Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur
at Ohel Leah Synagogue
5780/2019

Ohel Leah
High Holidays Guide
Rabbi Asher & Rachel Oser

together with

Shay & Michal Tyk

Eyal & Orit Ginati

Chazan Shmuel & Mira Arnon

wish you a

Shana Tova!

"Our Father our King, return us to You in perfect repentance"
Dear Friends,

The High Holidays will soon be here. Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are the highlight of our spiritual calendar. These are times for reflection and renewal; an opportunity to reconnect with our Jewish heritage and identity. I pray that each of us will play our part in making the High Holiday services meaningful and inspiring.

Please find enclosed the timetable for our High Holiday services and the booking form to reserve your seats. Please complete and return the form before September 13, 2019.

On behalf of Ohel Leah Synagogue I have the pleasure of presenting you with our beautiful calendar for the Jewish Year 5780 and the OLS Gold Card for your convenience. The calendar goes until December 2020.

Rachel and I, together with our family, wish you a year of good health and great happiness.

כתבות והחתימות טובות

Rabbi Asher C. Oser
### OLS Main Services

**High Holidays 5780/2019**

Led by Chazan Shmuel Arnon at Ohel Leah Synagogue

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# OLS Main Service

**High Holidays 5780/2019**

Led by Chazan Shmuel Arnon

at Ohel Leah Synagogue

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## SHABBAT SHUVA

**Eve of Shabbat Shuva – Fri, October 4**
- Candle Lighting: 5:50 pm
- Afternoon/Evening Service: 5:50 pm

**Shabbat Shuva – Sat, October 5**
- Morning Service: 9:00 am
- Reading of the Torah: 10:00 am
- Youth Service: 10:30 am
- Musaf Service: 11:00 am
- Kiddush Luncheon: 11:15 am
- Shabbat Shuva Drasha: 4:45 pm
- Mincha (Afternoon Service): 5:45 pm
- Seudah Shlishit: 6:10 pm
- Shabbat Ends: 6:41 pm

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## YOM KIPPUR

**Eve of Yom Kippur – Tue, October 8**
- Selichot followed by Morning Service: 6:30 am
- Mincha (Afternoon Service): 3:00 pm
- Candle Lighting/Fast Commences: 5:46 pm
- Kol Nidre Evening Service: 6:00 pm

**Yom Kippur Day – Wed, October 9**
- Morning Service: 9:00 am
- Reading of the Torah: 10:45 am
- Youth Service: 11:00 am
- Yizkor – Memorial Service: 11:30 am
- Musaf Service: 12:00 pm
- Recess: 2:30 pm
- Mincha (Afternoon Service): 3:50 pm
- Neila (Concluding Service): 4:50 pm
- Tekiat Shofar: 6:37 pm
- Fast Ends: 6:37 pm
# OLS Sephardic Service
## High Holidays 5780/2019
**Led by Rabbi Hananel Sahar at the JCC**

## Rosh Hashanah
### Eve of Rosh Hashanah – Sun, September 29
- Festival Commences/Candle Lighting: 5:55 pm
- Afternoon/Evening Service: 5:55 pm

### 1st Day of Rosh Hashanah – Mon, September 30
- Morning Service: 8:00 am
- Reading of the Torah: 10:15 am
- The Sounding of Shofar: 11:00 am
- Musaf Service: 11:30 am
- Second Sounding of the Shofar: 12:30 pm
- Afternoon Service: 4:25 pm
- Tashlich: 5:05 pm
- Evening Service: 6:45 pm
- Candle Lighting (from a pre-existing flame): after 6:45 pm

### 2nd Day of Rosh Hashanah – Tue, October 1
- Morning Service: 8:00 am
- Reading of the Torah: 10:00 am
- The Sounding of Shofar: 10:45 am
- Musaf Service: 11:15 am
- Second Sounding of the Shofar: 12:15 am
- Afternoon/Evening Service: 5:45 pm
- Festival Ends: 6:44 pm

