

HIGH HOLY DAYS 5783 (2022)

Guide

Daily Minyan Schedule on Zoom

Weekday Mornings	8:00 a.m.
Sunday Mornings	9:00 a.m.
Weekday Evenings	5:40 p.m.
NO SATURDAY OR SUNDAY EVENING MINYAN	



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Celebrating New Beginnings

RABBI MURRAY EZRING



Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes was at times absent minded. Riding a train, he was asked for his ticket. He

searched everywhere. Unable to find it, Holmes grew distressed. Knowing the justice and his high reputation, the conductor told him not to worry. "Never mind, sir, sit. When you find it, I'm sure you'll mail it in."

Justice Holmes wasn't reassured. "Mr. Conductor, you don't understand. The question is not, 'Where is my ticket?' The question is, 'Where am I going?'"

That is exactly the question we are asking as we approach Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Where are we going? As Jewish tradition dictates, our query becomes a petition. Shema Koleinu, hear our voices: Avinu Malkeinu, our Parent, our Monarch, have mercy on us,

save us. Our path to salvation is clearly stated at the end of Unetannah Tokef: Teshuva, Tefilah, U'Tzedakah. Returning to God's path, prayer, and performing righteous deeds can transform an evil decree.

Transformation, transition, or change is what we seek during Aseret Ymei HaTeshuvah, the Ten Days of Returning. Returning is an act of changing the direction we are moving, both as individuals and as a Jewish community. Returning requires a transition from looking inward to engaging others through acts of righteousness, drawing everyone closer to God and community. Returning requires us to renew and reinvigorate our personal conversations with God.

The powerful call of these High Holy Days is to reach out to those who are lonely and afraid, disconnected from God and Judaism. The sanctity of this time is meant to cleanse us of old perceived hurts, and disappointments in people who did

not live up to our expectations of them.

Most difficult of all is our need to transform ourselves. If we carefully and honestly look within, we will discover the ways we can adapt to match the image we have of ourselves.

As an Interim (now called Transition) Rabbi, I am tasked with guiding the Beth Israel Congregational family as we do the hard work of looking at who we are now, and what we dream to be in the future. We have already begun a series of "Meet and Greet" opportunities. During these meetings, I discover the desires and needs of our congregation. We will continue these small group meetings after the High Holy Days. The leadership of Beth Israel is committed to engaging as many members as possible in our attempts to have an impact on our community. Watch for more opportunities to be a part of building our future together. L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu.

Adopting the Creative Spirit

CANTOR BENJAMIN MATIS



Before I begin this article, allow me to tell you how thrilled my family and I are to be here, part of this wonderful and loving

congregation. Beth Israel truly feels like home. For me it is even more delightful as I am making my return to Baltimore after an absence of some years—I am a proud Peabody Conservatory graduate, after all! While I know the city a bit, I am excited to be back discovering (and rediscovering) what makes Baltimore a great city. What a pleasure!

*When words fail, music speaks. –
Hans Christian Andersen
Music is the exaltation of poetry –
Henry Purcell*

All throughout history and cultures, music has provided people a means of communicating their inner feelings and thoughts to the world around them. For thousands of years, it has been in the service of God that we have sung—and thanks to that tradition, we Jews have produced some of the world's greatest singers and instrumentalists, composers, conductors, Jazz stars and Rock musicians, and Rappers, too. In fact, in the time of the last Tsar of Russia, the Jews of the Russian Empire were referred to as the most musical nation.

Poetry is at the heart of our liturgy, especially on the High Holy Days. The themes are lofty and majestic—perhaps the most famous image in the liturgy is God enthroned and

passing judgment. If read literally, prayers that suggest God sits on a throne with an open book deciding our fates seem a bit absurd. Absurd, that is, until one reads it as poetry, filled with metaphors, designed to create a sense of awe. The idea of God's judgment is scary, but do such words alone inspire?

Tradition tells us otherwise. To really engage the worshipper on a spiritual level, one needs music. Poetry, and especially liturgy, becomes truly dynamic when wrapped in music. Simply put, the words just aren't enough. Only music can do that – after all, music is said to be the speech of angels (Thomas Carlyle). Music amplifies and intensifies spiritual experiences such that new meaning can emerge which transcends current modes of “being.” In turn, spirituality similarly infuses music with a powerful and resonant meaning distinct from other musical experiences. Music and spirituality are intimately related, with music so often creating the desired atmosphere for a spiritual occasion. Music often exceeds the spoken word in its ability to express moods and feelings of the soul.

