

HIGH HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

2018/5779

Dear Fellow Congregants,

This High Holiday Highlights contains important information to help make the holidays more meaningful for everyone.

Temple Beth-El's High Holiday services are conducted at Glenbrook South High School (except for Selichot and 2nd day Rosh Hashanah). Glenbrook South's large auditorium and plentiful parking allow our congregation to share the holidays together in comfortable surroundings. Directions to Glenbrook South and a map will be provided with your High Holiday tickets. Services begin promptly at the designated times.

We are excited to introduce new changes this year:

- Following the Children's Service on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we are bringing back the Young Children's Supervised Activities from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm during adult services. (See flyer to sign up)
- NEW Yom Kippur afternoon service. A reflective, meditative, musical experience, designed to open our hearts, uplift the soul, and carry us to a new place. Unlike any worship service you have ever experienced at Temple Beth-El.
- Beginning at 3:30 pm on Yom Kippur our choir will fill our worship space with beautiful music from the High Holidays. During this time, the ARK will be open allowing those who wish to speak the prayers of their heart to stand in that holy space.
- The year's Ne'ilah Service will commence immediately following the Yizkor service.

Everyone must complete and return the High Holiday Ticket Request Form to receive tickets. Please return the form in the enclosed envelope to the Temple no later than **Friday, August 10**. For those who are in good standing, tickets will be available for pick up beginning Wednesday, September 5.

We wish you and your family a happy and healthy New Year, and look forward to seeing you at services.

L'Shalom,

Erwin Pearlman, Religious Activities Vice President

SELICHOT* Saturday, September 1		CEMETERY SERVICE Sunday, September 16	
Dinner & Movie	6:30 pm	Kever Avot Service	10:00 am
Dessert Reception	9:15 pm	at Shalom Memorial Park	
Candlelight Service	10:00 pm	KOL NIDRE Tuesday, September 18	
EREV ROSH HASHANAH Sunday, September 9		Evening Service	7:00 pm
Evening Service	7:30 pm	YOM KIPPUR Wednesday, September 19	
ROSH HASHANAH Monday, September 10		Children's Service	9:00 am
Children's Service	9:00 am	Traditional Morning Service	10:30 am
Contemporary Morning Service	10:30 am	Reflective, Meditative, Musical Service	2:00 pm
Tashlich at Wood Oaks Park	3:00 pm	Prayers of Your Heart in front of the Ark	3:30 pm
Tuesday, September 11		Yizkor & Ne'ilah Service	4:00 pm
Morning Service*			
Followed by a Lite Lunch	10:00 am		

* Services for Selichot and the second day of Rosh Hashanah will be conducted at Temple Beth-El.

All other services will be conducted at Glenbrook South High School at 4000 W. Lake Ave., Glenview. Doors to the school open 30 minutes before services begin.

Financial Obligations

Under the long-standing customs and by-laws of the congregation, all members are reminded of their responsibility to have their accounts in good standing **before** High Holiday tickets can be picked up or mailed. Special arrangements may be made with Nancy Reil. Please handle this in a timely manner to ensure receipt of your High Holiday tickets. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Reil in the Temple office at 847.205.9982 ext. 209.

Tickets

Temple policy only allows complimentary tickets to be issued to a member's immediate family. This includes single youth/young adult, grade 3 through age 30. Adults over age 30 or married children are encouraged to join the Temple. **Presentation of a ticket for each person is required for admittance to each service. Please wear your tickets as you enter.**

Members' Extended Family Tickets

Members in good standing may purchase tickets to High Holiday services for extended family members. Extended family members include: parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, siblings and their families. Please also include their relationship on the Ticket Request order form. The cost is **\$200** per adult and **\$100** per youth/young adult* ticket.

Reciprocity

Members of Reform congregations may receive reciprocal privileges at Temple Beth-El upon written notification from their temple administrator. Reciprocity letters, which must include name(s), mailing address, and phone number of recipient, may be faxed to Shaina Farwell at 847.205.9921.

Non-Member Tickets

Tickets for non-members are **\$350** per adult and **\$250** per youth/young adult.*

*A youth/young adult is defined as single, grade 3 through age 30.

"Lost Ticket" Procedure

Lost High Holiday tickets will not be replaced with additional tickets. In the event that you misplace or lose any of your tickets, please contact the Temple office. Your name(s) will be placed on a lost ticket report, and you will be required to check in prior to each service at the High Holiday usher table at Glenbrook South High School.

Bimah Flowers

A donation for flowers to beautify our bimah may be made in celebration of a simcha, or in memory/honor of a loved one. Flowers are a statement of love, and add beauty to every moment of life. Flowers adorn the bimah at all of our High Holiday services. Please complete the enclosed form and return it to the Temple by August 10, to have your name listed as a donor.

Transportation to Services

The Temple will assist in facilitating transportation arrangements to Glenbrook South from the Skokie-Lincolnwood area for those who are in need of a ride. There is no charge for this service. Please let Shaina Farwell in the Temple office know by August 10, if you need our help.

Accessible Parking

If you require accessible parking, please indicate that on the enclosed form. Accessible parking will be clearly designated by cones in the north and/or west parking lots at Glenbrook South High School. Look for uniformed officers to remove cones. A map will be included with your High Holiday tickets.

Accessible Seating

Accessible seating will be available. **To ensure accessible seating, arrangements need to be made in advance.** Please answer the appropriate questions on the enclosed form. We have set up a special entrance to the auditorium.

