
RESENDING: Full Rosh Hashanna & Tzom Gedalya Schedules, Shofar In The Park, Special Instructions

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HIGH HOLIDAYS 5787/2026

Dear THW Shul Family,

As we prepare to come together for the High Holidays, we are looking forward to welcoming everyone for what we hope will be meaningful, uplifting and inspiring days together.

With a growing community and limited space, we wanted to share a few important details in advance so that everything can run as smoothly and respectfully as possible.

Seating

Seats will not be assigned and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. At peak times particularly Kol Nidrei, Shofar blowing and other especially well-attended parts of prayer service the room may feel quite full. We ask everyone to please come with a little extra flexibility and understanding.

Washroom Use

To help minimize disruptions during prayer service, we ask everyone to please use the designated washrooms for their service:

- Men attending the **Traditional Service** should use the washroom located midway down the stairs.
- Women attending the **Traditional Service** should use the washroom near the back classroom.
- The **Alternative Service** will take place in the back classroom next to the kitchen. Those attending the Alternative Service should use the washroom located next to the back classroom.

Kids Programming

Kids programming will take place in the playroom/garage and, weather and space

permitting, on the backyard patio.

Thank you in advance for helping us create an atmosphere that is warm, welcoming, respectful and conducive to meaningful prayer for everyone.

We are incredibly grateful to have a community that continues to grow in so many ways, and we look forward to spending the High Holidays together!

Wishing you and your family a Shana Tova, and a sweet, successful, healthy & happy new year!

Rabbi & Rebbetzin Mandel and the Thornhill Woods Shul Board Of Directors

Rosh Hashanna Schedule (Friday, September 11 - Sunday, 13, 2026)

All Services will take place at 201 AUTUMN HILL BLVD.

Important Notes for Rosh Hashanna:

1. Don't forget to light a 24 hour light before Yom Tov.
2. We recite the 'Shehechyanu' blessing on both nights at Candle Lighting and during Kiddush. **At kiddush the second night, one should have a new seasonal fruit at the table to eat, and have in mind that the Shehechyanu is also going on the fruit and the holiday.** (One still makes the blessing even if there is no new fruit). Don't forget to include Shabbat insertions in Kiddush the first night. Remember to make Havdalla in your Kiddush the second night, signalling the end of Shabbat.
3. There is an important custom to eat '*Simanim*' – various symbolic foods – as omens for the new year on the first night at the beginning of your meal. Through them we express our desires for a sweet new year and to be inscribed in the book of life. **Procedure: One should make Kiddush, make Hamotzi, eat bread, Say "Boreh Pri Haeitz" on an apple, take a bite, then dip the apple in the honey, say the appropriate prayer ('Yehi Ratzon') on it, eat it, then move on to the next foods. You can find the Simanim in the Artscroll Machzor on page 96.**
4. One should avoid eating **walnuts and vinegar and other bitter foods** on Rosh Hashanna but walnuts mixed into food is fine. Bitter foods (vinegar, lemons, etc) are fine if mixed into food such that the end result is that the food is not bitter. (eg. mayonnaise).
5. One makes 'Havdallah' in Kiddush second night Rosh Hashanna. Follow the instructions in your Machzor.
6. For more info on Rosh Hashanna please click [here](#).

EVENING, EREV ROSH HASHANNA - Sept. 11	
Section	Start Time
Candle Lighting	7:17 PM
Mincha	7:15 PM
Rabbi Mandel's Thoughts	7:35 PM
Maariv	8:00 PM

ROSH HASHANNA MORNING, BOTH DAYS (TRADITIONAL) - Sept. 12,13	
Section	Start Time
Beginning of Service	8:00 AM
Torah Reading	9:50 AM
Refreshments & Break	10:30 AM
Rabbi Mandel's Thoughts & Shofar Blowing (Day 2 only)	10:40 AM