The Tanach offers many such references as expressions of love and reverence:

At the dedication of the temple in the days of Solomon, “the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of music of the Lord, which David the king had made to praise the Lord, ... and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.” (2 Chronicles 7:6. See also 2 Chronicles 5:12-13)

At another time there were “cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God. ... [for] the songs of the Lord. ...” (1 Chronicles 25:6-7)

Music has always been an intrinsic part of Jewish worship as early as the time of the tabernacle in the wilderness when the service included a choir of Levites as well as an “orchestra” of various instruments. The Jewish choral tradition is described both in the Torah and particularly in the Psalms. Worship was to be sung!

This year, we are going to add that choral element back into our worship in a limited capacity on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Kol Nidre night, with a quartet of Jewish singers who are eager to sing with us in prayer and worship. (Please see brief bios of our vocalists on page 3.) The beauty and expressive power of the prayer and the poetry will be fully exploited in the service of God and for our spiritual uplift. By no means will the quartet's music interfere with, or replace, congregational singing. The choristers will sing along with the congregational melodies as a means of encouraging singing—not the opposite.

Whether one enjoys a choral component of music is a matter of taste. Perhaps the blend of voices with mine will elicit a feeling deep within you that you've never experienced before. Just keep an open mind and open ears— in the words of Job, “the morning stars sang together, and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy” (Job 38:7).



It is hard to believe that summer is ending and the High Holy Days are around the corner. As we approach the High Holy Days, we start to think about beginnings. At Beth Israel we are preparing to begin a new chapter in our history and we

want you to help us write it!

Hopefully you have had an opportunity to meet our new clergy at one of our many “meet and greets.” These gatherings were great opportunities to meet Rabbi Ezring and Cantor Matis. They were also great opportunities for you to share what is important to you in our next chapter. After each meet and greet, participants left encouraged and excited to see where Beth Israel is headed.

Meanwhile, staff and lay leadership have been busy implementing key elements of our strategic plan:

- We have created name tags to make it easier for members to greet each other.
- We have included special visitor/guest name tags to encourage members to welcome non-members to Beth Israel.
- We have enhanced our Learning Lab curriculum and programs to create more opportunities for engagement with the entire Beth Israel community.
- We have made our Learning Lab more accessible

with more affordable tuition, ensuring that price is not a barrier to receiving Jewish education.

- With the help of our wonderful Sisterhood ladies, we’ve brought back weekly Shabbat Kiddush, to allow members more opportunities to socialize.
- We are planning on more hybrid (in-person and virtual) programs for the coming year, allowing our community members greater access to Beth Israel’s offerings.

I would like to thank our clergy and professional staff for working so hard for our members.

Can I count on you to help us write our next chapter? You can assist by sharing all the positive, exciting changes that are happening at Beth Israel with your friends. Join us for services or a program! Let us know what you want to see written in our next chapter.

Thank you for making our Beth Israel community so special.

Together with you, I look forward to writing many more chapters in our Beth Israel story. It takes everyone to make our community thrive.

On behalf of my family, I want to wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year.

High Holy Day Vocalists

Emma Gorin (soprano)

Emma is a versatile soprano and voice coach who is comfortable singing everything from opera to pop to Jewish music. While she wears many hats in the performing arts arena, one of her favorite jobs was singing and conducting the choir at Bet Mishpacha in Washington, DC.

Marie Herrington (alto)

Marie is a Ukrainian-American classical soprano with versatile vocal experience ranging from choral singing under film composer, John Williams; classical crossover singing with Susan Boyle and solo vocals in a post-classical ensemble. Marie sang with the Chizuk Amuno choir since 2019.

Ari Stern (tenor)

As a professional choral singer and soloist, Ari Stern was staff tenor with Temple Shalom in Silver Spring for a decade, was featured within their High Holiday quartet, as well as in community outreach performances. Ari is a full-time music educator and children's performer.

Jon Salkov (bass)

Jon Salkov is a vocalist, improvisational pianist, organist, guitarist, and fiddler. He speaks Mandarin Chinese and maintains an apartment in Lijiang, China, as well as his home in Baltimore County. Having grown up in a traditional Jewish home, Jon is thrilled to return to his roots this season.

