



**TEMPLE BETH EL**  
**HIGH HOLY DAYS**  
**GUIDEBOOK 5782**





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Dear Members of the Beth El Family,

*"And may they construct a sanctuary that I may dwell among them." (Exodus 25:8)*

So instructs God to the Israelites, having recently been redeemed from Egyptian bondage. One might think that God would command that the sanctuary be built "that I may dwell within it". But the Torah avoids this anthropomorphic image of the deity residing within the sacred structure by preferring "that I may dwell among them", illustrating that God's presence exists among the people, wherever they may be. As the Mishna teaches, "Whenever two sit together to share words of Torah, then God's presence resides between them." (Pirke Avot 3:2)

This September, for the first time in two years, our entire congregation will be welcomed into the sanctuary and campus that we call home for the High Holy Days. For many of us, Temple Beth El houses memories of sacred moments and milestones. For others, it is the place where our children happily meet friends and engage in Jewish living and learning. And for others, it is the foundation of our community and the connections which bring us together in an isolated world. In any case, whenever we gather within it, God's presence dwells among us.

It is for this reason that I am overjoyed to welcome you home for this year's High Holy Days. As you will see, we have been busy renewing our campus while waiting for you. Our parking lot has been freshly paved and water drainage issues addressed, so hopefully the back end of the lot will no longer look like a skating rink this winter. The building has been newly stained and painted so that the newer addition more closely matches the color of the original building. Security planters now decorate the front curb and new signage welcomes all visitors at the front entrance. The building anxiously awaits your arrival alongside those of us who "dwell" within it.

Even as safety precautions are maintained and unvaccinated children and individuals will wait until the second day of Rosh Hashanah to gather outdoors, we will have the opportunity to come together in worship and reflection. For those who are unable or uncomfortable with entering the building, please know that both of our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur sanctuary services will be live streamed for your convenience. We will also be offering outdoor tashlich and hiking at Gedney Park. In this way, we hope to demonstrate the spirit of inclusion which underscores our congregation.

The Greek word "synagogue" means house of gathering. The same goes for the Hebrew "beit kneset". Without the people, the synagogue is simply a structure, devoid of spiritual awakening. And so on behalf of our clergy, staff and lay leaders, we are excitedly looking forward to the building coming alive with your return. Welcome home.

Wishing you and sweet and happy new year,

Rabbi Jonathan Jaffe



# High Holy Day Schedule

Tickets are required at all our Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services and are for members only.

\*All sanctuary services are live-streamed and recorded

## **Erev Rosh Hashanah**

Monday, September 6

\*5:00 pm Rosh Hashanah Evening Service in the Sanctuary

## **Rosh Hashanah**

Tuesday, September 7

\*9:30 am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service in the Sanctuary (Early Service)

\*1:00 pm Rosh Hashanah Morning Service in the Sanctuary (Late Service)

4:00 pm Tashlich at Gedney Park

## **2nd Day Rosh Hashanah**

Wednesday, September 8

9:30 am Outdoor Preschool Service

11:30 am Outdoor Family Service

1:00 pm Casual Rosh Hashanah Hike with Rabbi Jaffe  
(meet at Gedney Park dock)

2:15 pm Second Day Tashlich (at dock)

## **Kol Nidre**

Wednesday, September 15

\*8:00 pm Kol Nidre Service in the Sanctuary

## **Yom Kippur**

Thursday, September 16

\*9:30 am Yom Kippur Morning Service in the Sanctuary (Early Service)

\*1:00 pm Yom Kippur Morning Service in the Sanctuary (Late Service)

2:00 pm Gedney Park Hike led by Congregant Norma Klein (pets welcome)

3:00 pm Yom Kippur Afternoon Text Discussion with Rabbi Norman Cohen, Ph.D. in the Social Hall

\*5:00 pm Yizkor Memorial Service in the Sanctuary

\*6:00 pm Neilah Concluding Service in the Sanctuary

## **Sukkot**

Friday, September 24

6:00 pm Crafting & Decorating the Sukkah

7:15 pm Shabbat Worship Service in Sukkah

8:15 Outdoor Single Serving Oneg

## **Simchat Torah**

Monday, September 27

5:30 pm Outdoor Simchat Torah Celebration



# Rosh Hashanah

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4:00 pm Tashlich at Gedney Park

Join Rabbis Jaffe, Linzer and Cantor Sternlieb, alongside your friends and neighbors, for music, shofar blowing and the casting of our past misdeed in the form of bread crumbs into the water.

