



# High Holiday Guide for Interfaith Couples & Families in Atlanta

This year, the High Holidays begin on October 2. The High Holidays, also called High Holy Days, consist of Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year) and Yom Kippur (a day of reflection and repentance). The High Holidays are a wonderful opportunity to make memories and be in community. Many Jews and their loved ones attend High Holiday Services, others host or attend festive meals and some seek out activities to start off the Jewish New Year with the sense of having a clean slate.

18Doors compiled the guide below, and listed synagogues and organizations that are hosting programs and High Holiday services in Atlanta and surrounding areas, where clergy and staff have worked in partnership with 18Doors or attended professional development offerings led by Rabbi Malka Packer-Monroe, director of 18Doors Atlanta.

While we recognize every individual's experiences and needs will be different, we included organizations and institutions that were taking steps to ensure Jews and their loved ones would be welcomed and included in High Holiday experiences this year. Many also have a member of our Jewish Clergy Officiation Referral Service. ([Link here to find a rabbi.](#))

If you have any questions, we encourage you to reach out to the synagogue or communal organization directly or email 18Doors Atlanta Director, Rabbi Malka Packer-Monroe at [rabbimalka@18doors.org](mailto:rabbimalka@18doors.org).

In designing the right High Holiday experience for you, we have created this resource to help you find the right fit.

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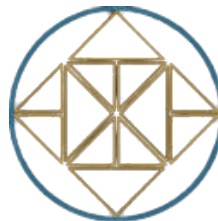
## Atlanta Organizations and Synagogues Offering Programs for the High Holidays

### B'nai Torah

**Location:** Atlanta

**Website:** [www.bnaitorah.org](http://www.bnaitorah.org)

*Congregation B'nai Torah's authentic and welcoming community helps you deepen your relationships with others who share your values and your relationship with God. We are committed to creating modern and meaningful experiences that are based in our rich traditions.*



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### Congregation Bet Haverim

**Location:** Toco Hills

**Website:** <https://www.congregationbethaverim.org>

*We warmly welcome single parents, two-parent households, complex family constellations, people seeking families of choice, children of all ages, and even those who cry during the service. If your family is multiethnic or multiracial, if you are a Jew of color or of white privilege, you are welcome. We warmly welcome you if you invited your family or if your family made you come, if you are seeking solitude or the company of others. We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.*



### Congregation B'nai Israel

**Location:** Fayetteville

**Website:** [www.bnai-israel.net](http://www.bnai-israel.net)

*The mission of Congregation B'nai Israel is to welcome and to engage Jews with open minds and open hearts. We are a warm and caring multigenerational Jewish community for Jews and interfaith families on the southside of Atlanta.*



### Congregation Etz Chaim

**Location:** Maritta

**Website:** [www.etzchaim.net](http://www.etzchaim.net)

*Congregation Etz Chaim is a progressive, egalitarian and inclusive Conservative synagogue that provides meaningful Jewish experiences in a welcoming, engaging environment.*



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### Congregation Or Hadash

**Location:** Sandy Springs

**Website:** <https://www.or-hadash.org>

*We are home to all kinds of household constellations: Partnered and single; with and without children; lesbian, gay, and straight. We are home to families who are multiracial and multifaith, and to folks whose ancestry.com profile reports 100% Ashkenazi on all sides.*



### Congregation Shearith Israel

**Location:** Atlanta

**Website:** <https://www.shearithisrael.com/high-holidays-5785.html>

*As a synagogue that has members of interfaith families, we continue to put relationships at the center of all we do. Our congregation is both rooted in Conservative Judaism and committed to egalitarianism. At Shearith Israel, relationships are at the center of everything we do.*



### Jewish Kids Group

**Location:** Atlanta

**Website:** [jewishkidsgroups.com](http://jewishkidsgroups.com)

*Our programs are designed for all types of Jewish families, including those from interfaith and unaffiliated backgrounds. The Jewish educational backgrounds of our students are diverse, and our teachers are trained to engage all students, making JKG a place children look forward to learning, making friends, and building Jewish identity.*



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### Kol Emeth

**Location:** Marietta

**Website:** [www.kolemeth.net](http://www.kolemeth.net)

*Temple Kol Emeth welcomes Jews by choice and interfaith families.*



### Maalot

**Location:** Atlanta

**Website:** <https://www.maalotatlanta.com/>

*Ma'alot warmly welcomes interfaith couples and families. Our services are conducted in both English and Hebrew, with thoughtfully designed prayer books that include both translated and transliterated English text. During the service, clergy takes great care to explain Jewish customs and Hebrew terms to help everyone, not just non-Jewish members, understand the significance of the High Holidays. At Ma'alot, we never assume how much Jewish education or familiarity with Judaism any person has. During the services, we acknowledge that each person here, regardless of Jewish background, is seeking the same thing: Love, connection, forgiveness, a fresh start, transformation, etc. Our services also don't take place in a synagogue. We gather on mountaintops, at outdoor pavilions, and in local community spaces.*



### PJ Library

**Location:** Atlanta

**Website:** <https://jewishatlanta.org/what-we-do/our-initiatives/pj-library/>

*PJ Library Atlanta will host/partner on holiday-themed activities for Rosh Hashanah and beyond throughout September and October. Follow us on Instagram @pjlibraryatlanta and Facebook at PJ Library Atlanta for all the details. We also have neighborhood connectors who are eager to welcome new families! They can be reached by email or on their Facebook Groups.*



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### SOJOURN

**Location:** Atlanta

**Website:** [www.sojourngsd.org/upcoming-events](http://www.sojourngsd.org/upcoming-events)

*The mission of the Southern Jewish Resource Network for Gender & Sexual Diversity (SOJOURN) is to empower communities to advance and celebrate gender and sexual diversity across the South.*



### Temple Sinai

**Location:** Sandy Springs

**Website:** [www.temple Sinai atlanta.org/hhd](http://www.temple Sinai atlanta.org/hhd)

*At Temple Sinai, we strive to create a welcoming and comfortable environment for all, strongly affirming the principle of inclusivity in all areas of Jewish life. In every program along the spectrum of lifelong learning, we commit ourselves to educating in a way that fosters acceptance of diversity and encourages full participation from a broad-based membership.*



### The Temple

**Location:** Atlanta

**Website:** <https://www.the-temple.org/high-holy-days>

*We all have gifts to offer. Each person's unique contribution enhances our mosaic of diversity. Our congregation is fully inclusive.*



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