GETTING READY

for the *High Holy Days*



JOINING SERVICES

Our services will take place again this year both in-person and on Zoom.

At Beth Israel

Please remember that tickets are required for entry to Beth Israel services on both days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. In this mailing, you should have received tickets for every member of your family 25 and under. If we made an error in preparing your tickets, please call the office at 410 654-0800, or email us at highholidays2022@bethisrael-om.org.

On Zoom

Services will be accessible on Zoom via our website, bethisrael-om.org. No passcode is required, but we do request (for safety reasons) that those joining us use their first and last names when logging into Zoom. We are no longer utilizing the special website created for 2020 and 2021, BIOMLIVE.

MAHZORIM

(HIGH HOLY DAY PRAYER BOOKS)

Congregants who wish to join services from home may plan to sign out Mahzorim during the three weeks prior to Rosh Hashanah (September 6 – September 23) any time Monday through Thursday 9 am to 4 pm, and Friday 9 am to 3 pm. Please plan to come into the office and use our barcode scanner to sign out the Mahzorim. Our front office staff will assist you. Please leave borrowed mahzorim at home until after Yom Kippur.

To prevent shortages, we ask that no mahzorim be taken from the building after Friday, September 23. Should you decide after the holidays begin that you wish to join us online, and don't have a physical copy of the Mahzor at home, we will provide access to the PDF (virtual copy) of the Mahzor on our website.

COVID SAFETY GUIDELINES

For the High Holy Days, Beth Israel will provide both "mask required" and "mask optional" seating sections. All reserved seating will be "mask required" as will the open seating area in the Grebow Auditorium. The open seating area in the Social Hall will be "mask optional."

Masks will be required in public spaces (such as the lobbies and bathrooms) and when on the bimah for an honor. Masks will be available at the door for those who don't have them handy.

Beth Israel will try to create the safest environment possible for our congregants and guests, maximizing ventilation and utilizing our space wisely. ***Beth Israel is no longer requiring proof of vaccination for entry into the building.***

HIGH HOLY DAYS

at a Glance

Pre-High Holy Day Services *Saturday, September 17*

Selichot Service & Memorial Plaque Dedication	Saturday, 8:00 pm - Zoom Only	Join us for a beautiful Selichot experience on Zoom to usher in the High Holy Day season. See graphic on page 7.
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Erev Rosh Hashanah - *Sunday, September 25*

Evening Service	5:30 pm in Outdoor Sanctuary & via livestream (weather permitting)	In the event of rain, this service will be held in the Sanctuary.
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First Day Rosh Hashanah - *Monday, September 26*

Morning Service	9:30 am -12:45 pm* in the Sanctuary, & via livestream	Ticket required.
Youth Holiday Experience	10:30-12:15 pm at Beth Israel. (in-person only)	For children ages 5-17
Tashlich Ceremony	5:00 pm at Gwynns Falls Stream at Stevenson University (in-person only)	Wear casual clothes and bring friends. Open to the community.
Evening Service	6:00 pm in Chapel & via livestream	Mincha/Maariv following Tashlich.

Second Day Rosh Hashanah - *Tuesday, September 27*

Morning Service	9:30 am – 12:45 pm* in Sanctuary & via livestream.	Ticket required.
Youth Holiday Experience	10:30-12:15 pm at Beth Israel. (in-person only)	For children ages 5-17
Evening Service	5:40pm (only via livestream)	Mincha/Maariv

FOOD DRIVE FOR GEDCO



GEDCO's CARES serves families and individuals in crisis by connecting clients with resources that enable movement towards self-sufficiency. These resources include food and emergency financial assistance services, as well a job search assistance program, CARES Career Connection. The CARES food pantry responds to over 5,000 requests for food assistance annually.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Hearty soups
- Baked beans
- Cooking oil
- Deodorant
- Laundry detergent
- Mac 'n Cheese
- Healthy snacks
- Bars of soap
- Dishwashing Liquid

No opened food or items in glass containers is accepted. Please check expiration dates on all non-perishables.