Please pick up your tickets in the Administrative Office

Wednesday, Sept. 5 9:30 am - 7:30 pm

Thursday, Sept. 6 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Friday, Sept. 7 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

Sunday, Sept. 9 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Selichot . . . Preparing for Rosh Hashanah

Beginning the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah and continuing through Yom Kippur, Jews recite "Selichot," special prayers for forgiveness that prepare us for the High Holidays.

The month of Elul is a time for personal reflection and spiritual preparation for the New Year. It offers an opportunity to examine what holds us back from being who we really want to be. If we use Elul to take concrete steps towards change, we can make a difference!

The Selichot prayers are pleas for mercy. The melodies are sad and full of longing, expressing the despair that accompanies separation from God and the desire to repent. The words, which express the feeling of life's fleetingness and the burden of vanity that motivates so much of what one does, cause us to ponder how to break the cycle of our lives and change ourselves for the better.

We invite you and your friends to join us at Temple Beth-El on Saturday, September 1

6:30 pm Dinner & Movie
This Is Where I Leave You
 (See enclosed form to RSVP for this program)

9:15 pm Dessert Reception
 (Sponsored by TBE Sisterhood)

10:00 pm Selichot Candlelight Service

Tashlich

The ancient custom of casting our sins into the waters will take place on Monday, September 10 at 3:00 pm at Wood Oaks Park in Northbrook. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/tbechildrenservices2018>.

Prayer Books

Last year we began using the new Reform movements Mishkan HaNefesh High Holiday prayer books. If you do not own these new prayer books, please fill out and return the enclosed form. Loaner books will NOT be available at services.

Kever Avot Service

Shalom Memorial Park will offer traditional Kever Avot services on Sunday, September 16. Families join in solemn remembrance of their departed loved ones. Prayers are led by rabbis and cantors representing all branches of Judaism. We invite you and your family to participate. The program begins promptly at 10:00 am in the funeral home chapel.

High Holiday Opportunities for Families with Young Children

Children's Service

This service is designed for children **below 3rd grade** and their parents, to introduce children to themes of the holidays and provide them with a meaningful experience geared to their age level. **Tickets are not required for these services.** Infant seats and strollers are only permitted in the auditorium during Children's Services. Food is not permitted in the auditorium. This service will be ASL interpreted. Please sign up at <http://bit.ly/tbechildrenservices2018>.

Young Children's Activities

Following the Children's Service, children **age 2 through 2nd grade** can attend age appropriate supervised activities in the cafeteria at Glenbrook South while parents worship at the 10:30 am Services. Stories, games, crafts and other fun surprises are planned to introduce children to themes of the holidays. Please send a nut-free lunch for your child clearly marked with first and last name. **Children must be signed up by August 31. (see enclosed registration form)** NO child will be admitted without pre-registration. The parent's High Holiday ticket must be shown at drop-off. (We will not have anyone to change diapers at these sessions.)

HUGS High Holiday Service

Temple Beth-El proudly partners with HUGS to provide a free Rosh Hashanah service for families with special needs. Monday, September 10 at 3:30 - 4:30 pm at Congregation Beth Shalom - 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook. This service is designed to be accessible and sensitive to a variety of needs. Open to the entire community and all ages are welcome. www.hugschicago.org



**Don't miss being part of our
EXCITING Tikkun Olam Programs!**

A flyer will be available at Ticket Pick up. We have planned Tikkun Olam projects for all ages. Don't miss the August project. Use the following link to register:
<http://bit.ly/tbetikkunolam>

Aug. 26 9:40 am Maot Chitim - Deliver boxes

Ushering

The Religious Activities Committee helps coordinate the ushers for the High Holidays. Please do a mitzvah by ushering at one or more of our services. Ushers are needed for the services listed below.

Plan to arrive at least 30 minutes before the start of the service. Thank you for participating in this mitzvah. Please sign up using the following link (<http://bit.ly/tbehighholidayusher2018>) or use the enclosed Ticket Request form. Contact Shaina Farwell (sfarwell@templebeth-el.org) for more information on how to become a High Holiday usher.

Selichot	Sept.	1
Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	Sept.	9
Rosh Hashanah Children's Service	Sept.	10
Rosh Hashanah Contemporary Service	Sept.	10
Rosh Hashanah Second Day Service	Sept.	11
Kol Nidre	Sept.	18
Yom Kippur Children's Service	Sept.	19
Yom Kippur Traditional Service	Sept.	19
Yom Kippur Contemporary Afternoon Service	Sept.	19
Yom Kippur Yizkor & Ne'ilah Service	Sept.	19

High Holiday Food Drive for the ARK

At Rosh Hashanah services, ushers will hand out bags to take home and fill with KOSHER food. **Bring your filled bags back to Glenbrook South on Yom Kippur and deposit them in the ARK storage containers in the parking lots. For security reasons, please DO NOT bring bags into the High School, or to the Temple.**

Scroll of Remembrance

Yizkor refers to a Memorial Service that reminds us that a person's faith and goodness live on in the memories of their family, friends and community. Yizkor services occur 4 times during the year, on Yom Kippur, Simchat Torah, Pesach and Shavuot.

The "Scroll of Remembrance" is produced once a year for use at our Yizkor services. This booklet records the names that are inscribed on Temple Beth-El's walls, as well as those we recall in our hearts. It demonstrates that our loved ones continue to be treasured, celebrated, and remembered. By recording these names in the "Scroll of Remembrance" booklet each year, we link ourselves with them and bind them to the community who were a part of their life. Memory is a link between our past and our future; it roots us in the past and gives us hope for the future.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding High Holidays, please call Shaina Farwell at 847.205.9982 ext. 208 or Janice Hadesman at ext. 211.

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