccination, you will not need to show it again. You will receive a special bracelet and you can use that bracelet at all Makom events. You can show either your Excelsior Pass or your COVID-19 Vaccination Card.

You can show your proof of vaccination at any upcoming Makom events or by special appointment.

B: Masks are required for anyone attending indoor services or programming. This includes all vaccinated individuals. As of now, masks are optional for those attending outdoor services or programs.

C. As of today, we will only be allowing individuals from the immediate New York area to attend our in-person services and programming. As the COVID numbers continue to increase in other parts of the country at a much faster rate than our area, we want to remain vigilant and minimize exposure to the best of our ability. At this time, we will only be allowing those who live locally to attend our in-person services. We welcome all out-of-town family to join us via Zoom for a live stream of the services.

Q5: Will services also be online this year?

A: YES! In order to accommodate those who may not be comfortable attending in-person services, and for those who live in other communities, we are offering a synchronous livestream of all services.

Q6: What are the fees to attend the 5782/2021 High Holy Day Services at MakomNY?

A: Because MakomNY's financial model is different from that of a traditional synagogue, our High Holy Day financial arrangements are also different:

- For those who engage as Shorashim donors, there are no additional fees to attend High Holy Day services, and there is the option to register up to two guests for an additional \$100 per guest.

Shorashim means "roots" in Hebrew – MakomNY's Shorashim supporters make minimum monthly (or annual, if preferred) donations to support our community. If you would like to become one of the growing number of Makom's Shorashim, please [click HERE](#) for further information.

- If you are not currently part of our Shorashim donation program, the High Holy Day fees, whether in-person or online, are as follows:
 - \$360 per household. This donation is for couples and families. There are no additional fees for college or graduate students.
 - \$180 per single individual.
 - Each household may register up to two guests for an additional \$125 per guest.

- Each individual – adults and children – must be registered in advance in order to attend MakomNY’s in-person services at Bethpage. For the safety and security of our entire community, no walk-ins and no substitutions of names will be permitted.

Your support at this time of year is essential for our MakomNY community all year long.

Q7: How do I submit names and images for Yizkor?

A: Once you have submitted your registration form, you will receive the link to submit any names and images to be remembered in our virtual Yizkor remembrance.

Q8: Any additional information?

A: [Click HERE](#) to access the online registration form for the 2021 High Holy Days at MakomNY.

B: Questions? Please email office@makomny.org.

Wishing each of you and all of you a joyous and healthy New Year.

L'Shanah Tovah!

Rabbi Deborah Bravo, Sherry Gutes and the MakomNY Team

Schedule of MakomNY's High Holy Days

5782/2021 Services and Programs

Selichot:

Saturday evening, August 28 @ 7:00pm.

A special nosh, program and brief service in Rabbi Bravo's backyard

Rosh Hashanah:

Monday, September 6: Erev Rosh Hashanah

5:30pm: Festive dinner **under a tent** at The Main Event in Farmingdale

Tuesday, September 7: Rosh Hashanah Day 1

10:00 am: Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

2:30 pm: Family Service for parents and children up to age 11 – **in the Tent**

Wednesday, September 8: Rosh Hashanah Day 2

10:00 am: Meditation with Agnes Wohl

Adult Learning with Sherry Gutes

11:00 am: Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

2:30 pm: Community Tashlich at the Beach at Laurel Hollow

Yom Kippur:

Wednesday, September 15: Yom Kippur Evening

7:30 pm: Kol Nidre Service

Thursday, September 16: Yom Kippur Day

10:00 am: Yom Kippur Morning Service

12:30 pm: Yizkor

1:30 pm Adult Learning with Sherry Gutes

2:30 pm: Family Service for parents and children up to age 11 – **in the Tent**

3:45 pm Mitzvah Project (by prior reservation) - **in the Tent**

Open Sanctuary – Silent Reflections and Meditations

4:45 pm: Personal Journeys and Reflections

5:15 pm Afternoon Service

6:00 pm: Healing Service

6:30 pm Ne'ilah Service

7:15 pm: Final Shofar Blast

Communal Break-Fast (by prior reservation)