Erev Yom Kippur - Tuesday, October 4

Evening Service (Kol Nidre)	Mincha – 6:00 pm Kol Nidre – 6:30 pm in Sanctuary & via livestream.	Tickets required.
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Yom Kippur - Wednesday, October 5

Morning Service with Yizkor	9:30 am Yizkor at 12:45 pm approximately in Sanctuary & via livestream	Tickets required.
Youth Holiday Experience	10:30 am – 12:15 pm at Beth Israel. (in-person only)	Youth programming for children in grades K-12, divided by age groups.
Afternoon Learning	3:30-4:30 pm, in person and on Zoom	Join Rabbi Ezring for <i>How do we determine if speech qualifies as antisemitism?</i> See more info below
Afternoon Services	Mincha at 4:45; Neillah at 6:15; Havdalah & Final Shofar at 7:30 pm. In Sanctuary & via livestream	Tickets required.

*Service ending times may vary from what is listed here.

HOW DO WE DETERMINE IF SPEECH QUALIFIES AS ANTISEMITISM?

Afternoon learning with Rabbi Murray Ezring

3:30 PM
Yom Kippur afternoon
At Beth Israel and on Zoom

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) constantly updates the Jewish community with statistics regarding antisemitic acts within the United States. The figures are frightening. One report suggests a 60 percent increase in this year alone.

But how do we define an “antisemitic act?” Does the ADL use the same criteria we do? During the Yom Kippur break between Musaf and Mincha, we will delve into these questions. Please join us for an animated discussion.



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Shana Tova! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. The school year is well underway for many and just getting started for others. We had a very busy summer here at Learning Lab getting ready for our amazing students.

First, I wanted to introduce myself. My name is Rick Rosen, and I am the new Learning Lab Director. I have a true passion for teaching and leading our young learners. I constantly strive to create a Jewish community of engaged learners in a nurturing, positive, fun environment.

An educator for over 25 years, I hold a degree in both Education and Jewish Studies from Touro College. I started my career at the JCC of Park Heights back in 1997 as well as being the Director of the preschool camp for a couple of years. While I was teaching at the JCC, I had the privilege of working alongside CJE professionals to develop a Hebrew immersion preschool program. I have also provided Bar and Bat Mitzvah instruction for those needing alternative educational support. Currently, I work in Special Education within the Howard County Public School System.

I am married to Jodi Rosen, and we have four fantastic children. We love watching them grow up. Our family enjoys relaxing at the beach and spending time together going on new adventures.

We now approach Yamim Noraim, The Days of Awe - the time of Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. This is the time to reflect on how we can “return” to our best selves, and to our community.

At the Learning Lab, we take this time not only to engage in personal introspection, but also to explore how we can improve as a learning community. One of BICLL's greatest strengths comes from our ability to listen to feedback and act upon it. We are constantly seeking ways to improve, and welcome your input!

We look forward to another year of working together with all of you in the Learning Lab community. We want to continue to make Jewish education more accessible and engaging for everyone.

L'shanah Tova to you and your loved ones.

Join us on Zoom for Selichot

Mincha, Ma'ariv and Havdalah followed by virtual plaque dedication. Cantor Matis will teach a few of his favorite High Holy Day melodies.

Saturday, September 17th
8:00pm

Zoom link in Sept. 14 Divrei
and on the website.



Please call or email (preferred) to connect with Sarah Shapiro.

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 SShapiro@bethisrael-om.org

At the height of the pandemic, many people turned to the outdoors to relax and boost their spirits. We learned that time spent outdoors had a positive impact on mental health. Recently, I read about studies indicating that gardening, in particular, can improve both physical and



mental well-being, a fact I am thrilled with as I enjoy planting and tending to flowering plants each spring and summer.

So, what are some of the physical and mental health benefits of gardening?

- Gardening involves physical activity requiring dexterity, strength and aerobic capacity. Studies in Great Britain, Australia, and elsewhere have revealed that consistent moderate intensity exercise can reduce the risk of dementia, heart disease, diabetes, and some cancers, as well as enhance surgical recovery. And when we eat what we grow, our diet is often improved as food coming directly from the earth tends to be fresh, healthy, and minimally processed.

- The movement associated with regular gardening also offers an effective means of improving mood and reducing anxiety. A University of Florida study found that healthy women who went to a gardening class two times per week experienced measurable improvements in their levels of anxiety, depression, and stress.

- Gardening can also improve mental health by promoting mindfulness and helping us to accept the unpredictability of life. Tending to the earth encourages us to focus on the present, disengage from the hustle and bustle of daily life, and recognize that despite our best efforts, we are not always in control of the outcome.

