



Dear Friend:

It gives us great pleasure to invite you and your family to join is for another year of inspiring High Holiday services and lectures at the Westmount Collegiate Institute, run under the auspices of the Westmount Shul and Learning Centre.

Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz is leading a team of experienced leaders in providing you and your family with enlightening services, inspiring lectures, as well as fun, and meaningful educational programs suitable for all, irrespective of one's Judaic knowledge.

High Holidays

Year 5771 will soon be here. Rosh Hashana begins on Wednesday evening, September 8th and continues on Thursday and Friday, September 9th and 10th. Yom Kippur is Friday evening and Shabbat, September 17th and 18th.

The Westmount community will be celebrating its Bar Mitzvah Year - 13 years - in the School / Community centre/ City Playhouse complex at the corner of Bathurst and New Westminster. With cooperation from school and city officials, we continue to have use of many classrooms as well as a gym for the Youth Programs.

Service Options

1. **Traditional Service – Adults & children 10 years and older**

The traditional service takes place in the spacious Community Centre Gymnasium. Rabbi Michalowicz delivers vibrant talks. Page numbers are announced regularly throughout the service. An inspiring Cantor will lead the prayer services.

2. **Playhouse Educational Family Experience – children of all ages**

Conducted in the City Playhouse, this innovative, compact and lively experience enables parents with children to feel and experience the deeper meaning of the holiday as a family. There is a combination of explanation and discussion, and prayers are conducted in English and Hebrew.

3. **Playhouse Lobby Educational Family Experience – adults only**

Conducted in the City Playhouse Lobby, this is the same program as the children's family experience; however, it is geared for adults only, and is directed this year by our own **Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz**.

Classes

In tandem with the services, we offer a mix of classes for all levels of Jewish awareness. This special feature of our services is a wonderful chance to learn more about the key ideas of the High Holidays and Judaism in general. Our **Rebbetzin Gail Michalowicz** will, once again, delight her class with interesting topics and vibrant discussions that always follow.

Children

We are proud to introduce our new Youth team of Oren Dishy and Devorah Deverett.

Oren Dishy's fame precedes him. He has many years of successful experience as Youth Director in Thornhill. As well, Oren is a well-loved educator who is known for his warmth and sense of humour. Devorah is a Westmount home-grown asset. She has completed her ECE. They will be heading this year's Youth Program during the High Holidays. As we treat the prayer sanctuary with the utmost of sanctity, children under the age of 10 are not permitted into services designated for adults.

Guests

Please complete the appropriate form if you wish to have guests join you. For security reasons we will check that adults and children have the appropriate tickets. Therefore, it is important to bring your tickets with you to the service.

High Holiday Form

Please complete the attached form and return it with your payment. If you are paying by credit card, please fax the form to 905-881-7490. We cannot guarantee the processing of any fax requests sent after August 25th 2010.

We are sure you will find your High Holiday experience personally rewarding and fulfilling. On behalf of the Westmount Shul, we look forward to sharing our journey with you and your family.

We always hope that our High Holidays guests will see something that they love about our community and want to become more actively involved. If you would like to consider joining the Westmount family, please contact our Executive Director, Jeanette Adams at 905.881.SHUL (7485) or email her at office@westmountshul.com.

Wishing you all the best,

Mr. Tony Simkover

Mr. Errol Suttner

Chairmen, High Holiday Committee