

Rosh HaShanah Family Service

		Intro	Davener
1	Settling in and Intro	- Suggestion: Could use a niggun to settle in - Welcome, introduce leaders - Introduce any guiding theme for the day “Roll call”: Is year 3 in the room? Year 2? Etc. Younger Siblings? Grownups?	
2	HaMelech	- Intro the concept of welcoming Hashem, the Ruler; teach nussach for the word “HaMelech” - Sing “HAMELECH!” all together	“HaMelech”
3	Shema (10)	Standard tune	
4	Amidah (12)	- Explain “nussach” - special musical modes for specific tefilot, for weekdays, Shabbat, chagim, etc. - Demo specific HHD Amidah nussach, maybe with dance moves - ElokAaaaaAAAlInuuuu - Davener does first two paragraphs “Silent Amidah” - After two paragraphs out loud, give 1 minute of silence - meditate, deep breaths, etc. - Sing Oseh Shalom	First two paragraphs of Amidah; silence; Oseh Shalom
5	Avinu Malkeinu (16)	- Introduce Avinu Malkeinu - Sing the song as a niggun - Davener does the HHD specific lines aloud - Skip to the song at the end - sing the whole thing	HHD lines of Avinu Malkeinu; final song of AM
6	Torah Service Activity	Activity - something to lead them to reflect on the past year or set intentions for the next; include “chavruta” time with family and sharing out with everyone Incorporate thematic elements - either to do with chag (RH simanim, shofar, etc.) or Torah readings	
7	Hineni	- Introduce Mussaf - focusing on the “greatest hits” - Davener introduces Hineni	Excerpt from Hineni
8	Unetaneh Tokef	Introduce Unetaneh Tokef - The Rabbis teach that HaShem has a really big book of names - the Book of Life/Sefer HaChayim. We are praying to have our names written into the book of life, so the next year is full of good things - friendship, laughter, love, blessing, family. - Davener does beginning of Unetaneh Tokef in Nussach, until “V’chotam yad kol adam bo” - Intro & sing “B’Rosh HaShanah Yekatevun” - Intro and davener says: U’teshuvah u’tefillah u’tzedakah maavirin et roah hagezeirah	Unetaneh Tokef - beginning lines (see left); B’Rosh HaShanah Yekatevun; Uteshuvah, etc.

9	Malchuyot - Aleinu	• Introduce three sections of RH Mussaf: Malchuyot, Zichronot, and Shofarot • We have one activity for each section! Malchuyot = kingship/royalty; this section is about celebrating HaShem as our royal leader • For this, we'll do Aleinu - the words are familiar BUT we have our special HHD nusach and some very special choreography • Explain and demonstrate bowing (two options: child's pose or flat prostration), then guide people through it as you go • Davener leads - bows, stands up, and finishes the paragraph as everyone stands up	Aleinu (just the first paragraph)
9	Zichronot	Zichronot = memories; this section is about walking down memory lane with Hashem, remembering not just this past year, but our whole Jewish history and our ancestors' connection with God • Short activity on this - could be connected to the liturgy or not (e.g. chavruta on "one good memory from this past year")	
10	Shofarot & Shofar Service	Shofarot = obvious!; this section is all about the shofar, this holy instrument made out of a ram's horn Shofar service • Explain the different shofar sounds and the shofar service (30 blasts, etc.) - make a shofar with your hands and make a shofar sound with your mouth, repeat after me, etc. • Now we'll blow for real • We need to be totally silent - explain why, get them all being serious and paying attention ◦ See if you can count all 30 blasts ◦ See if you can count how long the tekiah gedolah at the end end - a normal shofar blow is between 1-7 seconds; how long do you think the final, extra long one will be? (Take bets)	
12	HaYom OR Final Kaddish	• Introduce HaYom/Final Kaddish • Davener leads - participants respond	HaYom OR Final Kaddish
13	Closing	• Have some closure/wrap-up - thank you so much for joining; we did ABC, we learned about XYZ, etc. • Announce and call out any upcoming family programming and any literature on chairs about it • Suggestions for closing: ◦ Kiddush + Apple and honey (say the brachah and the Yehi Ratzon if you do this) ◦ Sing the niggun you started with, if relevant	

Need:

- Explainer
- Davenner
- Welcomer
- Supplies:
 - Children's Machzorim
 - Any necessary props