

Date: September 2017
To: Smith Students
From: Center for Religious & Spiritual Life and Dining Services
RE: Jewish Holidays and Kosher Dining

Welcome (back) to Smith!

The Jewish High Holidays are approaching and we want you to know about kosher dining and High Holiday services at Smith.

Rosh Hashanah Services will be led by Smith's Jewish Student Adviser, Rabbi Rhonda Shapiro-Rieser. Services at Smith are a combination of Conservative, Reform, and creative practice. Students from most traditions, and even students with no background, will find them welcoming and comfortable. Orthodox High Holy Day services are available on other campuses. Orthodox students are invited to contact the Center for Religious and Spiritual Life or Rabbi Shapiro-Rieser with questions regarding services or transportation information.

The Erev Rosh Hashanah service will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 20th at the Helen Hills Chapel, followed by a special kosher dinner at 7:30 p.m. in the Alumnae House Conference Room. The following day, Thursday, September 21st, Rosh Hashanah services begin at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served in the Bodman Lounge (Chapel lower level) immediately following services. Lunch is a picnic lunch which can be bagged and carried to Paradise Pond where we will do Tashlich-a ceremony where we cast bread into the water to "throw away" our sins. All members of the Smith community are welcome to all High Holiday activities whether or not they are Jewish.

All prepared meals for this holiday period are prepared at our kosher dining facility in Cutter-Ziskind, which is supervised by David Aminia. David is affiliated with the Springfield Va'ad Hakashrut. Our chef is Hilary Mikucki.

All Smith College students and non-students wanting to attend Erev Rosh Hashanah dinner MUST reserve a meal, whether or not they keep kosher. Everyone is invited free of charge but you must reserve a meal. Please make sure you come to the meal if you have reserved a meal. Please call Kosher Dining at x2099 if you have reserved a meal but no longer plan to attend. This will avoid food waste and added work for the dining staff. The deadline for reservations is Monday, September 18th. While we will not turn anyone away from this meal, dining services will only be preparing for the amount of reservations received.

Please use the following link to reserve ALL meals. If you reserve a meal and will not be able to pick it up, please call Kosher Dining at x2099 to cancel.

<https://www.smith.edu/about-smith/dining-services/special-diets/kosher-dining>

Rosh Hashanah meals:

Wednesday, September 20th - Erev Rosh Hashanah dinner is at the Alumnae House Conference Room @ 7:30 p.m. Kosher line in Cutter Ziskind is closed.

Thursday, September 21st - Kosher line in Cutter-Ziskind is closed.

Picnic lunch and Tashlich following services. Kosher dinners available from dining services by advance registration (see link above).

Friday, September 22nd - Kosher line in Cutter-Ziskind is closed. Kosher lunch and dinners available from dining services by advance reservation (see link above), or feel free to attend Shabbat dinner at the Kosher K (Jordan House). The K adheres to Conservative Movement standards of Kashrut. For more information on the K: <https://www.smith.edu/about-smith/religious-spiritual-life/spaces>

Yom Kippur:

Smith does not hold Yom Kippur services. Rabbi Shapiro-Rieser will be leading a Yom Kippur silent meditation from 10:00-11:00am in the Bodman Lounge. Congregation Beit Ahavah (Reform) and Congregation B'nai Israel (Conservative) welcome students to attend their services. No tickets are needed. Congregation B'nai Israel is within walking distance from campus. Students needing a ride to Beit Ahavah are invited to contact the Center for Religious and Spiritual Life. See the Center's website for details and local congregation information. Services are also held at Amherst College and UMass.

Friday, September 29th - Pre-fast meat and vegetarian dinners will be served at the Kosher line at Cutter-Ziskind, available by advance registration (see link above). Dinner will be served from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 30th, - Break-the-fast Dairy Dinner will be available at the Kosher K from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Food will be prepared at Cutter Ziskind. Dinner is available by advance registration (see link above).

Sukkot:

Erev Sukkot Wednesday, October 4th and First Day Thursday, October 5th To-go Kosher lunches and dinners available from Kosher dining by advance registration (see link above). Kosher line in Cutter- Ziskind is closed.

Fall Break:

Saturday, October 7th through Tuesday, October 10th To-go Kosher lunch and dinners are available from Kosher dining by advance reservation (see link above). Kosher line in Cutter-Ziskind is closed.

Sh'mini Atzeret and Simchat Torah:

Sundown, Wednesday, October 11th through Friday, October 13th To-go Kosher lunch and dinners available from Kosher dining by advance reservation (see link above). Kosher line in Cutter-Ziskind is closed.

Friday, October 13th through Sunday, October 15th : Family Weekend - Kosher dining closed after lunch on Friday, October 13th. To-go Kosher meals for students and visiting family members are available from Kosher by advance registration. Meals must be reserved in advance. Students and family are welcome to attend the Smith College Jewish Community Friday night Shabbat dinner. Dinner is at the K beginning at 5:30pm.

We are happy to work with you to meet your needs at this special time.

Below is a list of helpful numbers to call if you have any questions regarding meals:

Rick Rubin - x2318 Maureen Raucher - x2754 Kosher dining - x2099