Mussaf	11:05 AM
Kiddush (<u>approx.</u> time)	1:00 PM

ROSH HASHANNA MORNING, BOTH DAYS - ALTERNATIVE SERVICE- Sept. 12,13
Led by Rabbi Mandel (Day 1) & Mark Halpern (Day 2)

Section	Start Time
Rabbi Mandel's Thoughts (in Traditional Services Room) & Shofar Blowing (Day 2 only)	10:40 AM
Alternative Service Begins	11:05 AM

ROSH HASHANNA KIDS PROGRAM, BOTH DAYS (IN GARAGE PLAYROOM, IMMEDIATELY TO YOUR LEFT WHEN ENTERING THROUGH THE SIDE DOOR)- Sept. 12,13

Section	Start Time
Beginning of Program	10:00 AM
Kids Entertainment	11:00 AM
Shofar Blowing - Brad Cohen (Day 2 only)	12:30 PM
End of Program	1:00 PM

ROSH HASHANNA AFTERNOON, DAY 1- Sept. 12

Section	Start Time
Mincha	7:10 PM
Rabbi Mandel's Thoughts	7:35 PM
Maariv	8:05 PM
Candle Lighting	8:23 PM

ROSH HASHANNA AFTERNOON, DAY 2- Sept. 13

Section	Start Time
Tashlich (Location - Stream on Thomas Cook near Rutherford Rd.)	4:50 PM
Shofar in the Park (Location: Thornhill Woods Park- 289 Thornhill Woods Dr.)	5:30 PM
Mincha	7:00 PM
Thoughts From Various Community Teachers	7:30 PM
Maariv	8:15 PM
Yom Tov Ends	8:21 PM

KIDDUSH SPONSORSHIP

after services - for Traditional & Alternative services attendees

Day 1	Sponsored by Zalman and Loren Storger in loving memory of Loren's beloved mother, Yehudit Channah bat Eliezer, of blessed memory, on her 14th Yartzheit, and with great joy as we celebrate Adam's 21st birthday today. Mom, you left us far too soon, but your generous spirit and unwavering devotion as a wife, mother, and grandmother remain forever in our hearts. Family was always at the centre of your life, making us especially grateful that Zaida and Josh have shared the past six weeks with us. Adam, we are deeply proud and grateful to call you our son. Your thoughtful wisdom, gentle strength, sincere empathy, and natural kindness inspire everyone around you. We are so proud of the remarkable mentsch you have become and all that you have achieved. As we honour Mom's cherished memory and celebrate Adam's milestone, may the year ahead bring our family—and all of our THW Shul family - good health, abundant blessings, meaningful moments and the enduring joy of being together.
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	Shana Tova Umetukah!
Day 2	Sponsored by Rabbi Elisha & Fraidy Mandel in honour of the community's amazing growth, support, Chessed and constantly inspiring and challenging us! Also sponsored by Rabbi Yosef & Gilah Shimansky in honour of the birth of Asher Emanuel Ashkenazi! May he grow to be a true reflection of his esteemed great grandfather, of blessed memory, and be a source of nachas to the entire Shimansky/Ashkenazi families.

Tzom Gedaliah Schedule (Monday, September 14, 2026)

[For more info and ideas about Tzom Gedaliah, please click here.](#)

5:43 AM - Fast Begins

6:05 AM - Slichot/Shacharit - Ner Israel

7:15 PM - Mincha - 201 Autumn Hill Blvd.

8:05 PM - Maariv

8:18 PM - Fast Ends

SHOFAR IN THE PARK:

Happy Birthday to **Adam Storger** (September 12)

Happy Birthday to **Edeet Kochberg** (September 15)

Happy Birthday to **Jeff Mechali** (September 15)

Happy Anniversary to **Anthony & Wendy Sacks** (September 17)

Happy Birthday to **Jenny Snider** (September 17)

Happy Anniversary to **Shaun & Shawna Goodman** (September 18)

Happy Anniversary to **Marlene & Robert Bilardo** (September 18)

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