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High Holidays 2018

Tishrei 5779

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**May we and the entire House
of Israel be remembered and
recorded in the Book of Life,
Blessing, Sustenance,
and Peace.**

בְּסֵפֶר חַיִּים, בְּרָכָה וְשָׁלוֹם
וּפְרִיָּטָה טוֹבָה, נִזְכָּר וְנִכְתָּב לְפָנֶיךָ,
אֲנַחְנוּ וְכָל עַמְּךָ בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל,
לְחַיִּים טוֹבִים וּלְשָׁלוֹם.

*B'sefer chaim bracha v'shalom
v'farnasa tova, nizacher v'nikatev l'fanecha,
anachnu v'chol amcha beit yisrael
l'chaim tovim u'leshalom.*

★ Service Descriptions - High Holy Days

Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 **MON, 9/10**
Yom Kippur - Day **AND** **WED, 9/19**

You have a CHOICE of 3 services!

All THREE services include:

- ✧ The sounding of the *Shofar*.
- ✧ Our teens chant *Torah* portions. The portion is theirs from bar/bat mitzvah until they go to college.
- ✧ The Temple president offers greetings; there will not be an Appeal from the *bima*.
- ✧ Congregants are honored with *aliyot*.
- ✧ **YIZKOR** is recited on Yom Kippur.
- ✧ At all services, seating is first-come, first-served. Children are welcome and invited to all services and are asked to maintain decorum.

Unique service highlights:

- ✧ Sanctuary Services: led by Rabbi Rosen and Cantor Ness and accompanied by our choir and organ.
- ✧ Chapel Services: led by congregants Jason Kay and Susan Gold, without an organ or choir.
- ✧ Kessler Hall Services: led by Rabbi Garber and Rabbi Sowalsky, spiritual and soulful, with violin and piano, and group *aliyot* for all ages. Yom Kippur Services will end with an abbreviated *Yizkor* Service.
- ✧ Children's Services: see page 5.

Rosh Hashanah - Day 2 **TUE, 9/11**

We are open to the community!

- ✧ Sanctuary Service: led by Rabbi Rosen and Cantor Ness, the congregation is encouraged to sing along with the choir. It is the only "regular" service this day and the organ is not played.
- ✧ Family Service: Children and adults of all ages are invited to Kessler Hall for this interactive service with Rabbi Garber and Rabbi Sowalsky. Additional program information is on page 5.
- ✧ There are no separate children's services on this day.

Yom Kippur - Kol Nidrei **TUE, 9/18**
(Opening evening service)

- ✧ Sanctuary Service: led by Rabbi Rosen and Cantor Ness, is accompanied by our choir and organ.
- ✧ Chapel Service: led by Rabbi Garber and Susan Gold, is a participatory and intimate service.
- ✧ Both are complete services; our Torahs will be carried in procession.

Yom Kippur - Neilah **WED, 9/19**
(Concluding evening prayers)

- ✧ Sanctuary Service: as the symbolic Gates of Heaven are closing, we encourage all who wish to come up to the open Ark for personal moments of reflection and prayer.
- ✧ *Non-Jewish family members are invited to come before the Ark with their families.*

Community Selichot Service **SAT, 9/1**

B'nai Tikvah Sholom, 180 Still Rd, Bloomfield

- ✧ Begin your spiritual journey for this High Holiday season as our community of Conservative congregations gathers together.

Tashlich Ceremony (rain date: 9/11) **MON, 9/10**

Berlinsky Home, 25 Huntington Dr, West Hartford

- ✧ A 13th century custom of symbolically casting off one's sins by tossing bread into running water; verses from the bible are part of the ceremony.
- ✧ Please bring bread crumbs for you and your family to toss!

Cemetery Service **SUN, 9/16**

Beth El Cemetery, Jackson Street, Avon

- ✧ Our rabbis lead a brief service honoring our beloved departed and offer prayers at individual graves.

Shabbat Shuvah **SAT, 9/15**

- ✧ A Beth El tradition: Rabbi Rosen's Annual Tribute to Small Town Midwest Jewish Communities – **LAKE NORDEN BADGER**.
- ✧ Features a "welcome back" *Aliyah* for all kids/teens that were at camp or in Israel.
- ✧ A uniquely themed lunch, prepared by Taste of Shabbat's special cooking crew, follows.

Lulav and Etrog

It's a mitzvah to own and wave the Lulav and Etrog. Join us throughout the week of Sukkot for opportunities to do so.