## Yom Kippur
### Eve of Yom Kippur – Tue, October 8
- Afternoon Service: 1:30 pm
- Candle Lighting/Fast Commences: 5:46 pm
- Lecha Eli: 5:50 pm
- Kol Nidre Service: 6:30 pm

### Yom Kippur Day – Wed, October 9
- Morning Service: 8:00 am
- Reading of the Torah: 10:30 am
- Musaf Service: 11:30 am
- Recess: 1:30 pm
- Mincha (Afternoon Service): 3:10 pm
- Neila (Concluding Service): 5:10 pm
- Tekiat Shofar: 6:37 pm
- Fast Ends: 6:37 pm
Rosh Hashanah Youth Service

Full Service
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
JCC

All Welcome – Not Just Youth
# For the Youth

## Rosh Hashanah

### 1st Day
- **10:30** Shofar Blowing for the Youth
- **10:45** Children & Youth Services
- **11:15** Supervised Play
- **12:00** Rosh Hashanah Fun
- **3:00** Tashlich Outing – Meet in the JCC

### 2nd Day
- **10:30** Shofar Blowing for the Youth
- **10:45** Children & Youth Services
- **11:15** Supervised Play
- **12:00** Rosh Hashanah Fun Time

## Yom Kippur

### YK Explanatory Tefillah
- **11:00** YK Explanatory Tefillah
  - (Four different age groups: 0-4, 5-8, 9-11, 12-18)

### Supervised Play Time
- **11:30-12:00** Supervised Play Time

### Lunch
- **12:00-12:40** Lunch

### Age Appropriate Educational Fun Activities
- **12:45-1:30** Age Appropriate Educational Fun Activities
  - (Three age groups: 5-8, 9-11, 12-18)
Pre-Rosh Hashanah Family Outing
Save the Date:
Sunday, September 15
Details to follow.

Sukkah Decoration Making
Sunday, October 6
4:00-6:00 pm

Sukkah Party for All Ages
Wednesday, October 16
10:00 am-12:30 pm

Sleep Under the Sukkah
for Grades 3-6
Wednesday, October 16
6:00-9:00 pm

Teen Sukkah Party
Thursday, October 17
9:00 pm

Contact Shay or Michal for more details:
Shay@OhelLeah.org /9229-1763
Michal@OhelLeah.org / 9229-2197
OLS Rosh Hashanah 5780/2019
Meals Booking Form

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1st Night Rosh Hashanah dinner on September 29
☐ Please reserve for me _____ adult’s place(s).
☐ Please reserve for me _____ kid’s meal(s).
☐ Special dietary requirements: ____________________

2nd Night Rosh Hashanah dinner on September 30
☐ Please reserve for me _____ adult’s place(s).
☐ Please reserve for me _____ kid’s meal(s).
☐ Special dietary requirements: ____________________

Total Amount: HK$ ______________

Payment Instructions (please select one of the following)

☐ I authorize the Ohel Leah Synagogue to debit my JCC autopay account No. _________

☐ Please charge to my: ☐ Visa Card; ☐ Master Card; ☐ American Express Card

Cardholder Name: ___________________________ HK$ _____________

Card No.: ___________________________ Expiry Date: ___________________________

AMEX/Visa Serial No.: ______________ Signature ______________

Any cancellation after 7:00 pm on 28 September 2019 will be levied the full charge.

Please return this form to Ohel Leah Synagogue, 70 Robinson Road, Mid-Levels, Hong Kong. Email OLS@OhelLeah.org / Fax (852) 2548-4200.
OLS HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES 5780/2019
MEMBERS BOOKING FORM

☆ Ohel Leah provides a complimentary kiddush luncheon following each Shabbat or festival morning service.

☆ Please be advised that because of space limitations, young children will not receive assigned seats.

