

Our Dream Team vision is to create a High Holyday experience for our entire CBH community that will:

- *Foster a meaningful sense of connection to our community, with other individuals and with the Divine
- *Provide a distinct spiritual, sacred space and time for introspection, taking stock, and making changes in our lives
- *Create a sense of continuity with CBH High Holyday traditions while using this unique moment in history to share something new, creative and interactive with and for all the various groups in our congregation (families with kids of different ages, students, teens, college students, community members, adults of various ages and needs)
- *Prepare our partners to experience the full arc of the High Holydays in a seamless manner, beginning with Elul and going through Simchat Torah, by providing resources and guides, spiritual and learning opportunities, and a well-articulated and wide variety of options to choose from—live, recorded, playful, meditative, educational and interactive.
- *Build a sense of community with Jews beyond CBH in Sacramento and the greater Jewish world.
- *Create leadership opportunities for our teens among their peers, in multigenerational settings and in family settings.

PROGRAM POSSIBILITIES TO DISCUSS

*Havdallah experiences with other Sacramento congregations over zoom for the Saturday nights of Elul. Each night would be organized and led by a different congregation but open to all.

*Once a week community “Jewels of Elul” learning opportunities hosted by different congregations during the month of Elul [This could be something like our Tuesdays at 2. We might have an overarching theme that links all the learning together like teshuvah through the lens of different Jewish theologians.](#)

*An offering on zoom or perhaps also in small groups in person to participate in a variety of sacred conversations to prepare us for the HHDs. There would be a number of topics that people could choose to explore. Facilitators for each group would be provided. [A couple could be focused on what the tradition teaches and a couple of others could focus on themes in people’s lives; challenges, difficulties, etc. We could even have conversations live in the Redwood Grove with appropriate social distancing.](#)

*(some time before Rosh HaShanah) A drive-by experience where congregants would drive through the CBH parking lot, at an assigned time, where they would be greeted by clergy and the davening team. Each family/individual would have a personal interaction, receive a HHD “gift” (apples/honey +), perhaps hear the shofar blown. Other ideas? [Add something for young families.](#)

*Selichot program over zoom with other Reform Congregations across the country. [Tap into something larger put on by the National Reform organization. Time zones may be a challenge to consider. Or join with other area Reform synagogues on zoom.](#)

*An Erev RH gathering over zoom that would serve as a time of reconnection and bonding similar to our Redwood Grove gathering. This might include a musical montage of our davening team singing Hiney Ma Tov. [We could create an opportunity for people to get together virtually to mirror the opportunity of people getting together and catching up in person. We are thinking of creating a musical montage of all the davening leaders singing Hiney Ma Tov. We could have 3 rounds of breakout rooms with 10-15 people per group so that we could interact with a variety of people just like in person. There could be a theme or question to respond to.](#)

- Instead of a RH service, we could offer a RH Seder over zoom with a special RH Haggadah complete with 4 cups of wine representing the 4 aspects/names of RH (Day of Judgement, Day of Remembering, Day of the Shofar Blast, Birthday of the World), 4 questions and special foods connected to the themes of the day. There are wonderful Haggadot that have already been created that we could adapt. We would integrate some of the prominent prayers and music into the seder.
 - We could also offer a more traditional option for those who would prefer.

- Could distribute parts for others to read/play for this seder

*RH morning could provide a variety of offerings from the more traditional service experience to study options to contemplative experiences. Things to think about: Torah and Haftarah chanting, honors for people to participate—aliyot, readings, etc. [Ways to make participatory...](#)

*2nd Day RH afternoon live Tashlich at Northstar (since first day will be Shabbat), masked and socially distanced. A mega shofar blast as we invite people to gather around Northstar pond with as many shofarot as possible to do a shofar wave around the pond. [Consider potential for required permits.](#)

*A Kol Nidrei early evening option: “A Day of At-One-Ment! A Davis community-wide gathering at Central Park (that can also be live streamed)—joining with various religious groups and people of color—to express our commitment to Racial Justice and ask for atonement at this most auspicious moment. Drawing on the Jewish sense of communal responsibility that we must take for one another and the world that is integral to Yom Kippur, we will create a communal ritual through song, speech and prayer (using traditional Jewish themes and prayer mixed with other traditions) to take a public stand for and make a deep commitment to working as active allies in healing the racial systemic inequities in our country. Based on the March for Racial Justice a few weeks ago. Masked with social distance for those who come to participate. [Exploring ways of co-creating and coordinating this with people from outside of the Jewish community so that we can stand together against racism,](#) especially with People of Color. To the group – think about this, mull over it and maybe even test with others. There is the racial healing circle group at UC Davis. Jewish NorCal Resist, Celebration of Abraham, Churches, Muslim DEIN, Phoenix Coalition and City Council are all possible partners. Another option here is that we might use the second day of RH, also a Sunday, to host this event. In this way we could put out various actions that could be taken over the week leading to Yom Kippur, culminating in a day of fasting. Encourage this as an opportunity to reach out, partner and be part of the conversation that will go beyond just the day

*A more traditional Kol Nidrei will also be offered for those who prefer

*Yom Kippur Day offerings:

*morning-afternoon could provide a variety of offerings from the more traditional service experience to study options to contemplative experiences. Things to think about: Torah and Haftarah chanting, honors for people to participate—aliyot, readings, etc. Ideas for Yizkor, Afternoon Service, B’nai mitzvah kids chanting Jonah, an interactive Jonah study experience, Ne’ilah. [Reminder that there’s a limit to how long you can keep people’s attention on zoom especially a long day like Yom Kippur.](#) We could break it up into chunks with spaces/breaks in between. Might broadcast from the sanctuary. We could rotate people up to the bimah. Could create a special zoom room where the webcam is set up in the Sanctuary pointing at the open Ark to give people the opportunity to have their moment of private prayer in front of the ark. We would have a zoom Havdalah and Ne’ilah, too.