PURCHASE: from the Judaica Store in Bishop's Corner, support our member Rivka Dvorin
DEADLINE: order your set by Monday, 8/27



★ Service Descriptions, cont.



Simchat Torah – literally rejoicing with the Torah – is one of the most fun holidays we have. It’s all about joy, togetherness and, of course, eating. During *Simchat Torah* we finish reading the Torah’s fifth book,

Deuteronomy, and immediately start reading the first book, *Genesis*. You can think of it as our version of *Back to the Future*.

The celebration is all wrapped up in what’s known as **Hakafot**, translated as “circles of celebration with the Torah.” We’ll dance twice this year: on the evening of Oct. 1 and again the morning of Oct. 2.

All of our Torah scrolls will come out of the Ark for dancing. One Torah scroll will be fully spread out. Key portions will be marked and you can take a moment to find your – or your child’s – Bar or Bat Mitzvah portion.



This is an adult-friendly, kid-friendly, singles-friendly holiday. Open to the community – join the fun with our Shabbat Live! band, Men’s Club martini table,

blessing of new babies, children’s celebrations, and more!



Sukkot **SUN-TUE, 9/23-25**

✧ After each service, stay for Kiddush and fulfill the mitzvah of eating in the Sukkah.

Shemini Atzeret **SUN-MON, 9/30-10/1**

✧ The 8th day of Sukkot is a holiday unto itself. It is established in the Torah as a way for God to ask us to stay one more day in the holiday mode.
✧ **YIZKOR** (around 11AM) and the seasonal prayer for rain are included in the morning liturgy.

Simchat Torah LIVE! **MON, 10/1**



✧ *Hakafot* with the Shabbat LIVE! Band
✧ Grade 1 Torah ceremony
✧ Hors d’oeuvres, dessert, and martinis; sponsored by Men’s Club

Simchat Torah Morning **TUE, 10/2**

✧ Hakafot and aliyot for all.
✧ New Baby Blessing: if your baby was born since last Rosh Hashanah, come for a special blessing from the bima.
✧ Honorees: *Chatan Torah* Russ Selzer
Chatan Beresheet Lance Reiser
Kallat Mafteret Sheila Diamond
✧ Followed by a community lunch.

Additional Holiday Programs

Preparing for the High Holidays (Seasonal Sermon)
SATURDAYS: AUGUST 18 & 25 DURING MORNING SERVICES

P.A.L.S. Sukkot Program
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Family Sukkot Program & Lunch
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 11:30 - 1:00 PM

Family Pizza in the Hut
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Beef & Beer Sukkahfest
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 6:00 - 8:30 PM

Shababa & Mini Minyan Under the Stars & DINNER in the SUKKAH
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 5:45 - 7:15 PM

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★ Service Schedule

Tickets: Please present your tickets for entrance on Rosh Hashanah-Day 1, Kol Nidrei, and Yom Kippur morning (see page 6 for ticket policies).

Community Selichot SATURDAY, SEPT 1

8:30 PM Program and Refreshments
 10:00 PM Service
 LOCATION: B'nai Tikvoh Sholom, 180 Still Rd, Bloomfield

Rosh Hashanah - Erev SUNDAY, SEPT 9

6:00 PM Mincha & Festival Ma'ariv

Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 MONDAY, SEPT 10

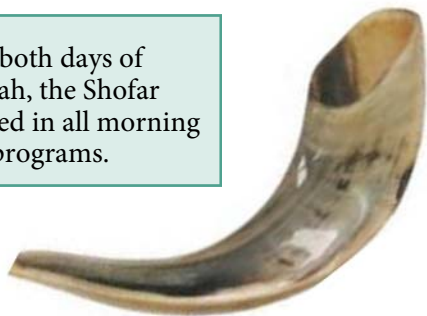
8:00 AM - 12:10 PM Sanctuary Service
 8:30 AM - 12:45 PM Chapel Service
 10:00 AM - 12:10 PM Kessler Hall Service
 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Children's Programs

5:00 PM Tashlich Ceremony
 LOCATION: 25 Huntington Drive, West Hartford
 6:00 PM Festival Mincha & Ma'ariv

Rosh Hashanah - Day 2 TUESDAY, SEPT 11

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sanctuary Service
 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM Family Service
 7:30 PM Festival Mincha, Ma'ariv

Shofar: On both days of Rosh Hashanah, the Shofar will be sounded in all morning services and programs.



