

Tishrei Holidays 2020

Simchat Torah during a pandemic

Now is the time to reflect upon our individual Torah connection and remember the imperative to protect our lives. Op-ed.

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Prayer at Western Wall in the age of coronavirus

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Shalhevet High School Student Newspaper, CA.

In-person Services planned in some synagogues.

High Holiday Kits Turn Homes into Sanctuaries.

Online classes, after "school camp," and rooftop davening welcome new school year.

To minimize members' risk of contracting Covid-19, the temple has increased social distancing, keeps attendance to under 10 percent capacity, requires masks, has installed Plexiglas partitions for the cantor and rabbi and HEPA/UV filters in the air-conditioning system, and the blowing of the shofar will take place outside.

– Li Herald.com

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

"Covid Puts the 'I' in the High Holy Days - Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur aren't the same without communal prayer.

– World Street Journal"

Rabbi sounded the shofar, a ram's horn, as they arrived and handed out small jars of honey to symbolize hope for the new year.

– WSJ, September 15, 2020.

Celebrating the Jewish High Holidays during COVID-19

The Jewish High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah will be celebrated in new ways this year.

The pandemic will dramatically impact how the Jewish community "gathers" and observes these important holidays.

– JFCS of Greater Mercer County

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*Sukkot Is Mostly Celebrated Outside. That Doesn't
Necessarily Make It Safe During COVID-19*
– Haaretz, October 2, 2020

**“Israel's Coronavirus Lockdown Rules Don't Apply to Many Holiday Worshippers
Contrary to what the religious observant feared, prayers for Rosh Hashanah and
Yom Kippur will be held as usual but in smaller groups”**
Haaretz, September 15, 2020.

The pandemic has demanded small groups and social distancing — the antithesis of the large family, friend and religious gatherings that mark Rosh Hashana, the two-day Jewish New Year — and Yom Kippur.
– *Seattle Times*, September 23, 2020.

In a New York synagogue the online service will also include the prerecorded blowing of a shofar, or ram's horn trumpet, that was used in 1944 by Jewish prisoners at Auschwitz to welcome the new year. The horn is currently on display at the Museum of Jewish Heritage near Battery Park in Manhattan.

Local synagogues hoping to make Jewish New Year holidays 'as fulfilling and rich as possible'
– *Madison.com*, September 19, 2020.

Outdoor gatherings are allowed, with social distancing, but dancing is not.
The Detroit Jewish News, October 2, 2020.

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