Everyone should complete section (A)

A) I will / will not (circle one) attend Ohel Leah Synagogue for Main High Holiday Services / Sephardic High Holiday Services (circle one).

If you will be attending, please complete section (B).

Name: __________________________

Tel No.: ______________________ Email: __________________________

B) Please reserve for me the following seats:

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Only forms returned by September 13, 2019 can be assured a seat during the High Holidays.
**OLS HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES 5780/2019**

**VISITORS BOOKING FORM**

Name: ____________________  Tel: ________________  Email: ____________________

Please reserve for me the following seats:

*Main High Holiday Services / Sephardic High Holiday Services (circle one).*

The price is HK$1400 single, HK$2400 couple. This charge applies regardless of whether the seat reservation is for one of the above days or all of the above days.

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(Form also available at www.OhelLeah.org)
Sukkot 5780/2019
Arba’at Minim Order Form

Name: ___________________ Tel: ___________ Email: ___________________

I would like to order:

☐ _____ Etrog and Lulav set(s). Cost per set is HK$890.
☐ _____ Children’s Chinuch set(s). Cost per set is HK$450.

Total HK$ ___________________

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Please return this form by September 23, 2019 to:
Ohel Leah Synagogue, 70 Robinson Road, Mid-Levels, Hong Kong;
Email OLS@OhelLeah.org; or Fax (852) 2548-4200.

We will advise you of the date and time to pick up your set.
Dear Friends,

The Yizkor prayer will be recited on Yom Kippur (October 9) and on Shemini Atzeret (October 21).

In order for the names of your relatives or friends to be mentioned during the Yizkor prayer, please complete and return the enclosed form. Alternatively, you could email the details to the synagogue office on OLS@OhelLeah.org.

במר חתימה טובה

Rabbi Asher C. Oser

Hebrew name of deceased relative/friend:

Father’s Hebrew name of deceased relative/friend:

Your relationship with deceased relative:

Your name & family name:
1. When is Rosh HaShana?
   This year Rosh HaShana begins on Sunday night September 29th and continues until Tuesday night October 1st.

2. Is Rosh HaShana also two days in Israel?
   Yes, even in Israel Rosh HaShana is kept for two days and both days are equally important.

3. How many blasts of the shofar are heard?
   On Rosh HaShana there are an hundred blasts of the shofar. The most important are the first set of thirty.

4. Do women make a sh’hecheyanu blessing before candle lighting on both nights?
   Yes. There is a custom to buy a new fruit or wear a new garment while making this blessing on the second night.

5. What is Hatarat Nedarimim and when does it take place?
   Hatarat Nedarim is the annulment of religious vows and it is done in the synagogue after shacharit on the morning before Rosh HaShana.

6. What other customs are there before Rosh HaShana?
   There is a custom to give charity, take a haircut and shave.

7. Why do we eat special foods on Rosh HaShana?
   Certain foods are symbolic representations of the good year we expect.

8. What is tashlikh?
   Tashlikh is the custom of going to a body of water and “throwing” one’s sins in the sea. Many do this on the second day of Rosh HaShana but one can perform tashlikh until Yom Kippur.

9. Am I allowed to cook on Yom Tov?
   Yes, unlike Shabbat, one is allowed to cook food on Yom Tov to be eaten that Yom Tov day. Care should be taken to use a pre-existing flame to light the stove. To ensure a pre-existing flame is always available, many have the custom to light a 26hr yahrzeit candle at the beginning of Yom Tov.

10. When does the Yom Kippur fast start and end in Hong Kong?
   It starts Tuesday, October 8th at 5:46pm and ends on October 9th at 6:37pm.

11. What should I do if it’s difficult for me to fast or if I am taking medication?
    People who need to take medication or who need to eat should consult a Rabbi about the best method to do so on Yom Kippur.

