



WELCOME TO THE HIGH HOLY DAYS 5784 AT CENTRAL SHULE

With Rosh Hashana just over a week away, we are looking forward to welcoming you all into the Shule and enjoying the uplifting services to bring in 5784.

To start, we extend a warm welcome to all our new and returning members - Welcome Home! We look forward to welcoming you into the Shule to participate in our services. On Sunday the 10th of September between 10:00am and 12:00pm, the Shule will be open for you to meet some members of the committee and familiarise yourself with your seat location. Come past and have a coffee.

This year our Shule will be the fullest it has ever been which will create an amazing atmosphere. Virtually every seat has been allocated. This will make for a wonderful atmosphere, and everybody involved in presenting the services is keenly looking forward to a heightened level of participation and "ruach". We want everybody to be part of and enthusiastically involved in the services!

The predicted attendances mean that we've had to lift our planning. We'd like to share some important information with you beforehand so that we're all well prepared for our time at Central Shule ("Central").

A team of members and some of the Shule committee will be at Central on Sunday morning 10th September preparing the Shule for the Rosh Hashana weekend. If any seat-holder, especially those new to Central, wants to visit the Shule and identify exactly where their seat is, you're very welcome to pop in. The Shule will be attended between 10:00am and 12:00pm.

SEATING

- The seats will have updated name tags to be consistent with the new seating set-out for the HHDs. The new tags will be in place by Sunday 10th September.
- Men's seating lists will be displayed on the doors between the Farber Lieberman Hall and the foyer showing, in alphabetical sequence by surname, the names of all the Men and their seats.
- Ladies seating lists will be displayed upstairs in the same format
- Seat numbers are structured as follows:
 - M for Men or L for Ladies
 - Block (A to F)
 - Row (A to F downstairs or A to D upstairs)
 - Seat number in the row.
 - So, for example, MAB12 (Men; Block A; Row B; Seat 12) or LEB10 (Ladies; Block E; Row B; Seat 10).
- The Blocks are clearly marked in the Shule (at each Block).

CONCLUSION OF SERVICES (EXITING THE SHULE)

At the end of services, there will be a lot of people that have to exit the building at the same time and the foyer will be very crowded. Congregants are encouraged to exit the building through one of the following:

- Main doors at the street end of the ground level foyer; or
- Doors from the Hall that will take you through the open area on the side of the Shule Hall; or
- From the upstairs, using the Emergency Exit on the Western side of the Shule (between Block E and Block F). The stairs will take you down to street level. The stairs are well lit for exit in the evening but if we have rainy weather this option should be avoided or used with extreme caution.
- Please exit the building as smoothly and quickly as possible and, once outside the building, make your way away from the building. CSG volunteers will be outside Central at all times and will encourage this. They are doing this for your safety.
- For the safety of congregants, we have a permit to close a section of Maple Street for limited periods during the services. The section of road will always be closed from approx. 30 mins before services end to 30 minutes after the end of services. This way, you can exit the building safely and not be forced to leave the area on crowded sidewalks. The closure will also be in place during the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur Day.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

- We are looking forward to welcoming all children into the Shule. The Madrichim have prepared excellent programs to keep the children engaged. Please see the newsletters for timing of the services.
- The services will be held in the hall and in the marquee that will be on the Eastern side of the Shule. Services are under the control of Madrichim who will be identifiable.
- The gate leading from the marquee to the driveway will be locked during services. Madrichim will not permit children to leave that area. Any children leaving the front of the Shule to go to the park across the road must do so only in the company of their parent or with their parent's consent.
- We respectfully remind congregants that children at the Children's Services that are under the age of 4 must be accompanied by a parent.
- Central enforces and supports a Child Safe Environment, and the Madrichim, in the first instance, can be approached by any child who feels unsafe. The Madrichim will seek further assistance whenever required.
- Anyone who sees something of concern in regard to child safety, please approach Ryan Krawitz (Shule Child Protection Officer), Phil Goldman (President), Nicole Padowitz (Children's Programme Coordinator) or Rabbi Shmuel Karnowsky.
- We kindly request that parents ensure that any food / snacks brought onto the Shule premises a) does not contain nuts and b) is Kosher.

DECORUM

- Given the large numbers in Shule, we ask all congregants to observe the proper decorum while in Shule. We want the services to run smoothly and for everyone to have a meaningful experience.
- Mobile phones and Smart Watches should not be used in Shule (unless for an emergency). We ask you to please respect the sanctity of the Shule, the High Holy days and your fellow congregants.

PRAMS, STROLLERS AND SCOOTERS

- There are generally lots of these items that are brought to Shule and it is not possible for them to be left in the foyer. The area will be too full for this to be done. A small gazebo will be in place in the driveway on the Eastern side of the Shule for these to be left while not in use.

In the next few days, you will receive a link to our annual High Holy Day Resource page which will have all this information, our service schedule and more.

We appreciate your time in making yourself familiar with this information. It has been prepared so that our congregants are aware of plans in place to make your experience of our HHD Services nothing less than perfect.

We take this opportunity of wishing you a Shana Tova and well over the Fast. May your Central experience be uplifting, meaningful and memorable.

On behalf of the Rabbi and Central Shule Committee

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SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN IN SHULE

In addition to the information provided earlier, we can assure everybody that:

All the Madrichim running the Children's Programs have current and valid Working with Children Checks.

The Madrichim have been running our Children's Programs all year so know and are known to your children, as long as the children have been attending the Children's Programs.

Our Policies regarding Safety of Children and how matters are dealt with have been updated and appear on the Central website for everybody to read. This was promoted to our members a couple of months ago.

Volunteers and paid employees of Central have completed extensive online training courses in identifying and dealing with Child Abuse, Bullying and Harassment. In addition to the Madrichim, this accreditation has been undertaken by the Committee, the Rabbinical and Office staff, the women who volunteer for the Kiddushim preparation, the Choristers and the members of the Shule Protection Team.

We are committed to doing our utmost to ensure that all children and young people are in a welcoming and safe environment when at Central Shule.

If anyone has any feedback or sees anything concerning in the Shule, please raise it with any of the following:

Ryan Krawitz – Child Safety Officer

Nicole Padowitz – Children's Program Coordinator

Phil Goldman – President

Rabbi Shmuel Karnowsky