

## FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

- Why are we streaming the services online instead of having them in person?
  - Guidance from public health officials indicate that indoor gatherings are not safe, particularly large crowds with singing and loud speaking. A large tent with a large crowd would pose the same risk, as these services are all singing and speaking.
- Why can we not have multiple services at different times, in person, with smaller groups of people?
  - For the same reason that we cannot gather in large crowds, we would be ill-advised to congregate in smaller crowds, in person, in an enclosed space. Rather than segregating the congregation into those who choose to risk gathering and those who do not, it is better to ensure that everyone has access to the services in the same way, at the same time, from the safety of their own spaces.
- Why are some services being recorded and not streamed live in real time on the holy days?
  - Five of our services (Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah Morning, Erev Yom Kippur, Yom Kippur Morning, and Yizkor/Memorial) will be pre-recorded and edited for a clear and smooth presentation. These services will include the professional musicians who are part of Temple Israel's traditional services, and must be prepared in advance so that the liturgy can flow appropriately. The services that do not involve the professional musicians will be streamed live in the same way as our regular Friday night services.
- What will the music be like?
  - We will again be inspired by the talents of Alexandre Marr and Daveed Buzaglo for our pre-recorded services. We will have a quartet choir for a few of the musical selections.
- What prayer books are we going to use?
  - We will use Mishkan Hanfesh, the same book we've used the last several years. The texts will appear onscreen, and we are arranging ways for members to get the hard copies of the books before Rosh Hashanah so that everyone can follow along. We will also be using the prayerbook for the Yom Kippur afternoon study sessions. You can also see online versions of the prayerbook at the bottom of this page.
- Do I need special software to see the service?
  - No. Services will be streaming to YouTube for ease of access. Some services will also stream on Facebook and others on Zoom.
  - We will have several demonstrations before Rosh Hashanah to ensure that everyone is comfortable with the technology before the holy days. Watch your Tidbits for information on these online sessions.
- What about people who do not use computers or tablets or cannot access the internet?
  - We will have a phone-in option for all services, and everyone will have access to the printed prayerbook to be able to follow along. If you know of people who need assistance with the technology, please reassure them that they will not be left out.
- Food Bank Collection
  - We will again participate in the Food Bank collection through the Jewish Federation. More details are elsewhere on this page (in the "Updates" section) and will be publicized with the distribution of prayer books.