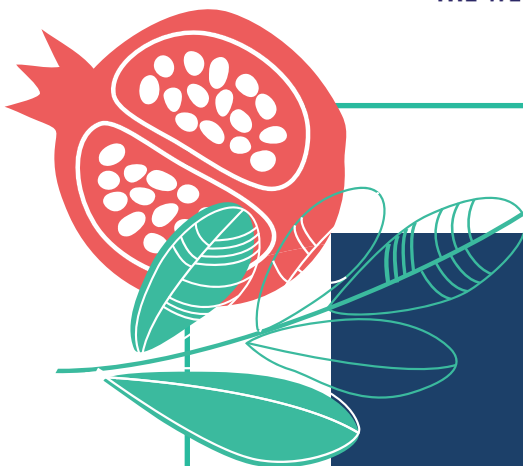


HIGH HOLIDAYS GUIDE

2026 | 5787



SHANA TOVA!

Dear Friends,

Shana tova!

Every year on the High Holidays, we try to come home to ourselves. We come home to the understanding that so much of our lives is out of our control; we come home to remind ourselves of our mortality; we come home to connection with each other; we come home to connection with a God both intimate and beyond our comprehension; we come home to Judaism and peoplehood; we come home to self-reflection and to building the capacity and confidence to make the choices in our lives that we actually want to make.

Because we aspire to these goals, individually and communally, I am compelled to ensure that anyone who attends services has the ability to feel as at home as possible, regardless of Hebrew skill or experience, so that they may deepen their connections to Judaism and prayer, especially during such a holy time of reflection and study.

I am delighted to announce that when we join together this year, we'll be introducing a new *machzor*-- *Eit Ratzon* (translated to "an auspicious time"). This new book is unique among traditional High Holiday machzors in that every word of every prayer and text is written in Hebrew, English, and also transliterated. It serves to enhance the experience for everyone, and thanks to a generous gift from The Enid Karpel Nagler Fund, we will have copies of *Eit Ratzon* available on loan at Skirball for everyone to use.

On behalf of the clergy, staff, and Board of Trustees of Kehillat Ma'arav, we look forward to welcoming you to experience the Days of Awe with us at The Skirball Cultural Center.

Rabbi Malachi Kanfer



High Holidays Schedule

**All services held at the SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER
2701 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049**



Leil Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 11 - 7:30pm
Children's/Youth Space opens at 7:30pm

Rosh Hashanah - Day 1

Saturday, September 12 - 9:00am
Children's/Youth Space opens at 9:00am

Rosh Hashanah - Day 2

Sunday, September 13 - 9:00am
Children's/Youth Space opens at 9:00am

TASHLICH

A celebratory 2nd day Rosh Hashanah picnic, High Holiday "Hits" singalong, and shofar blast—perfect for all ages!

4:30pm Picnic + Service
5:30pm Tashlich

We will gather in the beach area near the Annenberg Beach House / Palisades Beach.

Kol Nidre

Sunday, September 20 - 6:30pm
Children's/Youth Space opens at 6:30pm

Yom Kippur

Monday, September 21 - 9:00am
Children's/Youth Space opens at 9:00am
AFTERNOON STUDY SESSION - 3:00pm
MINCHA - 5:00pm
NEILAH - 6:00pm
Children's/Youth Space opens at 5:00pm

LIVESTREAM SERVICES

All worship services will be livestreamed via Zoom for those who prefer to participate from home. The online worship services are provided free of charge as a service to the community. Links can be found on the KM website. Financial contributions to offset the cost of this service are welcome and appreciated.

TICKETS

For security purposes, tickets will be required of all persons age 21+. Tickets are for all five days of the holidays (Erev Rosh Hashanah through Yom Kippur).

Members of Kehillat Ma'arav will receive one ticket per adult upon renewal of membership for the coming year.

Non-members/guests of our community support our congregation and the increasing cost of yearly High Holiday services by contributing through ticket purchases.

The recommended donation per adult (21+) is \$180.

College students, military, first responders (with ID) are invited to attend at no charge.

Members at other synagogues, regardless of affiliation, may request reciprocity from their "home synagogue" in advance. They are given guest tickets and may attend at no cost. In turn, KM members in good standing may request reciprocity at other congregations across the country. Contact the KM office to make arrangements for reciprocity to/from other synagogues.

At this time of year, we want to open our doors and encourage non-members to experience the benefits of affiliating with Kehillat Ma'arav. **No one will be denied admission to high holiday services because of a genuine inability to pay the suggested contribution.**

We want to remind our community that tickets are non-transferrable and may only be used by the member or guest to whom they were issued.

This isn't simply about reserving a seat. High Holiday tickets reflect your membership and/or support of our synagogue and the broader Jewish community—the very thing that allows us to open our doors during the holiest days of the year. When tickets are shared or passed along, it undermines that support and the trust our community depends on.

We're grateful for your understanding and for standing with us as we welcome in 5787 together.

