

Internal Building Accessibility

If you cannot use steps to gain access to the first floor of the school building, Library and Coslov Auditorium, use the wheelchair lift located in the Holocaust Memorial Chapel hallway. It is tucked behind the closet across from the Chapel entrance. A staff member will be in the office to assist you with access to the lift. To gain access to the second floor of the school building, use the elevator located in the hallway beyond the Chapel.

Snack Room (Yom Kippur only)

One of the greatest commandments in Judaism is the commandment of *vahai bahem* – that one should live by the commandments, and not risk one's life through performance of other commandments. For those whose health requires them to eat and/or drink on Yom Kippur in order to fulfill the commandment of *vahai bahem*, we have designated the staff as a space for people who need to eat and/or drink on Yom Kippur. It is located just past the stairs leading to the Library/School Building (Room 106). Please bring whatever kosher food or drink you require for your dietary needs.

Sensory Friendly Services

For families and children who may appreciate or require a calmer and more structured environment, please join us for a Sensory Friendly service to celebrate Simchat Torah together on Thursday, October 12th at 6:45 pm. Stay tuned for more accessible services for Hanukkah and Purim.

Requests or Concerns

Do you have an accessibility request or concern that we have not already addressed? If so, please be in touch with Ken Krivitzky at 610-649-5300 or kkrivitzky@tbhbe.org so that we may help you.



High Holiday Accessibility Guide

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At Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, we like to say that Our House is Your Home. We are working to create a vibrant Jewish community where each individual's strengths are celebrated and everyone's needs are supported in all aspects of synagogue life. During these High Holy Days we wish to make our worship services and facilities as inclusive, welcoming and accessible as possible.

We hope that the information in this booklet will be helpful to you as you use our building. Please reach out to Ken Krivitzky, Executive Director (610-649-5300 or kkrivitzky@tbhbe.org) or speak to one of our ushers, if you have any accessibility concerns, questions or feedback.

This booklet was written and conceived by the TBH-BE Inclusion Committee, chaired by Sara Crimm and Rabbi Marc Israel. The Committee welcomes your comments!

Accessible Entrances

The main entrance to TBH-BE is accessible with a ramp, marked with signage, to the left of the entrance steps. The ramp is situated behind a low stone wall and may not be immediately visible.

Accessible Parking

Accessible parking spots are located in the parking circle just outside the synagogue main entrance, in the new parking lot closest to the building and on the grass in front of our School Building. If you require assistance parking your car, please ask one of the parking attendants.

Accessible Restrooms

A restroom with an accessible stall can be found in the lobby adjacent to the women's restroom, in the "bride's room." It is marked Accessible.

Changing Tables

Changing tables can be found in both of the restrooms in the lobby of the building.

Nursing/Infant Break Room

Room 112, our infant classroom, has been designated as a quiet and private area for mothers to nurse their babies during services.

Seating Requests

There are designated and trained ushers in the main sanctuary area to help you find a seat if you need extra space to accommodate a wheelchair or walker, a seat in a specific location to be able to see or hear better, or a seat on an aisle or in the back for easy entry and exit. Please approach an usher when you enter with your request and they will gladly help you.

Assistive Listening Devices

Portable listening receivers and ear buds are available for the Main Sanctuary/Cherry Auditorium and the Holocaust Memorial Chapel for people who need audio assistance. If you would like a receiver for the Sanctuary service, please request one upon entering the building. Instruction sheets are also available. Feel free to bring your own ear buds, if you prefer. Receivers for the Chapel are located in the Chapel at the entrance.

Large Print Mahzorim

Large print prayer books will be available for you at the main security desk as you enter the synagogue.