- Another powerful mental health benefit of gardening is associated with its capacity to connect people socially, whether through community gardening or affinity groups. Research has shown that these types

of communal gardening activities help build a stronger sense of community connection which in turn enhances feelings of well-being.

Clearly, engaging in gardening can improve one's physical condition and mental outlook. But one does not even have to be an active gardener to enjoy the mental health benefits associated with greenery. Just viewing or walking through green spaces can also improve one's sense of well-being. So, this fall, why not plant some mums or regularly stroll through a local park or garden? Nature really does provide us with some easy and enjoyable ways to stay both physically and mentally fit.

**Much of the information in this article is drawn from the following sources:*

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SUIKKOT MOSAICS



Join Valerie Thaler, Synagogue Director,
 for a relaxing afternoon
 to create a decorative wall-hanging
 of either a dove or a pomegranate!
 Choose your tile colors and
 come prepared to be creative.

Sign up at:
www.bethisrael-om.org/form/sukkot-mosaics.html



Welcome to a new year for Sisterhood and an old/new Co-President. We don't believe that Judi Dickman-Narrow needs an introduction, but she hopes to see you in the near future. We welcome our incoming officers and board. For information about joining our dynamic team or to become a Sisterhood member, contact Suzanne Kiewe suzkiewe@gmail.com, or Judi yenta_18@yahoo.com. We will put you in touch with our membership committee.

Our opening program on Wednesday, September 14 at 7 pm will be an exciting book review. *In Accidental Gangster: Dutch Schultz and Me*, Harriet Goodman Grayson tells of when her grandfather and great-grandfather ran booze through the Rockaways for Jewish gangster Dutch Schultz. The meeting will be in-person and on Zoom. The author will be on Zoom.

We hope to see you at the Beth Israel BBQ on September 11 from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. While there, don't miss our Judaica Shop Sidewalk Sale. Everything will be greatly reduced, including hostess gifts for the high holidays.

Recently you should have received a mailing which included information and two tickets for the 2000 Club. They are a bargain at two for \$40 or \$25 each. This gives you a chance to win \$25 or \$50 during a drawing held at each Sisterhood meeting. The GRAND PRIZE drawing for \$250 will be held at our closing meeting in May. You don't have to be present to win. You also do not have to be a member of Sisterhood or BIOM member to play and win. For tickets, contact Beverly Stuck at 443-844-7387 or via email at stuckelectric@gmail.com. Please share with your family and friends.

While the "Grab and Go" bags were a big hit and got us through the Covid pandemic, we are ready to return to weekly kiddushim. In order to do so, we need help from the entire congregation. Please share your happiness in celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, mazel tov's etc., by contributing to our Kiddish Fund! For as little as \$18

to "the sky's the limit", you could help supplement the cost of the weekly kiddush. For donations of \$18-\$49, make out checks to Beth Israel Sisterhood (in notes write Kiddush Fund) and send checks to Diane Lahn at 28 Beecham Court, Owings Mills, MD 21117. For amounts over \$50, please contact Rheta Rosen at bunnyrheta@comcast.net or call 410-654-5258.

Please save the date for the following events:

Sunday, October 16 at 2 pm - Join us in the SUKKAH for Mosaic Crafting with Valerie. Watch the Sisterhood Newsletter and the Guide for details and registration information. See our ad on page 8.

Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 7 pm - Join us at Beth Israel for CPR and First Aid Training.

Sunday, December 18, 2022 - Join us along with the entire congregation for Chanukah programming and BINGO - in person and ZOOM. Look for details coming soon.

We look forward to greeting you at events. We and our families wish you and your families a sweet and meaningful New Year.

Shana Tova Tikateivu

- Executive Committee
- Co-President.....Judi Dickman-Narrow
 - Co-President.....Suzanne Kiewe
 - Vice-President.....Carole Minor
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 - Corresponding Secretary.....Tami Fine



As Jerry Garcia wrote, “What a long strange trip it’s been.” Surviving almost three years of COVID protocols and all the changes here at Beth Israel, how true it is. As we take over the presidency from Howard Bernheim, after another successful term, the changes continue but we also return to “almost normal.”

We are not planning just Brotherhood events, but joint programming with Sisterhood, Hazak, the school, and the congregation. In September, we are working on the Welcome BBQ to greet our new clergy, the kids back to school, and all of us back to in-person activities. The event features a great tailgate menu as well as old-fashioned games and watching the Ravens on a really big screen. We hope to see you all there.