Shabbat Shuvah SATURDAY, SEPT 15

9:30 AM *Lake Norden Badger Shabbat*
 Rabbi Rosen's Annual Tribute to Small Town Midwest Jewish Communities
 12:00 PM Congregational Lunch
 12:30 PM Mincha

Cemetery Service SUNDAY, SEPT 16

12:30 PM Cemetery Service
 LOCATION: Beth El Cemetery, Jackson Street, Avon

Yom Kippur - Kol Nidrei TUESDAY, SEPT 18

6:15 PM - 8:45 PM Sanctuary Service
 6:15 PM - 7:45 PM Chapel Service

Yom Kippur - Day WEDNESDAY, SEPT 19

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM Sanctuary Service
 8:30 AM - 1:15 PM Chapel Service
 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Kessler Hall Service
 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM Children's Programs

Yizkor: Will be recited in all 3 morning services; in the Sanctuary and Chapel at the discretion of the Rabbis after 10:45 AM, and in Kessler Hall around 12:15 PM.

4:45 PM - 6:00 PM Mincha
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Neilah
 7:35 PM Havdalah & Final Shofar Blast

Sukkot - Erev SUNDAY, SEPT 23

6:00 PM Mincha & Festival Ma'ariv

Sukkot - Day 1 MONDAY, SEPT 24

9:30 AM Festival Shacharit
 6:00 PM Festival Mincha & Ma'ariv

Sukkot - Day 2 TUESDAY, SEPT 25

9:30 AM Festival Shacharit
 6:40 PM Festival Mincha, Ma'ariv & Havdalah

Shemini Atzeret - Erev SUNDAY, SEPT 30

8:45 AM Hoshanah Rabbah
 6:00 PM Mincha & Festival Ma'ariv

Shemini Atzeret - Day MONDAY, OCT 1

9:30 AM Festival Shacharit (*Yizkor* 11AM)
 12:30 PM Festival Mincha

Simchat Torah - Erev MONDAY, OCT 1

5:45 PM Simchat Torah LIVE!
 7:30 PM Festival Ma'ariv

Simchat Torah - Day TUESDAY, OCT 2

9:30 AM Festival Shacharit
 12:00 PM Congregational Lunch
 6:25 PM Festival Mincha, Ma'ariv & Havdalah

★ Everything Kids

Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 AND **MON, 9/10**
Yom Kippur - Day WED, 9/19
AGE 3 THROUGH GRADE 4 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

- ✧ Age-specific programs.
 - ✧ Please encourage your child(ren) to participate in our children's programming or to join one of our three main services where they are warmly welcomed.
 - ✧ Please, no parents at the children's programs.
- OPEN: to members and their guests

Rosh Hashanah - Day 2 TUE, 9/11
ALL AGES 10:30 - 11:45 AM

- ✧ **Family Service in Kessler Hall:** led by Rabbis Garber and Sowalsky, it's brief, it's spiritual, it's magical. A "highlights" service meant for all ages. Celebrate the birthday of the world Beth El style! Bring your own shofar to guarantee we're all awake from our slumber. (Don't have a shofar? Make your own! alphamom.com/family-fun/holidays/make-a-shofar-to-celebrate-the-jewish-new-year/)
- ✧ Parents are required to be with their children.
- ✧ There are no separate Children's Services on this day.

Yom Kippur - Evenings

Kol Nidrei TUE, 9/18
 (Opening Service) 6:15 PM

- ✧ All ages are welcome at both the *Sanctuary* and *Chapel* Services.

Neilah WED, 9/19
 (Conclusion) 6:00 PM

- ✧ All ages are welcome at our *Sanctuary* Service.
- ✧ Families (all ages and configurations) are invited to come up to the open ark for a personal moment.

NOTE: see page 2 for more information

Children's Playroom

Sukkot MON & TUE, SEPT 24-25
Shemini Atzeret MONDAY, OCT 1
Simchat Torah TUESDAY, OCT 2

UP TO AGE 5 9:30 AM - NOON

On these holidays without specific children's or family programming, our regular Shabbat playroom will be available should your energetic child need some space.

NOTE: parents must supervise their children

★ Candle Lighting & Havdalah

Candle Lighting

Havdalah

Rosh Hashanah	SUN.	9/9	6:51 PM	TUES.	9/11	7:48 PM
	MON.	9/10	7:49 PM			
Yom Kippur	TUES.	9/18	6:35 PM	WED.	9/19	7:35 PM
	NOTE: light <i>Yizkor</i> candle first			NOTE: also fast-ending time		
Sukkot	SUN.	9/23	6:27 PM	TUES.	9/25	7:23 PM
	MON.	9/24	7:25 PM			
Shemini Atzeret	SUN.	9/30	6:15 PM	NOTE: light <i>Yizkor</i> candle first		
Simchat Torah	MON.	10/1	7:13 PM	TUES.	10/2	7:11 PM



Candle lighting is generally done 20 minutes prior to actual sunset.

