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## **RE-ENGAGE! REOPEN! RETURN!**

## **REDEDICATE! RECONSTRUCT!**

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Shalom, Fellow Members of Congregation Beth Israel and guests:

In this month of Elul, the blasts of the shofar herald the new year and call us to the task of looking inward as we prepare to do *teshuvah* – to repent, to return, to make positive change. Our services during these Days of Awe (*Yamim Nora'im*) gather the entire community together to engage with this important spiritual work.

The principal purpose of this letter is to inform you, as much as we currently can, of how our observances of the Days of Awe will unfold this year, and to invite your participation in sacred service during this year's High Holy Days. The enclosed schedule lists the dates and times of events during this season of repentance, reflection, and celebration. And this year, for the first time in three years, all our services will be in person, in our sanctuary. We ask that all who come to those services be fully vaccinated against Covid, and remain masked except when leading prayers. Of course, even with those precautions, not everyone will find it comfortable to attend in person, and for those persons we are pleased to be able to announce that all services in the sanctuary will be livestreamed and available to watch via Zoom.

Several emails have already been sent inviting congregants to participate in services, but if you haven't yet responded to those invitations and would like to participate – by Shofar blowing, presenting English readings, leading Hebrew prayers, helping with traffic and parking, or ushering – please contact Laura Lee Blechner ([llblechner@pragman.net](mailto:llblechner@pragman.net)) as soon as possible to see how you might help.

For up-to-date information about this year's High Holy Days look for emails and visit <https://www.bethisraelmedia.org/high-holy-days-2022.html>. Questions and concerns can be addressed to Laura Lee Blechner ([llblechner@pragman.net](mailto:llblechner@pragman.net)) and Larry Hamermesh ([larry@hamermesh.com](mailto:larry@hamermesh.com)).

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