



HIGH HOLIDAYS 2019/5780

INFORMATION PACKET

Please note services will be held at
the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick (UUCF)



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2019/5780 HIGH HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



Greetings!

Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick is proud to offer our 17th season of High Holiday religious programming! Our holiday services will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Frederick (UUCF). All registrations, orders and payments for the High Holidays can be made online. Please place your orders no later than **September 14** at kolamifrederick.org.

This brochure includes details about Kol Ami's 2019 High Holiday service schedule and all registration and order information. Please review this and feel free to contact us at highholidays@kolamifrederick.org with any questions.

Schedule of High Holiday Services

Rosh Hashanah

September 29	7:30 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
September 30	10:00 am	Morning Service
	10:00 am -12:30 pm	K-5th Grade Children's Service and Programming (includes snack, arts and crafts, and age-appropriate enrichment activities. Also children will be led back into adult service for sounding of the Shofar.)

Apples and honey following morning service. Tashlich ceremony to follow.

Yom Kippur

October 8	7:30 pm	Kol Nidre
October 9	10:00 am	Morning Service
	10:00 am -12:30 pm	K-5th Grade Children's Service and Programming (includes snack, arts and crafts, and age-appropriate enrichment activities.)
	2:00 pm	Afternoon Discussion Group led by Rabbi Stratford and Dr. Eric Dubbin*
	4:00 pm	Yizkor
	5:00 pm	Ne'ilah Service

*Please note that the afternoon series of discussion groups is intended for adult participants.

Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick Clergy



Rabbi Simon Stratford

Rabbi Simon Stratford has been with Kol Ami since July 2017 and is excited to enter into his third year with the congregation in celebration of the High Holidays. He came to us from Chicago suburbs, where he grew up, by way of Michigan State University and the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion where he was ordained in 2017. Rabbi Stratford has led High Holiday worship in a variety of settings for a number of communities including, Trenton, MI, Norman, OK and Hattiesburg, MS. Nonetheless, he has never before had the opportunity to usher in Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in three consecutive years with the same community. Rabbi Simon and Nicki Stratford look forward to a meaningful High Holiday season with everyone.



Cantorial Soloist Eric Dubbin

Eric Dubbin has been singing for Kol Ami since its inception and also teaches music at our Religious School. He grew up singing Jewish music for the youth choir of his home synagogue (Temple Beth Am in Miami, Florida) and at URJ Camp Coleman in Cleveland, Georgia. Eric has lived in Frederick County since the late 90s with his wife Susan and their children Kellianne, Ricky, and Justin. He works for the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine as an executive coach and has practiced large animal medicine since 1988. His passions include his family and their animals, playing guitar, and being outside.

All High Holiday registrations, orders, and payments must be made at kolamifrederick.org or emailed to highholidays@kolamifrederick.org.

REGISTER, ORDER, AND PAY ONLINE

Additional High Holiday Tickets

High Holiday ticket fees are included in the cost of membership. Please note that tickets are required for everyone over age 13. Tickets for members are included in this mailing and will need to be presented to gain entry to every service. Families who are not yet members who wish to attend High Holidays with Kol Ami are welcome to do so at the rates listed below. Please use the online form to request additional tickets.

Any ticket requests received before **September 14** will be sent by mail. Requests received after **September 14** will be held at the entrance to the sanctuary on the day of services.

High Holiday Ticket Fees

Ticket fees include all High Holiday services.

Individual: \$275; Couple: \$425

- Relatives of congregants who are members of another out-of-town synagogue and visiting Kol Ami for the holidays will be free of charge.
 - Kol Ami offers a discounted rate for additional tickets for out-of-town relatives of current members who are not members of another synagogue.
- Rosh Hashanah only: \$50; Yom Kippur only: \$50

Registration for Children's Service and Programming

The Children's Service and Programming is free for those who pre-register, and is available for children 5 to 10 years old (generally K through 5th grade). PLEASE register your child online by **September 14** so we can ensure adequate supervision and materials for our programs. Supplies are limited and we may not be able to accommodate children who are not registered in advance.

We encourage parents with children younger than 5 years old to attend the Children's Service with their children (10:00-10:30 am). However, if you would like to attend the adult service for the remainder of the morning of either holiday, we will provide babysitting. Please notify us of your intention by emailing highholidays@kolamifrederick.org by **September 14**.

Yizkor

Names of those no longer with us will be read during the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur. This will include the names submitted by members on their membership applications. Additional names may be added online. Members are encouraged to perform the traditional *mitzvah* of *tzedakah* for the High Holidays. All requests received by **September 14** will be included in the Yizkor service.

Names submitted with your membership application do not need to be resubmitted for the Yizkor service.

Gates of Repentance Prayer Book



We ask that you bring your own copy of *Gates of Repentance* with you to High Holiday services. If you do not have a copy, you may order one through Kol Ami online. The cost of *Gates of Repentance* is \$30. To receive your prayer books on time, please make sure your order is placed by **September 14**. Your prayer book(s) will be waiting for you at the entrance to the sanctuary when you arrive.

Note: There will be NO prayer books available for purchase during High Holiday services.

Send your Holiday Greetings!

High Holiday Greetings will be listed in the September/October issue of *The Voice*. To make sure your family is included, please send a minimum contribution of \$18. Please indicate how you would like your family name listed. Contributions can be general High Holiday greetings or can be in honor or memory of a loved one.

Donations can be mailed to Congregation Kol Ami of Frederick, 4880 Elmer Derr Rd, Frederick, 21703 or made online at kolamifrederick.org.

Yom Kippur Break Fast – New this year

Since there will not be a congregational Break Fast after Yom Kippur services this year, we are asking those who are hosting a Break Fast in their homes to consider opening a seat or two at your table for others in our community to join you.

Please volunteer to have guests through our High Holiday Signup Genius. For those who are interested in participating in Break Fast, please be in touch with Rabbi Stratford and we will coordinate efforts to find a place for you.



High Holiday Locations

High Holiday Services

Unitarian Universalist
Congregation of Frederick
4880 Elmer Derr Rd.
Frederick, MD 21703

Tashlich

Baker Park—
Directions will be provided
after Rosh Hashanah
morning Services

The ceremony of Tashlich is a centuries-old ritual for Jews to symbolically cast their sins away. Traditionally held outdoors near a stream or river, we take crumbs of bread, think about the aspects of our lives from the past year that we are not happy with, and cast the bread crumbs into the flowing water. As the water takes the crumbs away, we allow ourselves to let go of our sins. We hope you will join us for this brief and uplifting ceremony.

Many thanks to the High Holiday Committee

Jodi Duckhorn, Betsy Maymon and Joanna Sieger

And the many others who have donated countless hours to help make the holidays special.

For more information please email highholidays@kolamifrederick.org or go to kolamifrederick.org.

If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity during the High Holidays, please email highholidays@kolamifrederick.org

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