PRAYERBOOKS / MACHZORIM

This year, we will adopt a new prayerbook/machzor, *Eit Ratzon*. This volume has each prayer in Hebrew, English, and transliteration inviting all to experience the service in a meaningful way. Personal copies are available for purchase on the KM website and we will also have several copies on hand for communal use during services.

PARKING

The Skirball Cultural Center is a shared venue with different service start and end times for each community.

A top priority is to provide access to Ahmanson Hall for those with mobility issues that preclude them from walking long distances, followed by identifying reliable parking for all others who do not share the same physical challenges. As such, we encourage you to make a parking plan ahead of your arrival.

*****Level 1 of the North Parking Lot will be reserved specifically for Kehillat Ma'arav for ADA/ accessibility parking only and will require a permit (assigned by Kehillat Ma'arav). THIRTY-FIVE (35) spots are available.**

Please contact Kate Flanagan, Executive Director, to order your parking permit before Wednesday, September 9. Requests received after this deadline cannot be guaranteed.*** kateflanagan@km-synagogue.org or 310-829-0566.

All others will be directed to the East lot at 2720 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90049.
See parking insert for more details.

SECURITY & SAFETY

Skirball Cultural Center's security team will be onsite. Security personnel reserves the right to inspect all items being brought onto the property, to ask for identification, and to see tickets.

Those arriving without tickets will be asked to check in and show proper identification prior to being allowed into services. Thank you for doing your part to ensure the safety of our community.



WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE IN 5787?

The High Holidays are a wonderful time to give thanks! Sponsorship opportunities help defray the cost of providing food and other gestures of hospitality for our entire community.

- Oneg on Erev Rosh Hashanah
- Floral Arrangements for the Bima
- Grab & Go Break the Fast on Yom Kippur

Full or partial sponsorships are appreciated!

Contact the synagogue office to make your contribution.



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Honor those of blessed memory in Kehillat Ma'arav's traditional Book of Remembrance. You may submit your entries and the suggested contribution of \$18/name online by visiting our website or speaking to Mia Labowitz in the synagogue office at 310-829-0566. The deadline to submit your entries for this year's book is **Thursday, September 10**. Printed copies will be available for pick-up at services on Yom Kippur, or sent via USPS (upon request).



LULAV & ETROG PURCHASES

Lulavim and *etrogim* sets for Sukkot will be available for purchase through KM for \$72. Place your order by **Tuesday, September 1**. Visit www.km-synagogue.org or call the synagogue office at 310-829-0566 to purchase your set in time for Sukkot, which begins on Friday, September 25.

2026 PARKING AT SKIRBALL CULTURAL CENTER

The Skirball Cultural Center is a shared venue for Kehillat Ma'arav and Nashuva, with different service start and end times for each community.

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- 1) *****Level 1 of the North Parking Lot will be reserved specifically for Kehillat Ma'arav for ADA/accessibility parking only and will require a permit (assigned by Kehillat Ma'arav). THIRTY-FIVE (35) spots are available.** These permits are available only to those with ADA placards or tags OR those who have significant mobility issues that would preclude them from attending if they were unable to park in another location. Permits are for ALL FIVE (5) DAYS OF THE HOLIDAYS and are offered free of charge. **Please contact Kate Flanagan, Executive Director, to order your parking permit before Wednesday, September 9. Requests received after this deadline cannot be guaranteed.*****

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- 2) Levels 2 and 3 of the North Parking Lot will be first come, first served for Kehillat Ma'arav AND Nashuva.
- 3) Drop-off in the North Parking Lot will be available only as long as the lot is not full; once the lot is full, you will no longer be able to loop through for drop-off. If you plan to drop someone off at the elevators in North Parking, plan to arrive as close to the start of services.
- 4) **All others are directed to park in the East Parking lot**, across the street from the main entrance. It will be open to all and contains 500 spaces. 2720 N Sepulveda Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90049.

Plan to arrive as close to the start of services as possible. So that you can better plan your arrival, the start times for Kehillat Ma'arav AND Nashuva.

Carpool with a friend. While paid ride-share services like Uber and Lyft are wonderful, they can be quite costly given the distance between Santa Monica / West LA and Skirball. But if we use fewer cars to get there, that means you are freeing up a parking spot for another friend.

If you are able, use the East Lot as your default parking lot and go there immediately upon arrival. Skirball leadership has provided additional crossing guards and traffic control to ensure your safety while crossing the street.

Holiday & Date	Kehillat Ma'arav Start Time	Nashuva Start Time
Erev Rosh Hashanah: Friday, 9/11	7:30pm	n/a
Rosh Hashanah Day 1: Saturday 9/12	9:00am	9:30am
Rosh Hashanah Day 2: Sunday, 9/13	9:00am	n/a
Kol Nidre: Sunday, 9/20	6:30pm	4:30pm
Yom Kippur Morning: Monday, 9/21	9:00am	9:30am
Yom Kippur Afternoon: Monday, 9/21	5:00pm	n/a