On Rosh Hashanah it is written and on Yom Kippur it is sealed...

WE BEGIN WITH THE GREETING “L’SHANAH TOVAH TIKATEIVU”
— MAY YOU BE BLESSED WITH A SWEET NEW YEAR

We are thrilled to welcome The Fox Valley Jewish Neighbors and members of Congregation B’nai Abraham in Decatur, IL to join Congregation Etz Chaim in virtual worship this year.

We will be observing the High Holidays in a different manner. We will be holding both in-person activities and virtual services to enhance your worship experience.

It is our hope that you can encounter the Days of Awe with new relevance and renewed understanding of the Jewish traditions.

For our Live Stream, Rabbi Cosnowsky and Rabbi Kamil will be facilitating services from our newly dedicated Edie Bernstein Sanctuary. We will be using our new HD cameras to live stream the most intimate experience as possible.

For our in-person events, we will be adhering to local protocols and safety practices for everyone’s health and well being. **Confirmed reservations are required to participate in all of our in-person events.** RSVP via Email to cec.officeasst@congetzchaim.org

**ON YOM KIPPUR WE SAY, “G’MAR CHATIMAH TOVAH”**
— MAY YOU BE INSCRIBED IN THE BOOK OF LIFE
FAQ's

How can I access the virtual live stream?
You can join us virtually on the home page of our Congregation Etz Chaim website (https://www.congetzchaim.org) by clicking the “Watch Services Live” button which can be found here:

Where can I find the Zoom link for the other services which will also be Zoomed?
We will be sending out Zoom links as we get closer to the High Holidays so you can easily access them. **We ask however, that you do NOT post any Zoom links on social media as we do not wish to invite “Zoom bombers” to our events.**

Can I invite my friends and family to join us for any of these events?
Yes! Please let them know we are streaming live for everyone to participate and there is no charge. You can also send them Zoom links directly. We want everyone to have a taste of our warm welcome at our “virtual Congregational home” during this time.

Do we need to have a Mishkan HaNefesh High Holiday prayer book?
If you have your High Holiday Machzor (prayer book) you may use that during the live stream services.

*If you would like to purchase the new Machzor, it is $40 per set from the Synagogue office, please email: cec.officeasst@congetzchaim.org*

However, you do not need to have one - only if you wish to be able to follow along in the book.

Will there be sign language interpreters and close captioning as there were at High Holiday services in the past?
Yes! We will have sign language interpreters for Erev Rosh Hashanah and Rosh Hashanah morning, Kol Nidre, Yom Kippur morning, Yiskor and Ne’ila services as well. This symbol 📈 denotes Sign Language Interpretation will be available.
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HOW TO PREPARE FOR A VIRTUAL HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICE

*Wednesday, September 2nd, 7:30pm*

— Virtual via Zoom

Rabbi Cosnowsky will focus on holiday ideas and concepts to better understand the nature of the Days of Awe. This session will give practical and spiritual ideas to make the season more meaningful and relevant to our modern lives even though we cannot physically gather safely at this time.

FAMILY FRIENDLY SELICHOT SERVICE (AKA SELICHOTAPALOOZA)

*Saturday, September 12th, 6:45pm*

— In-Person, Drive-In Service

Gather at the Congregation Etz Chaim parking lot to see old friends and make new ones. There will be bubble machines and sidewalk chalk for the younger children. Bring chairs and masks.

RSVP to cec.officeasst@congetzchaim.org

TRADITIONAL SELICHOT SERVICE

*Saturday, September 12th, 7:45pm*

— In-Person, Drive-In Service & Zoom

Service, concluding with the blowing of the Shofar led by our Ba’alat Tekiah - Jen Gesinski.
Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 18th

7:30pm  EREV ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE  
— Stream live from our website  
Come and experience the first moments of Shabbat and the New Year and the promise of new and renewed possibilities.

Saturday, September 19th

10am  TRADITIONAL 1ST DAY ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE  
— Stream live from our website  
Traditional Service with Torah service and pre-recorded music from our High Holiday choir and pre-recorded Shofar from our Ba’alat Tekiah - Jen Gesinski.

11:15am  CONTEMPORARY 1ST DAY ROSH HASHANAH SERVICE  
— Stream live from our website  
With modern musical offerings from American-based cantors and musical groups from all over the world. Join the Rabbis as we delve into the more modern readings and interpretations from the Machzor (Prayer book for High Holidays).

1pm  TASHLICH SERVICE  
— In-Person (3 Locations Available)  
Choose 1 location and join to ceremonially cast away the mistakes of the past year into a body of water.