What about sermons? Should they be live or pre-recorded for people to access when they want during the day. Could be done live and recorded for later access. Something to think about recording most things for later access.

Rabbi Greg could work with the davening team to identify the “best of” parts of the service to be included in our services. Kol Nidre should be live even if we record it for others to view later.

Sukkot and Simchat Torah—

Food trucks and socially distanced picnic sponsored by Partnership Committee

Many ideas still yet to come!

Going forward:

- During July, think about this more and maybe reach out to other congregants to test.
- Jot down any ideas that come to you.
- See if there are parts you would like to volunteer to work on.
- Honors: Sandy, Greg and Ken may be able to work this.
- Expand our HHD Dream team email list – Teens, Young Families, Alexander Watson, Roy
- Think about how we could involve Hillel.

Breaking it All Down:

A Draft Review of 5781/2020 High Holy Plan as of August 6, 2020

prepared by Rabbi Greg Wolfe and Rabbi David Aladjem

Saturdays during Elul—special Havdallah and learning in community with Beth Shalom in Carmichael via zoom on the theme of poetry, art, and different takes on Teshuvah.

Shofar BaBoker—daily meditation and blast of the shofar recorded and e-mailed to congregation during the month of Elul.

Sat. Sept. 12 Selichot—5 or 6 pm Possible concert with Dan Nichols shared with other Reform Congregations across US, joint program/service with Cong. Beth Shalom in Carmichael

Sun. Sep. 13 Shana Tova Drive Through: Congregation comes by at appointed time to pick up special HHD gift box with apple*, honey*, greeting from Rabbi/Board, One page Tashlich service and bird seed/duck food, (small round challah? Possibly RH Haggadah) *apple and 3 jars of honey are a gift from Josh Zeldner

Fri. Sep. 18 RH Eve

5-5:30 pm Gathering on Zoom. Open with a tekiah gedolah shofar blast and then montage of davenning team singing Hiney Ma Tov in the grove. Maybe other songs. Opening blessings and welcome by RGAW

5:30-5:45 Transition with slide show of partner pictures to highlight sense of community. Perhaps using photos from recent directory.

5:45-6:45 pm RH Seder with printed or digital haggadah. Rabbi Greg, Music with Dan (others?)

6:45-7:30 pm Dinner break (a new thought so folks can eat)

7:30-8:30 Evening Service with R' David, Rebecca and Ken
(possible interactive elements with breakouts or chat)

(question: what do you think we should use for Machzor? Printed
Book, which folks can pick up at drive thru or Digital?)

Post service Virtual Schmooze?

Sat. Sept. 19 RH Day 1

8-8:30 am Birchot HaShachar, P'sukei D'zimra R' David, Virginia, Hallie

8:45-9:15 Rosh HaShanah themed chant service Hallie, Carrie

9:30-10:30 Shacharit Traditional R' David, Hallie, Virginia (including new Baby Blessing)

9:30-10:30 Shacharit Contemporary R' Greg, Dan (including new Baby Blessing)

10:30-11:00 Break (maybe a meditation offering?)

Note: Torah/Haftarah service and Shofar service and rabbis' sermons will be pre-recorded and available to watch at any time people choose. (Torah aliyot and readings can be recorded with real Torah outside sanctuary. As a part of the Torah section, we might invite 4 to 5 lay people to pre-record a 3-5 minute teaching about something in the Torah portion that might be woven between Torah readings or after)

11:00-12:00 Musaf Ernie, Rebecca

Sun. Sept. 20 RH Day 2

9-12? Straight RH service live to include Torah/Haftarah, Sermon?, musaf, shofar R' David, Hallie, Virginia, Ken, Rebecca, Ernie

1-2:30 Day of At-One-Ment A community gathering to come together for Racial Justice and to atone for our role in perpetuating systemic racism in our country. Ritual, Song, Speaking, Commitments. In Central Park live. Live stream available. Activities during the days leading from event up to YK in support of these issues culminating in a city-wide fast for Racial Justice.

3 pm Tashlich at Northstar Pond

Shofar wave around the pond? Guided meditation? Service in family pods

Motzei Shabbat Shuva—A Gathering of Stories: Partners sharing moments of transition and transformation in their lives

Yom Kippur ideas still to flesh out...

Kol Nidre

Morning services

Torah/Haftarah

Possible Ideas to also consider

There is a music program available for YK afternoon
Contemplative program for YK afternoon
Healing service for YK afternoon

Jonah chanting by B'nai Mitzvah students
A Jonah activity discussion instead of/in addition to afternoon service
Music and readings of Martyrology? with Rebecca and readers

Yizkor: slides of those loved ones lost during the past year
Experience of sitting with those we lost

Ne'ilah

Still need ideas places for family, kids, teen program activities

Sukkot—virtual sukkot decorating contest, 2 categories: life size and models
Community Study for all Sacramento on Hoshanah Rabbah (Thursday)
Drive thru Sukkah, Food trucks?
Simchat Torah—people to capture each Torah portion in 6 words