Jewish holidays end with Havdalah, 40 minutes after sunset.



When there are two consecutive days of holidays, candle lighting for the 2nd day is 40 minutes after sunset.



Apples & Honey: Socialize after services on both days of Rosh Hashanah.
 SPONSOR: Men's Club

Neilah: Grab a nosh on your way to Break Fast.
 SPONSOR: Women's Network



★ High Holiday Ticket Policy

Tickets are required for entry on:

Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 MON, 9/10

Yom Kippur - Kol Nidrei TUE, 9/18

Yom Kippur - Day WED, 9/19

- ✧ Each person, 18 and over, must have his/her own ticket, with his/her name on it.
- ✧ Tickets are complimentary for all Young Adults, ages 18-24.
- ✧ Tickets are not required for any child under 18 years of age.

Members of Beth El Temple

✧ High Holiday tickets will be mailed to members in good standing^o on 8/27. After 9/2, they should be picked up in the office or at the "will call" table on the day of the service.

- ✧ Your adult children, ages 18-24, will automatically be issued tickets.
- ✧ Your adult children, ages 25-29, if not members on their own, may purchase tickets at a reduced rate.

Rosh Hashanah - Day 1	\$75
Kol Nidrei & Yom Kippur	\$75
Both Holidays	\$150

Welcoming the Greater Hartford Jewish Community

- ✧ We are pleased to open the following services to the Greater Hartford Community. Tickets are not required for

Rosh Hashanah - Both Evenings and Day 2
Yom Kippur - Mincha and Neilah
Sukkot, Shemini Atzeret, and Simchat Torah

Guests

- ✧ Members may purchase tickets for relatives and friends, ages 25 and up, who live outside Hartford County.

Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 \$150

Kol Nidrei & Yom Kippur \$150

Both Holidays \$250

- ✧ A completed guest form is required in order to receive your Guest Tickets. The form is posted on our website and is available from the office.
- ✧ **Young Adults:** for ALL guests ages 18-24, tickets are complimentary.
- ✧ **Local college students and active military personnel over 24:** simply need to show their ID.

Reciprocal Tickets

- ✧ We participate in the reciprocal ticket program where members in good standing^o at any synagogue receive complimentary tickets to another synagogue.

For your guests:

- ✧ Please have them ask their synagogue to e-mail/fax a *Reciprocal Ticket Request Form/Letter* to Beth El.
- ✧ It must include the names of both our member and the guest, and which day(s) they will be joining us.

If YOU are traveling:

- ✧ If YOU are spending any part of the holiday at another synagogue that requires tickets, please call our office to have a *Reciprocal Ticket Request Form* sent on your behalf.

NOTE: All Guest and Reciprocal tickets may be picked up in the Beth El office.

^o Members in good standing have paid their dues in full, or have returned their completed membership form with their first payment.

Beth El is Warm and Welcoming

The sign at our front entrance states "All are welcome." Torah instructs "You shall not wrong nor oppress a stranger..." (Exodus 22:21). If we're required to be kind to strangers, how much more so is the mandate to be considerate of fellow Beth El members and staff?



About 30% of the U.S. population is sensitive to scented products on other people; some even have allergic reactions. Please **avoid** wearing fragrances and any scented products at Beth El.

Let's keep the air we share healthy and fragrance-free for all.

★ The “Fine Print” (Guidelines)

Security & Safety

- ✧ Please enter the building through the Community Room **with your ticket** (or student or military ID).
- ✧ We reserve the right to inspect all packages.
- ✧ For the safety of all, do **not prop open** external doors.
- ✧ Due to fire regulations, strollers and walkers are not permitted in the Sanctuary or Chapel. Ushers will show you the designated parking area. *As many look alike, please attach a label or identifying ribbon.*
- ✧ Be aware of all building exits, in case of emergency.

Ushers

- ✧ Ushers will be wearing identifying badges and will be available to answer questions and help find empty seats.
- ✧ They will close ALL doors during sermons, for other speakers, and when the Ark is open. Please do not enter any service during the sermon or when the Ark is open.
- ✧ Please be respectful of all usher directions.