The end of September and the beginning of October are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, with services both in-person and on Zoom. With the increased number of people in the building, during these services Brotherhood will provide ushers at the Sanctuary, Social Hall and Grebow entrances. Although ushering appears to be about crowd control, the most important part is welcoming our fellow congregants. I (Stuart) have always enjoyed ushering, not only because of my time talking to everyone, but also as a reason to get up and walk around for an hour.

We hope you will consider volunteering as there is always more need than ushers available. Anyone who is interested, even if you are not a Brotherhood member, please contact either of us so we can organize a **Beth Israel Guide**

strong brigade. Even after the High Holidays we would like to provide greeters to say hello and hand out siddurs during weekly Shabbat services. This is a way to volunteer that requires little commitment from you other than being social.

Sukkot starts on October 9th. Our biggest physical activity of the year is the set up of the Sukkah on October 9th and the take down on the 23rd. Again (as always) we need as many volunteers who are able to help with such a large project. One of our best events of the year happens during Sukkot - Steak, Salmon, & Scotch in the Sukkah on October 13th. Reservations will start soon and please register early as this event always sells out.

On November 11th we will have Shabbat Dinner as a joint event with Sisterhood and the Baltimore Shabbat Project. This will be the start of quarterly joint Shabbat dinners with menus from around the world.

Later this fall is Sports Night, our annual free event for all paid up members and their families. We haven’t finalized the speaker but we will have someone influential in the local sports scene. Also, part of this event is giveaways and raffles for memorabilia. Please register as soon as you can so we can prepare properly.

The monthly Sunday morning breakfast speaker series will continue but now we can really have breakfast together. At the time of writing we have not finalized who will be speaking but we are working on an interesting and provocative

slate covering sports, politics, and Judaica. Dates will be released soon. Remember these breakfasts are free to all Brotherhood members.

On a personal note (from Stuart), as most of you know, I am not just president but also coordinate all of our kitchen activities. The kitchen takes a great amount of work not only on the days before, setting up, and cooking but also on clean up afterwards. I hope that anyone who attends our meals will volunteer to help in the kitchen and dining room. In the near future, there will be a sign-up process to help out on these events. Please volunteer! I need the help.

Thank you for being part of our organization.

A Taste of What's on Tap for Lifelong Learning

Sandra Madoff, Chair of the Lifelong Learning Committee



Your Lifelong Learning committee is hard at work planning exciting learning opportunities for the coming fall and beyond. We are always in search of new ideas and additional committee members. Please contact the synagogue office if you have an idea to share or are interested in joining our team.

Upcoming Programs for the Coming Year

- Tuesday, November 1st at 7:30pm: A talk by Deborah Wiener, co-author of *On Middle Ground: A History of the Jews of Baltimore*. She will present "From Convicts to Congregations: The History of Jews in Baltimore."
- "Jewish Short Stories with Gail Lipsitz": This three-part series will be held once a month, December 13, January 17 and February 14. Gail Lipsitz, a teacher of literature, will be offering this series in loving memory of her friend and ours, Rachel Glaser. Enjoy reading short fiction by outstanding Jewish writers and share your reactions and insights in group discussions. Stories will be distributed several weeks prior to each session so that participants can read them in advance.
- "The Rachel V. Glaser Memorial Film Festival" will be held this coming winter, (exact dates to be determined). As in the past, we will strive to select one documentary, one drama, and one comedy with the aim of enriching and entertaining our congregation.

Beth Israel Celebrates

Mazal Tov to congregants celebrating "special" life milestones (birthdays and anniversaries). While every birthday or anniversary is a reason to celebrate, if you are having one ending with a five or a zero, we will automatically list your name. We apologize if our records are incomplete or in error. If you do not want your name listed, please call us at least two months in advance.

