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# Beth El Bulletin



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## REFLECTIONS FROM THE RABBI

The Jewish year 5780 is certainly ending in some very unexpected ways! In this bulletin you will find the working schedule for Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. However, things may certainly change, so please stay in touch via e-mail for updates. Additionally, you will not see a schedule for Sukkot and Simchat Torah yet, or for Hebrew School. Those details are still being worked out.

Please know that the Board will be convening a Task Force to plan for the next phase of synagogue use. Until then, here is an excerpt from the letter I sent to our members regarding High Holy Day Services:

- Our services will be a hybrid mix of in-person, livestreamed, and pre-recorded segments.
- We will have either live services or other programming for all of the Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur services we usually do.
- We will limit our in-person services to a duration of no more than 90 minutes. Parts of the service that have to be cut will be prerecorded and uploaded to our Youtube Channel.
- We will limit the number of people in attendance to 25. *See below for details.*
- Everyone in the building will be required to wear a mask.
- Seating will be regulated by social distancing guidelines.
- We will not have congregational singing.
- Our cantorial soloist, David Steinau, and I will chant the prayers, but it will only be us at the bimah.
- Shofar-blowing is only on the second day and that will be done outdoors.

### **In-Person Attendance**

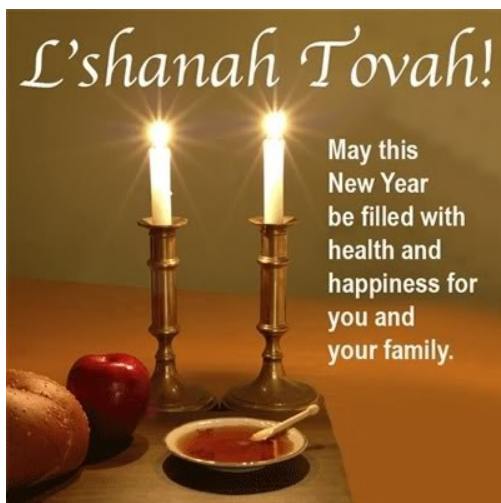
In order to mitigate risk; provide simpler contact tracing; and maintain necessary restrictions, mandates, and recommendations, we will limit attendance to a cohort of 25 members. This means that the same 25 people will be at each of the services together. They will have assigned seats, machzor (prayerbooks), kippot, and tallitot.

Only Congregation Beth El members will be in this cohort. Extended family will only be invited IF there are not 25 members at a service. No walk-ins will be permitted. Please contact me if you would like to attend.

## **High Holiday Tentative Schedule**

**(subject to change—please check e-mail frequently):**

- September 18<sup>th</sup>: Erev Rosh Hashana, 8-9pm  
(In-person & Livestream)
- September 19<sup>th</sup>: First Day of Rosh Hashana, 10-11:30am  
(In-person & Livestream)
- September 20<sup>th</sup>: Second Day of Rosh Hashana:  
Shofar service and Tashlich only,  
both will be outdoors. 10-11am  
(In-person & Livestream)
- September 27<sup>th</sup>: Kol Nidrei, 6:30-7:30pm  
(In-person & Livestream)
- September 28<sup>th</sup>: Yom Kippur morning, immediately  
followed by Yizkor, 10-11:30  
(In-person & Livestream)
- September 28<sup>th</sup>: Yom Kippur afternoon, reading of Book  
of Jonah and discussion, 5-6pm.  
(Livestream only)
- September 28<sup>th</sup>: Neilah (closing service), 7-7:30pm  
(Livestream only)



## **New Year, New Board**

As we prepare to welcome Rosh Hashanah 5781 the evening of September 27 we are ushering in a New Year like never before. All new years bring changes and this includes changes in our Board of Trustees. A huge thank you to Edye Newman and Sharon Simone, our most recent past co-presidents! We also wish to thank Lauren Parker, Paul Newman, and Elayne Sobel for their commitment to the Executive Board and Board. New to our board are Deborah Acevedo, Secretary; Matt Hoffman and Fred Teichman board members. We welcome their fresh eyes, ears and knowledge which they will be bringing to our synagogue.

Right now, we do not have a President; however, past presidents and board members have stepped up to take on the different duties ensuring that business as usual continues. Mike Wolfberg will be in charge of building maintenance, Benita Kolmen-Solomon will be the liaison between the board, Rabbi Nina and the congregation. Sharon and Edye will continue to be involved as well as many of the past Presidents. If you have any questions, please reach out to Benita at [bkolmsol@gmail.com](mailto:bkolmsol@gmail.com) and she will get back to you with answers, clarifications, etc.

The board will keep everyone informed as we move forward into the New Year - we will be looking at ways to bring us together and engaged so that we continue to be connected. Many of us made it through the wandering before our synagogue was rebuilt - we will make it through this time of social distancing!

We wish you a healthy, safe, and productive New Year!