TO VOLUNTEER: If you would like to serve as an usher, please contact, by 8/26:

Sharon Levine-Shein, 860-205-9650
Steve Rabb, 860-231-1339

Decorum

- ✧ Please maintain the sanctity of services by limiting conversation and dressing modestly.
- ✧ To reduce noise and distraction, the main doors to the Sanctuary will be kept closed. Expect to enter and leave services from a side door. Those with walkers may be excepted.
- ✧ Please do not congregate in bathrooms. Parents, please suggest to your children that they choose a service to attend.
- ✧ During certain portions of the service, you will be asked to wait before entering into the Sanctuary, Kessler Hall, or the Chapel. Please also limit leaving at those times.
- ✧ **To preserve the sanctity of the holiday, all electronic devices, including cell phones, must be turned off prior to entering the building. All iPods, cameras, etc., should be left at home.**
- ✧ The Community Room (right side) will be set up as a chill/calm-down place for any age. Parents are asked to supervise their children; the room will not be staffed.

Seating

- ✧ At all services, seating is first-come, first-served. Saving seats during the High Holidays is NOT permitted.
- ✧ If you want to ensure that your family sits together, please all arrive early.
- ✧ Children are welcome, invited, and entitled to seats in any service of their choice.
- ✧ Should adults or children need a short break from the service, they should expect to find their seats available upon their return. At least one member of their family should remain with the seats.

Special Seat Requests for any service

- ◇ Seats may be reserved in advance only for persons with disabilities or who may require the assistance of support equipment (e.g. walkers, wheelchairs). If necessary, one additional seat may be saved for a companion to remain with that person during the service.
- ◇ These seats will be held only until 10:30 AM, after which they will be released.
- ◇ Please notify the Temple office as early as possible so that the seat(s) can be properly designated. Requests must be made by 9/5.

Parking & Shuttle

- ✧ Please park where directed by the parking attendants in the Temple lot and only in designated spaces.
- ✧ **Police will not allow parking on either Albany Ave. or West Ridge Drive;** please be aware that we no longer have access through the gate in the fence.
- ✧ Please follow all posted **NO PARKING** signs on the side streets in adjoining neighborhoods. Be aware that the police will issue parking tickets.
- ✧ Additional parking will be provided at the Crown Market in Bishop's Corner, 2471 Albany Ave. A shuttle bus will run continuously between Beth El and the Crown Market as follows:
Rosh Hashanah - Day 1 8:30AM - 1:30PM
Yom Kippur - Day 8:30AM - 2:30PM
- ✧ NOTE: shuttle will not run for Kol Nidrei.

The Beth El Choir - Adults & Teens

Come sing with us!

Meet new friends and have fun singing great music in concerts, special Shabbat services, and during the *High Holidays*. Being able to read music a plus; must love to sing and have good ears! Please make an appointment for Cantor Ness to hear your voice part.



CONTACT: bema@betheltemplemusic.com

★ Doing Mitzvot

Annual Kol Nidrei Food Drive for Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry at Jewish Family Services (JFS)

JFS serves families facing financial setbacks, isolated elderly, and disabled adults living on meager incomes. Please help make a difference in their lives!



For your convenience, paper bags will be located

by the front door on Rosh Hashanah. Please drop off your filled bags, in the Community Room, **anytime between Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidrei evening**, Tuesday, September 18.

The Food Pantry prefers food items that have a hechsher symbol indicating that the item is kosher.



Due to lack of space, please do not bring Passover items.

THANK YOU! in advance for your support of this important Mitzvah.

Food

- Canned vegetables, fruits, soups, solid white tuna, salmon, sardines
- Boxes of pasta, rice, couscous, cereal, crackers, macaroni & cheese
- Juice - preferably apple or grape
- Decaf & regular coffee and tea bags
- Pasta sauce, peanut butter, salad dressings
- Baking flour, sugar, mixes & frostings
- Condiments (mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard)

Bathroom/Kitchen Supplies

- Cleaning supplies
- Sponges, Scrubee pads, Brillo, SOS
- Dish and Laundry detergent
- Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, napkins

Toiletries

- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, bars/liquid soap
- Disposable razors, Shaving cream
- Deodorant - men & women
- Hand cream & body lotion
- Diapers (sizes 1 through 5)
- Depends (Small, Medium, Large)

Sorting Food Drive Donations

**Sunday, September 23
 9:00 AM**

Help sort all those bags of donated items before they are delivered to the Food Pantry.



The Kosher Food Pantry continually needs to be restocked. Throughout the year, when coming to shul, please bring a can of vegetables or fruit, peanut butter, tuna fish, pasta, or a bag of groceries. Place your donations in the box at the entrance by the Community Room.