Rabbi Kamil - Mayslake | 3401 Paschal Dr | Oak Brook, IL 60523  
Rabbi Cosnowsky - Congregation Etz Chaim Parking Lot | 1710 S Highland Ave | Lombard, IL 60148  
Rachel Baruch Yackley - Mount St. Mary's Park at the Fox River  
Prairie St | E of Route 31 | St. Charles, IL 60174

2:15pm  ROSH HASHANAH FAMILY SERVICE (AGES 5-105)  
— Stream live from our website  
A family service for all ages with a modern twist. Come with an open mind and join the modern era as we explore the themes of the High Holidays in a whole new dimension.
Sunday, September 20th

10am  2ND DAY ROSH HASHANAH
— In-Person, Drive-In Service & Zoom
Join the community as we continue our
Rosh Hashanah worship for a second day. A more
traditional service, we will read Torah and hear the shofar led by our
Ba’alat Tekiah - Jen Gesinski.
We will have pre-recorded songs from our choir as well as our traditional
“Ask the Rabbi” session.

Friday, September 25th

6:30pm  KABBALAT SHABBAT SERVICE
SHABBAT SHUVAH - SHABBAT OF RETURN
— Virtual via Zoom & stream live
Led by Cindy Michelassi.

Bring a chair and mask if you care to sit outside your car.
Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur is a spiritual time. As the sun sets we are reminded that this is the holiest time of the year. As we enter into God’s presence, we ask for the ability to focus on the here and now. We deny ourselves physical comfort and seek to grow and be made whole. Mercy, compassion, love and forgiveness are the themes of our prayer and reflection. On this holy day, we prepare to begin anew, to move forward in our lives, reaching our potential.

Sunday, September 27th

7:30pm  KOL NIDRE TRADITIONAL SERVICE - EREV YOM KIPPUR — Stream live from our website
From the Sanctuary - Kol Nidre sermon by Rabbi Emeritus Steven Bob.

Monday, September 28th

9:15am  YOM KIPPUR CONTEMPORARY SERVICE — Stream live from our website
Join the rabbis as we explore the more modern readings and interpretations from the Machzor (new prayer book for High Holidays) and hear modern musical offerings from American-based cantors and musical groups from all over the world.

10am  YOM KIPPUR TRADITIONAL SERVICE — Stream live from our website
From Congregation Etz Chaim Sanctuary - with pre-recorded music from our High Holiday choir - Sermon by Rabbi Andrea Cosnowsky.

11am  TORAH SERVICE — Virtual via Zoom & stream live
A pre-recorded rendering of the traditional Torah and Haftarah readings.
45 MINUTE LEARNING SESSIONS
Engage with us in small group discussions led by lay leaders of our congregation. Choose the topic of your choice and deepen your understanding of the Jewish world. Join with the Congregation Etz Chaim community to experience the power of understanding and learning. All sessions will be recorded if you cannot join at the time and wish to refer to later.

11:45am-12:30pm  LOOKING BACK
— Virtual classes via Zoom
Life Review: A discussion on how to age wisely with a Jewish lens. Led by Barbara Turner.
Jewish Ethics: How to “Choose Life” in the COVID Age. Led by Uli Widmaier.
New Advances in Inclusion: How congregations are adapting and changing to make space for Jews, once marginalized, now able to be fully integrated into synagogue life. Led by Rachel Wood.

12:45-1:30pm  LOOKING AHEAD
— Virtual classes via Zoom
Reimagining Judaism: How the Jewish community in the United States is adapting and changing to become more relevant and authentic in this century. A discussion about the Jewish Future and its potential. Led by Elizabeth Gossage.
Binge Watch Israel: In Israel and around the world, viewers are binging on Israeli TV series that give them a peek into Israeli society’s most burning issues. Explore unique perspectives into Israeli society and culture. Led by Dan Tatar.
A Study on the Book of Jonah: “Can you sleep through a Hurricane?” Led by Ashley Rose.

1:45pm  YOM KIPPUR FAMILY SERVICE (AGES 5-105)
— Stream live from our website
A family service with a modern twist. Come with an open mind and join the modern era as we explore the themes of the High Holidays in a whole new dimension.

2:30-3:15pm  CURRENT EVENTS
— Virtual classes via Zoom
Yom Kippur Book Discussion: A discussion on “How to Be An Anti-Racist.” Led by our Synagogue Librarian Nicole Coover-Thompson.
Environmental Impacts: How we can overcome the challenges of Coronavirus. Led by Mary Hason and Rick Schoenfield.
The Ethics and Relevance of Black Lives Matter: Led by Uli Widmaier.

4pm  FAMILY HIKE AND SCAVENGER HUNT
— Meet at Lyman Woods | 901 31st St | Downers Grove, IL 60515
Led by Marla Friedman.

5pm  YOM KIPPUR YISKOR (“MAY GOD REMEMBER”) SERVICE 🕉️
— Stream live from our website
Join us in our communal mourning for our loved ones who we remember at this time. This moving, emotional service has the power to spiritually elevate the souls of our loved ones.

5:45pm  NE’ILAH: CONCLUDING SERVICE OF YOM KIPPUR 🕉️
— Stream live from our website
Join the Rabbis as we conclude the prayers of Yom Kippur. Shofar blowing led by our Ba’alat Tekiah - Jen Gesinski.