SEPTEMBER 2022 MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS:

Judith Dermer	Deborah Feldman
Paul Rudman	Michael Snair
Harry Baumohl	Barry Miller
Jacqueline Delman	Marilynn Lakein
Michael Kovens	Sharon D. Gilden
Robert Kroopnick	Robert Renew

OCTOBER 2022 MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS:

Lauren Ganslaw	Jeffrey Linker
Cindy Bradley	Sandy Snyder
Michael Quartner	Stuart Elover
Max Naftaniel	Joseph Meyerowitz
Nadine Weinstein	Anne Patashnik
Neil Koenigsburg	Freida Mazer
Joanne Mandell	Jeffrey Silver
Randee Baumohl	

SEPTEMBER 2022 MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES:

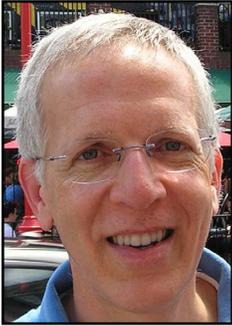
Judi Dickman-Narrow & Sheldon Narrow
Henry & Roslyn Naviasky

OCTOBER 2022 MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES:

Herbert & Diane Wolfson
Michael & Rachel Raphael
Ivan & Mindi Lutwin
Jay & Elizabeth Schuman
Simon & Sheilah Kalderon

ברוך אתה ה' א-להינו
מלך העולם, שהחינו וקימנו והגיענו לזמן הזה.

*Praised are you, Adonai, our God who rules the universe,
granting us life, sustaining us, and enabling us to reach this
day.*



The Social Action Committee has been very active this past year with activities meant to help people in our congregation, community, and world. We coordinated recently with an Islamic Christian & Jewish Studies (ICJS) joint congregational program held on July 17th at Faith Presbyterian Church to benefit Ukrainian refugees (preparing refugee relief kits). About 20 BI congregants attended the Church's Sunday services, had a vegetarian lunch, and then did the service project. The group prepared 24 backpacks for refugees and the backpacks have now been delivered to the Mexico/USA border. The ICJS cohort ends with a storytelling event on September 11th at 7 pm at the Bon Secours Retreat & Conference Center. Join us and hear about this collaboration with other interfaith leaders. To register and receive details contact Becca Rosenfelt (brosenfelt@bethisrael-om.org).

Our next date for Habitat for Humanity is September 16th. Please contact Seth Glassman if you are interested (skgdds@hotmail.com). We will once again be doing our annual Canned Food

Drive from Rosh Hashanah through Kol Nidre. As always, please bring your canned foods to the synagogue on Kol Nidre and place them in the designated bins just outside the main entrance. This year, we'll be donating food to GEDCO's CARES project, which serves individuals and families in crisis. Beth Israel is a proud member organization of this program. If you would like to volunteer to help organize and distribute these canned goods, please contact Karen Blum. (karen_blum@verizon.net).

We will also be returning to Irvine Nature Center on November 13th to work on removing invasive plant species from their trails. This was a very popular event enjoyed by all the last time so please make your reservation early (there are only 15 slots available) and bring the whole family. Please email Shoshana Harris if you are interested (shosh128@verizon.net).

If you are interested in joining the Social Action Committee, please email me at schenerman@gmail.com.

Order Your LULAV and ETROG for SUKKOT



With Sukkot following on the footsteps of Yom Kippur, now is the time for you to purchase a lulav and etrog, which are important and lovely symbols of Sukkot. Enhance your celebration by having your own set.

To order, contact Ann Friedman at 410-654-0800 or afriedman@bethisrael-om.org no later than **Friday, September 30.**

Cost: \$55 per set (Zippered lulav covers: \$15 each)

Tashlich Ceremony

**Rosh Hashanah Day 1
Monday, September 26**

**5:00pm Meet in Stevenson parking lot
5:15pm Tashlich Ceremony**

Stevenson University
Owings Mills North Campus
11100 Ted Herget Way (Gundry Lane)
Owings Mills, MD 21117

Bring your family, friends and neighbors for tashlich, and join in the ritual of casting bread into the nearby Gwynns Falls stream, symbolizing the casting away of one's sins.

We will meet in the rear parking lot of the Stevenson University Owings Mills North Campus, and walk as a Congregation to the beautiful foot bridge.

Please wear casual clothing and don't forget to bring a supply of bread. This service is open to the community.