12. Besides for eating and drinking, what else is forbidden on Yom Kippur?
    - We don’t wear leather shoes.
    - We don’t bathe.
    - We don’t use perfumes, oils or moisturizers.
    - We’re not intimate with our spouses.
13. What time is Yom Kippur candle lighting? 5:46pm

14. How many blessings are there over the candles and when are they recited?
Tonight at candle lighting women recite two blessings. These blessings can be recited in Hebrew or English and we include the words in brackets. The first blessing is:

Baruch ata Ado-noi Elo-heinu melech ha-olam, asher kid-shanu bi-mitzvo-tav, ve-tzee-vanu le-had-lik ner Shabbat v'shel yom ha-ki-purim

(Blessed are You, our God, Creator of time and space, who enriches our lives with holiness, commanding us to kindle the (Shabbat and) Yom Kippur lights.)

The second blessing is the shehecheyanu blessing:

Ba-ruch a-tah A-do-noi E-loi-hei-nu Me-lech ha-o- lam she-he-chee-ya-nu v’ki-yi-ma-nu vi-hi-gi-ya-nu liz-man ha-zeh

(Blessed are You, our God, Creator of time and space, who has supported us, protected us, and brought us to this moment.)

15. Besides the two Shabbat / Yom Tov candles, how many other candles are lit?
At candle lighting time, married men have a custom of lighting their own candle and anyone who has lost a parent lights a yahrzeit candle. If one has lost two parents it’s ok to light a single yahrzeit candle. No blessing is recited on these candles.

16. Do I recite a blessing on the tallit every time it is worn?
Whenever a tallit is put on during daylight we make a blessing. If one leaves synagogue during the Yom Kippur break then on return a blessing is made again.

17. What is the seduah ha-mafeseket?
This is the last meal before the fast begins. Kiddush is not recited at this meal and it is not necessary to have two challas.

18. Should children be encouraged to try fasting?
The custom is to encourage children nine above to have their meals a little later than usual.

19. What must be done in order for Yom Kippur to be effective?
Yom Kippur brings atonement when there is genuine repentance beforehand. Before Yom Kippur we apologize to people whom we think have offended. We forgive others in the hope that God will forgive us.

20. How is Havdala on Yom Kippur different from Havdala on Shabbat?
Havdala marks the transition from sacred time to everyday time. Whereas at the conclusion of Shabbat we light a new flame for Havdala, at the conclusion of Yom Kippur we are careful to light the Havdala candle from a flame that was burning throughout Yom Kippur. The Havdala candle at the conclusion of Shabbat (also) resembles the creation of fire at the beginning of the week and so it is recreated anew. The Havdala flame at the conclusion of Yom Kippur only represents the fact that we were prohibited from using a flame during Yom Kippur; it does not represent the recreation of fire at the beginning of the week. To mark this distinction we use a flame that was burning during Yom Kippur.
Join us for Rosh Hashanah Dinner
First and Second Night

Celebrate the start of the New Year with sweet music, good food and good company. Join us at Ohel Leah Synagogue for Rosh Hashanah Dinner and feel the warmth of the New Year surround you.

1st Rosh Hashanah Dinner
Hosted by Rabbi Asher & Rachel Oser
Sunday, September 29 – 7:00 pm
Jewish Community Centre

2nd Rosh Hashanah Dinner
Hosted by Shay & Michal Tyk
Monday, September 30 – 6:50 pm
Jewish Community Centre

RSVP: OLS@OhelLeah.org

Lunch for Children
on Yom Kippur Day

Wednesday, October 9
12:00 noon
JCC L3 Elevator Lobby

RSVP by September 18: OLS@OhelLeah.org

3 Choices:
(1) Tuna Sandwich
(2) Egg Sandwich
(3) Parve Cream Cheese Sandwich

Served with fresh cut vegetables, chips and choice of:
(a) Orange Juice
(b) Apple Juice
(C) Bottle of Water

Cost: HK$65 per lunch

* MUST ORDER IN ADVANCE