L'shanah Tovah,  
Congregation Beth El Board of Trustees



**Elul 5780**

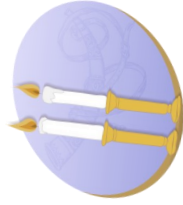
**September 2020**

**Tishrei 5781**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		Elul 12	Elul 13	Elul 14	Elul 15	Elul 16
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Elul 17	Elul 18	Elul 19	Elul 20	Elul 21	Elul 22	Elul 23
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Elul 24	#Elul 25	Elul 26	Elul 27	Elul 28	Elul 29	Tishrei 1
					Erev Rosh Hashanah	Rosh Hashanah
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Tishrei 2	Tishrei 3	Tishrei 4	Tishrei 5	Tishrei 6	Tishrei 7	Tishrei 8
Rosh Hashanah						
27	28	29	30			
Tishrei 9	Tishrei 10	Tishrei 11	Tishrei 12			
Erev Yom Kippur	Yom Kippur					

# September Calendar of Events

- 9/4 Shabbat Service, 8pm  
9/11 Shabbat Service, 8pm  
9/18 Erev Rosh Hashana, Shabbat service, 8pm  
9/19 First day of Rosh Hashana service, 10am  
9/20 Second day of Rosh Hashana service, 10am  
9/25 Shabbat Service, 8pm  
9/27 Kol Nidrei Service, 6:30pm  
9/28 Yom Kippur Services, 10am (see  
schedule for details)



**Tishrei 5781**

**October 2020**

**Cheshvan 5781**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				Tishrei 13	Tishrei 14	Tishrei 15
					Erev Sukkot	Sukkot
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Tishrei 16	Tishrei 17	Tishrei 18	Tishrei 19	Tishrei 20	Tishrei 21	Tishrei 22
Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot	Sukkot		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Tishrei 23	Tishrei 24	Tishrei 25	Tishrei 26	Tishrei 27	Tishrei 28	Tishrei 29
Simchat Torah						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Tishrei 30	Cheshvan 1	Cheshvan 2	Cheshvan 3	Cheshvan 4	Cheshvan 5	Cheshvan 6
Rosh Chodesh	Rosh Chodesh					
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Cheshvan 7	Cheshvan 8	Cheshvan 9	Cheshvan 10	Cheshvan 11	Cheshvan 12	Cheshvan 13



# October Calendar of Events

10/2-Shabbat Service, 8pm

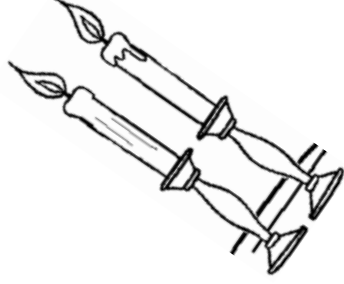
**\*\*Sukkot Schedule will be coming later\*\***

10/9-Shabbat Service, 8pm

10/10-Shabbat Morning Yizkor for Shemini  
Atzeret, 10am

10/16-Shabbat Service, 8pm

10/23-Shabbat Service, 8pm



## September Jahrzeit

Lester Freedman	12	Elul	9/1
Fay Greenfield	12	Elul	9/1
Joseph Adler	14	Elul	9/3
Gertrude Cohen	17	Elul	9/6
Arnold Minker	17	Elul	9/6
Margeurite Bernstein	19	Elul	9/8
Bertha Heyman	19	Elul	9/8
Reuben Tizes	19	Elul	9/8
Max Silverberg	20	Elul	9/9
Harry Weis	20	Elul	9/9
Jack Kolbert	21	Elul	9/10
Hyman Rubenstein	21	Elul	9/10
Louis Keiserman	23	Elul	9/12
Bernard Hoffman	24	Elul	9/13
Mary Marateck	25	Elul	9/14
Joseph Hirsch	26	Elul	9/15
Samuel Rosenblum	26	Elul	9/15
Rose Barrow	27	Elul	9/16
Benjamin Kass	28	Elul	9/17
Harris Bernstein	29	Elul	9/18
Beth Stiefel-Itoh	29	Elul	9/18
Joseph Newman	1	Tishrei	9/19
Aaron Berman	2	Tishrei	9/20
Frederick Golden	5	Tishrei	9/23
Melba Kaufman	6	Tishrei	9/24
Samuel Osterweil	7	Tishrei	9/25
Joshua Harton	10	Tishrei	9/28
Evelyn Karniol	10	Tishrei	9/28
Ignaz Karniol	10	Tishrei	9/28
Irving Steinberg	10	Tishrei	9/28
Albert Hyman	11	Tishrei	9/29
Mervyn Speck	11	Tishrei	9/29
Lillian Lessey	12	Tishrei	9/30



