

AGUDAS ACHIM CONGREGATION קהילת אגודת אחים

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Dear friends,

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Jeffrey R. Portman Rabbi Emeritus As we plan for the upcoming High Holidays, we face unique challenges with having all of our services via Zoom. One of these challenges is how to get the machzorim (High Holiday prayerbooks) to our congregants and guests.

We are implementing a plan to loan High Holiday machzorim to local families. As our services will be a mix of Reform and Conservative, the loan will include a Reform machzor, a Conservative machzor, and a small gift bag, one per family. Books will be available for pickup at the synagogue on Sunday September 13 from 10 am to 2 pm, Monday September 14 from 3 pm to 6 pm, and Tuesday September 15 from 3 pm to 6 pm. **Please wear a mask and/or a face shield when you arrive at the synagogue to pick up the books.** If you are unable to come to the synagogue during these times, other arrangements can be made through the office.

We have a limited number of machzorim available, so the limit of one per family will be strictly enforced. Should you wish to obtain copies for your personal use, they can be purchased through these links: Reform, Conservative.

We would like an approximate count of how many sets of books will be borrowed, one per family unit. Please contact the office (secretary@agudasachimic.org) to notify them that you wish to borrow a set of machzorim, and whether you will pick them up during one of the designated times or if you need them to be delivered. Also, please indicate whether you need a gluten-free gift.

The machzorim will also be available on-line. Links to on-line editions will be provided in emails sent closer to the holidays.

Machzor return dates and times will be available and publicized after Yom Kippur, and the option of having someone pick up the books from you will also be available. They must be returned to the synagogue by November 30 or the replacement cost of the books will be billed to you. Replacement costs are \$49 for Conservative, \$44 for Reform.

Please fill out the High Holidays Prayer Book Checkout form that is included in this packet and bring it with you when you pick up your machzorim. Additional forms will be available at the synagogue if needed.

I hope to see many of you at our zoom services, and I wish you a sweet New Year!

L'shana tova tikateyvu! Sue Weinberg President, Agudas Achim Congregation