



Carnegie Shul Chatter

July 29, 2020

Shabbat Shalom!

Light candles 8:17pm

Shabbat service 9:20am

Coming Soon: the High Holidays

Believe it or not, the High Holidays are less than two months away.

This year, Rosh Hashanah begins on Friday evening, September 18, and continues through Sunday, September 20. Yom Kippur begins at sundown on Sunday, September 27, and continues on Monday, September 28.

With the corona virus pandemic playing havoc with so many events, including religious services, people have begun to ask, "Will the Carnegie Shul be holding High Holiday services this year?" The answer is yes. But things will be done a bit differently because of the pandemic.

Inspiration... with a Few Changes

Yes, this year's High Holiday services will be different.

But one thing will not be changing. A.J. Edelman, our wonderful guest cantor, will be returning for a third consecutive year.

A.J. is now coaching the Israeli Olympic team that he has been a member of for the past ten years, but he was delighted to be asked to serve once again as our cantor, and we are delighted to have him.

A.J. is an outstanding young man. His davening is exceptional, and the passion that is part of his davening is truly inspirational.

So although the coronavirus pandemic has thrown us a curve, the Carnegie Shul is not going down on strikes.

We are having our services. We have our wonderful cantor. And the only other thing we need is you.

Hope to see you on the High Holidays!

At a Board meeting, held via Zoom, on July 28, the Board voted unanimously to hold services this year, but with a number of precautions in place.

First, we will definitely have social distancing in the sanctuary and we will require the wearing of masks.

Second, we will require reservations and we will assign seats to those with reservations with social distancing in the seating.

Third, we will do as we have done since resuming Shabbos services a month ago and we will not have more than one person, the cantor or Dr. Block, on the bimah at any time. Torahs will not be paraded, and blessings for aliyahs will be done from the honorees' seats.

For those who might not be comfortable attending in person, we will stream the services, with the exception of the Friday evening Rosh Hashanah service, on Zoom.

We will provide more information on how to make reservations as we get closer to the holidays.

This has been a very difficult and trying year for all of us. Let us pray that the coming year will be one of good health, happiness, and prosperity for all.