## October Yahrzeit

Hyman Amdurer	13	Tishrei	10/1
Charles L. Goldsmith	15	Tishrei	10/3
Betty Glazer	17	Tishrei	10/5
Marty Bayer	18	Tishrei	10/6
Meyer Millner	19	Tishrei	10/7
Stanley Israel	19	Tishrei	10/7
Sam Kolmen	21	Tishrei	10/9
Rosalind Penziner Polinsky	22	Tishrei	10/10
Katie Zukowsky	23	Tishrei	10/11
Jerome Striman	24	Tishrei	10/12
Daniela Abreu	25	Tishrei	10/13
Jacob Feldser	25	Tishrei	10/13
Ernestine Hirsch	26	Tishrei	10/14
Albert Emil Gedrich	27	Tishrei	10/15
Bertha Greenberg	27	Tishrei	10/15
Marcia J. Hammer	28	Tishrei	10/16
Marcia Schultz	28	Tishrei	10/16
Dr. Edward Suchman	29	Tishrei	10/17
Jerome Adler	30	Tishrei	10/18
Wolf Freedman	30	Tishrei	10/18
Fanny Wall	1	Cheshvan	10/19
Julius Kador	2	Cheshvan	10/20
Ruth Weiss	2	Cheshvan	10/20
Robert Lyons	3	Cheshvan	10/21
Isadore Oberson	4	Cheshvan	10/22
Mark Klapper	4	Cheshvan	10/22
Zelda Rosenblum	6	Cheshvan	10/24
Robert Weis	6	Cheshvan	10/24
Louis Fisher	7	Cheshvan	10/25
Bernard London	7	Cheshvan	10/25
Emilia Sanchez	7	Cheshvan	10/25
Rebecca Levitan	9	Cheshvan	10/27
Abraham Marateck	9	Cheshvan	10/27
Stella Freeman Weis	10	Cheshvan	10/28
Tillie Rosenblum	11	Cheshvan	10/29
Arthur Hirsch	13	Cheshvan	10/31



# T z e d a k a h

Deborah Abowitz	Targeted Donation - Virtual Services
Deborah Abowitz	Dues rounded up
Bev Bayer	Targeted Donation - Virtual Services
Nicholas and Joan Brabander	Dinner Dance Donation
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Richard Daniels and Barbara Parker-Bell	In Memory of Marcia Hoffman
Matthew Facktor and Marti Harris	Good Yontif Bakery - Shavuot
Morton and Evelyn Hershman	General Donation
Morton and Evelyn Hershman	Good Yontif Bakery - Shavuot
Roger and Fran Hoffman	General Donation
Roger and Fran Hoffman	Memorial Plaques - Marcia Dover Hoffman and Anne Silverman
Roger and Fran Hoffman	Good Yontif Bakery - Shavuot
John Kador and Anna Beth Payne	Targeted Donation - Virtual Services
Kass-Kolmen Giving Fund	Targeted Donation - Virtual Services
Barbara Kolmen	IMO Pauline D. Kass, IHO Bar Mitzvah of Nicodemus Charles, IHO Retiring Presidents Edye Newman and Sharon Simone
Betsy and David Marateck	Good Yontif Bakery - Shavuot
Lauren and David Parker	Good Yontif Bakery - Shavuot
Norman and Phyllis Rich	Good Yontif Bakery
Norman and Phyllis Rich	For virtual services
Norman and Phyllis Rich	In memory of Bernice Speck
Rev. Deanne and Jeanne Shively	Rabbi's Discretionary Fund - for Food Distribution
Harriet Shane	Good Yontif Bakery - Shavuot
Matthew and Sharon Silberman	Good Yontif Bakery - Shavuot
Matthew and Sharon Silberman	Dues rounded up
Sharon Simone	Dues rounded up
Elayne Sobel	Dues rounded up
Tom Solomon and Benita Kolmen-Solomon	Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
Philip and Renee Sosland	For the Website
Philip and Renee Sosland	Dues rounded up
Ian and Vickie Speck	In memory of Bernice Speck
Ian and Vickie Speck	In honor of Avigal Solomon's High School graduation
Jamie and Lindsey Speck	In memory of Grandma Speck
David Steinau	Targeted Donation - Virtual Services
Fred and Karen Teichman	Good Yontif Bakery - Shavuot



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# Mishaberach List



Sue Bernstein  
Norma Mandel

Walter Hershman  
Norma Yohai

Bradley Gutfinger  
Audrey Wolfberg

*\*\*Please note: Names have been removed from the Mishaberach List if we have not heard from you in over a year. If you would like to add a name, please contact Rabbi Nina:  
[rabbi@beth-el-sunbury.org](mailto:rabbi@beth-el-sunbury.org)*

Please check our website for updates on the  
Mishaberach list.

## Thoughts of Strength

Our voices and minds are joined as a community to ask  
for the strength to see our friends and family through  
times of sickness and strife. May our thoughts help bring  
healing to those in need



## Those in the First Year of Passing

Jay Harris  
Gloria Schwartz

Mark Klapper  
Marcia Hoffman

Terese Benzwei  
Mae Teichman

*May their memories be  
bound up in the Book of  
the Righteous.*



*Remember to kindle the  
memorial candle on the evening  
before the yahrzeit date.*





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Stretching back through the years, the Congregation Beth-El Bulletin has been edited by members who have given their time, and a little bit of sweat, dedicated to the task of keeping our temple family informed and involved. The current editorial staff hopes that with this incarnation of the temple bulletin we live up to the good work of our predecessors. Let us know what you think.

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