

Sukkot Service Times

Monday, September 28
9:00am Yom Tov Services
Tuesday, September 29
9:00am Yom Tov Services
6:00pm Sukkot Services

Usher In the Holidays!

We are looking for volunteers to assist in ushering during the high holidays. All are welcome to volunteer. Also, parents, if you have a bar/bat mitzvah-aged child, we would love to pair you with your child to usher for a 30-minute rotation at one of the doors. We look forward to making this holiday even more enjoyable for everyone. To volunteer, please contact Jim Sugarman at jamessugarman@optonline.net or 203-293-4433.

Welcome Back.....

NITZAN SCHOOL:
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 7:30 PM
PARENT ORIENTATION
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
STUDENT ORIENTATION
NAVASKY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL:
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8,
FIRST TUESDAY GR. 3-7
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
FIRST SUNDAY GR. K-7



Simchat Torah Service

Monday, October 5
Shmini Atzeret
9:00am Yom Tov Services
6:00pm Mincha
6:45pm Simchat Torah Dancing
Tuesday, October 6
Simchat Torah
9:00am Yom Tov Services



Get Your High Holiday Pledges In Now

Check the mail – you will be receiving your High Holiday appeal letter mid-August. In the past Dr. Stephen Stein has stood up on the Bimah during Yom Kippur to announce we had 100% participation by the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee! What if this year he could stand up and announce that by the time Yom Kippur even begins, we have **100% participation from each and every congregant family?** Why wait? The earlier pledges come in, the more value they have – for budgeting, scheduling, and paying bills. **Please – no matter what the size of your High Holiday contribution, make it as early as you can!** Let this be the year that Dr. Stein says, “every member of our Beth El family has already contributed something to the High Holiday campaign.”

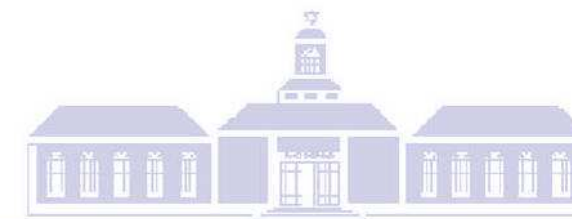
Food Certificate Update

Sales for the first six months of 2015 were \$12,130 less than the same period of 2014, \$184,410 against \$196,540. July is traditionally a low month, mainly because of school closing and family vacations, so I don't think I can project a sales figure until the last week of the month. I do know that the sales for two of our vendors have declined, Mrs. Green's because of their Wilton store closing and the Fresh Market in Westport just because of less buying in that store by our congregants (when I first signed them up last year, I promised at least \$10,000 in sales for this year for which they promised, and gave us, 10%). But I will do everything now to turn the tide of failing sales because I do not like to see it happen on my watch. I plan to make many calls to congregants in the coming months who are not in the program yet or who were in it but left. Please return my call if you are not home when I do. It is important that you tell me why you are not in it because this info can help me fix problems in any area where something may be lacking. This program is one of the easiest that we can all support. It doesn't cost you one penny more than the cost of the cards. We deliver so it doesn't cost you for gas, or we will mail the cards to you. To those of you who are in the program, I say thank you for making it as successful as it is. To those who aren't, I ask you again to at least give it a try so that we can make it as successful as it should be. It is a win-win situation for all of us.

Gift Certificate Update

Do you know that you can get gift cards from us for over 600 stores and services in the nation? That's right, we presently carry CVS, Dunkin Donuts, iTunes, Panera Bread, Walgreens, Bed, Bath and Beyond, and Starbucks in stock, and can get over 600 other cards for you in about 4 days from your order. Vendors give us profits ranging from 1.5% to 18% on their cards. Needless to say, during the holiday times and school closing in May and June, we get the most orders, but this is a year-long program and you can use it to buy birthday gifts, engagement and wedding gifts and gifts for anything during the year. Need coffee in the morning, buy a supply of Dunkin Donuts or Starbucks; a meal at lunchtime, use Panera Bread. For dinner we have long list of restaurant cards we can order for you. Call the synagogue office, 203.838.2710 or me at 203.846.2646 for a list of vendors available.

BETH EL Bulletin



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Special Pre-High Holy Day Edition

Join Us for Apples & Honey

Following Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

Sunday, September 13th Family Services start at

6:00 pm

Thank you to our hosts Win and Stefanie Baum



High Holy Days Service Times

- Rosh Hashanah**
Sunday, September 13
Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Service6:00pm
- Monday, September 14**
Rosh Hashanah Service8:30am
Youth Engagement & Babysitting10:00am
Tashlich at the Norwalk River across from Beth El.....1:00pm
Ma'ariv Service.....7:45pm
- Tuesday, September 15**
Rosh Hashanah Service8:30am
Youth Engagement & Babysitting10:00am
Ma'Ariv to end Rosh Hashanah.....7:40pm
- Yom Kippur**
Tuesday, September 22
Kol Nidre Services6:20pm
- Wednesday, September 23**
Yom Kippur Morning Service, including Yizkor.....9:00am
Youth Engagement & Babysitting10:00am
Study Session.....4:15pm
Mincha and Shofar Blowing.....5:00pm

Enjoy the Break Fast meal following Shofar Blowing

Members must be in good standing in order to receive tickets.
Please note that **ALL** members and their guests will be asked to show their tickets at the door.
If your guests do not have tickets, you will be billed for them after the holidays.