SUKKOT

Service times

SUKKOT

Mon., Oct. 10 - 1st Day of Sukkot: 9:15 am
Tues., Oct. 11 - 2nd Day of Sukkot: 9:15 am

SHEMINI ATZERET

Mon., Oct. 17: 9:15 am (Yizkor Recited)

EREV SIMCHAT TORAH

Mon., Oct. 17 - Mincha, Maariv and Hakafot
Festivities: 6:00 pm
(Outdoors, Weather Permitting)

SIMCHAT TORAH

Tues., Oct. 18: 9:15 am

Dinner in the Sukkah

**PREPARED BY SPECIAL GUEST CHEFS
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BENJAMIN MATIS!**

Friday, October 14

5:45 pm: Dinner and Discussion
*Greeting Our Ancestors
in the Sukkah*

7:00 pm: Services followed by Oneg

\$18 Adults ages 13+
\$12 Children ages 6 to 12
\$8 Children ages 3 to 5

RSVP by Oct. 7

tinyurl.com/SukkotDinner2022



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Pizza in the Hut *Featuring BeatBox Dads*



Sunday, October 16

11:30 am - 1:30pm

**Join us for pizza in the Sukkah followed
by a performance from the BeatBox
Dads, acclaimed musical group!**

Open to everyone
\$5 a slice | \$20 a pie
Including soda, chips and veggies.
Dairy free and gluten free pizza
available upon request
(must purchase whole pie)

RSVP: tinyurl.com/PizzaintheHut2022

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May the Lord comfort and sustain you along with all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem

Todah Rabbah!

We are now publishing our "Todah" column monthly on the Beth Israel website. Since the Guide is now a quarterly publication, this schedule allows for more timely sharing of those individuals who have made such generous contributions to our congregation.

Please visit www.bethisrael-om.org/todah-rabbah.html to see the complete list.

The Todah webpage is updated at the beginning of each month for the previous 45- to 15-day period. For instance, on April 1, 2022, the donations listed online were those received from February 15 to March 15.

Fall 2022 Highlights

Elul 5782 Tishrei, Cheshvan 5783

SEPTEMBER

11 SUNDAY

9:00 am First day BICLL
11:30 am Community BBQ

14 WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm Accidental Gangster: Dutch
Schultz and Me: Sisterhood
Kickoff Event

15 THURSDAY

7:00 pm Young Adult Care Packages

17 SATURDAY

8:00 pm Selichot and Plaque
Dedication

25 SUNDAY

No BICLL
5:30 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

26 MONDAY

9:30 am Rosh Hashanah Day 1
Services
10:30 am Youth Experiences
5:00 pm Tashlich
6:00 pm Rosh Hashanah Day 2
Evening Service

27 TUESDAY

9:30 am Rosh Hashanah Day 2
Services
10:30 am Youth Experiences
5:40 pm Evening Service

OCTOBER

4 TUESDAY

6:00 pm Mincha
6:30 pm Kol Nidre

5 WEDNESDAY

9:30 am Yom Kippur Services
10:30 am Youth Experiences
12:45 pm Yizkor *approx.*
3:30 pm Learning
4:45 pm Yom Kippur Mincha
6:15 pm Neilah
7:30 pm Havdalah and Shofar

9 SATURDAY

8:30 am Sukkah Build

13 THURSDAY

7:00 pm Brotherhood Steak and
Scotch in the Sukkah

14 FRIDAY

5:30pm Congregational Dinner in
Sukkah and Program: Greeting
Our Ancestors in the Sukkah

16 SUNDAY

11:30 am Pizza in the Hut
2:00 pm Sisterhood Mosaics in the
Sukkah

17 MONDAY

9:15am Shmeini Atzeret Services
6:30 pm Simchat Torah Celebration,
New Student Consecration

18 TUESDAY

9:15am Simchat Torah Services

22 SATURDAY

Mincha Ma'ariv Havdalah Bat Mitzvah
of Lila Harris

23 SUNDAY

9:00 am Sukkah Take Down

30 SUNDAY

10:00 am Brotherhood Breakfast

**Have friends who
want to come to
High Holy Day
Services
or want to learn
more about
Beth Israel?**

**Contact
Valerie Thaler,
Synagogue Director
410-654-0800 x208**



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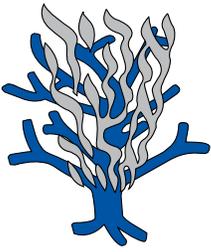


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Schedule of Shabbat Services

FRIDAY EVENINGS

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30.....6:00pm
October 7, 21, 286:00pm
October 14.....7:00pm

SATURDAY MORNINGS

September 3, 10, 17, 24.....9:30am
October 1, 8, 22, 29.....9:30am
October 15.....9:15am

**Mazal Tov to our October
Bat Mitzvah!**



October 22, 2022

LILA ROSE
*daughter of
Laurie and Jeff Harris*

*We Welcome
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Marlene Burdett

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