**2nd Day Rosh Hashanah**  
**Wednesday, September 8**

9:30 am Outdoor Preschool Service

Join Rabbis Jaffe and Linzer and Cantor Sternlieb for a 30 minute service aimed towards our youngest congregants and their families. We will gather for songs, prayer, sharing and the blowing of the shofar in a participative and casual environment.

11:30 am Outdoor Family Service

This one-hour service will cater to elementary and middle school children and their families. We will include many highlights of the High Holy Days, including Torah reading, shofar blowing and key liturgical moments such as Avinu Malkeinu. Rabbis Jaffe and Linzer and Cantor Sternlieb will be on hand to lead the liturgy, music and sharing. All are welcome.

1:00 pm Casual Rosh Hashanah Hike with Rabbi Jaffe (meet at Gedney Park dock)

A non-strenuous one hour walk around Gedney's perimeter red trail. Pets welcome.

2:15 pm Second Day Tashlich (at dock)

A second opportunity to participate in this meaningful ritual alongside Rabbi Jaffe and your Beth El friends and neighbors.

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A lay-led opportunity to meet in nature and explore the perimeter trail of Gedney Park.

3:00 pm Yom Kippur Afternoon Text Discussion with Rabbi Norman Cohen, Ph.D. in the Social Hall

The afternoon provides us with additional opportunities to reflect upon the past year while also exploring central Jewish themes of loss, renewal, and redemption. Please join our Scholar in Residence, Rabbi Norman Cohen, Ph.D. in an exploration of these topics.

\*5:00 pm Yizkor Memorial Service in the Sanctuary

The Yizkor service is a beautiful tradition of remembering beloved family members and friends who have died. If you wish to have the name of a family member who has died since last Yom Kippur read during Yizkor, but have not previously recorded the name with the temple, please contact the office so that we can include that person.

\*6:00 pm Neilah Concluding Service in the Sanctuary

We conclude Yom Kippur with Neilah when we hear the final sounds of the shofar. The brief, beautiful Havdalah service before we break fast is one of the sweetest moments of the holiday season.

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# For the Health and Safety of Our Community:

Proof of vaccination is required for entry to the building.

Masks are required at every service and while on temple property.

Please bring your ticket and proof of vaccination with you.

## Live Streaming

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## Parking and Bussing

Parking at Beth El is available for the handicap, those in physical need, and for family services.

Our main parking area is Bell Middle School and a bus shuttle service is offered for all services (except September 8).

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## Annual High Holy Days Food Drive

Each year during the High Holy Days, our congregation generously donates food to a Westchester-based organization, serving individuals in need. These food pantries serve individuals from local communities who are the truly needy: elderly singles who can't pay Westchester rents; disabled men and women with little disability insurance with families to feed; mentally impaired individuals; mothers and children fleeing from abusive situations; families in which parents were temporarily laid off who have now used up what little savings they had. And this year the needs are greater than ever with so many individuals and families affected by the current economic downturn.

### The following items are needed right now:

**Cereal and oatmeal**

**Canned Fruit**

**Chicken broth (esp. low sodium)**

**Soup (esp. low sodium)**

**Canned tuna, chicken, sardines**

**Pancake mix & syrup**

**Cooking oil**

**Coffee (regular and instant)**

**Rice (in bags and boxes)**

**Legumes (in bags and cans)**

**Canned spinach, peas, corn, potatoes, etc.**

**Nuts**

**Parmalat and powdered milk**

**Jarred spaghetti sauce**

**Healthy snacks**

**Pasta**

**Mac n Cheese**

*Please check expiration dates.  
The Pantry cannot accept expired food.*





# *Sukkot*

**Friday, September 24**

**6:00 pm Crafting & Decorating the Sukkah**

**7:15 pm Shabbat Worship Service in Sukkah**

Festivities to take place in the Klein Courtyard, followed by a special oneg with single serving snacks, desserts, and drinks.



# *Simchat Torah*

**Monday, September 27**

**6:45 pm Outdoor Simchat Torah Celebration**

Simchat Torah, meaning "The Joy of Torah", celebrates the completion and new cycle of reading the Torah. We hold up the Torah as it is completely opened and read the final verses of Deuteronomy and the first lines of Genesis. In order to allow our younger congregants to participate in this festive ritual, the service will be held outdoors under the lights in the Klein courtyard, with to-go treats handed out for the sweetness of Torah.





**SHANA TOVA!**