

## HIGH HOLIDAY 5775 SERVICE SCHEDULE

<b>Saturday, September 20</b>	Selichot Program: Dessert, Concert, Service	8:00 pm	<b>INSIDE:</b>	
<b>Wednesday, September 24</b>	Erev Rosh Hashanah New Year's Blessing of Our Children	5:45 pm	<b>Read This First!</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Thursday, September 25</b>	Rosh Hashanah—First Day Service in Main Sanctuary Family Service in Cultural Center (Ages Birth-5) Youth Minyan in Chapel (Ages 6-12) Teen Schmooze in Conference Room (Ages 13-17) Tashlich & Mincha/Ma'ariv at Railroad Park	8:15 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 4:30 pm	<b>Ticket Policy</b> <b>Selichot</b> <b>Tashlich</b> <b>Childcare/Youth</b>	<b>4</b> <b>5</b> <b>5</b> <b>6</b>
<b>Friday, September 26</b>	Rosh Hashanah—Second Day Service in Main Sanctuary Youth Minyan in Chapel (Ages 6-12) Mincha/Ma'ariv Erev Shabbat Services	8:15 am 10:00 am 5:45 pm	<b>Choir</b> <b>Home Ritual</b> <b>Break-the-Fast</b>	<b>7</b> <b>8</b> <b>9</b>
<b>Saturday, September 27</b>	Shabbat Morning Services	9:30 am	<b>Sukkot</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Sunday, September 28</b>	Cemetery Visits Old Kl / Beth-El Elmwood	10:00 am 11:00 am		
<b>Friday, October 3</b>	Kol Nidre	6:00 pm		
<b>Saturday, October 4</b>	Yom Kippur Service in Main Sanctuary Family Service in Cultural Center (Ages Birth-5) Youth Minyan in Chapel (Ages 6-12) Yizkor* Teen Schmooze in Conference Room (Ages 13-17) Recess* / Ask the Rabbi Mincha/Neilah Children's Processional Gathering (Social Hall) Ma'ariv/Havdallah* Final Shofar <i>Temple Beth-El Foundation invites everyone to Break-the-fast</i> <i>*Service times are approximate</i>	9:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 2:00 pm 4:45 pm 6:45 pm 6:55 pm 7:10 pm		
<p><b>Childcare provided during all Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services for ages birth through 1st grade.</b> Please see page 6 and the colored insert for details and registration information.</p>				
<b>Wednesday, October 8</b>	Erev Sukkot	5:30 pm		
<b>Thursday, October 9</b>	Sukkot 1st Day Services Mincha/Ma'ariv	9:30 am 5:30 pm		
<b>Friday, October 10</b>	Sukkot 2nd Day Services Mincha/Ma'ariv Erev Shabbat Services	9:30 am 5:45 pm		
<b>Wednesday, October 15</b>	Hoshanah Rabah Erev Shemini Atzeret	7:00 am 5:30 pm		
<b>Thursday, October 16</b>	Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor Erev Simchat Torah	9:30 am 6:30 pm		
<b>Friday, October 17</b>	Simchat Torah Mincha/Ma'ariv Erev Shabbat Service	9:30 am 5:45 pm		
<p><b>See the back cover for special Sukkot Events</b></p>				

Rosh Hashanah is a time of introspection, looking at the mistakes of the past year and planning changes for the new year. The ten days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is a time to ask forgiveness from those whom we might have hurt during the past year.

**Services in the Sanctuary** are conducted by Rabbi Randall Konigsburg and Cantor Harvey Bordowitz and feature the Temple Beth-El High Holiday choir.

**Hearing devices** are available and can be reserved by contacting the Synagogue Office in advance.

**A Family Service** will be held in the Rose and Nathan Filler Cultural Center for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

**Large print High Holiday prayer books** are available from the ushers.

## READ THIS FIRST—FROM RABBI KONIGSBURG!



I was looking through this High Holiday bulletin, in its pre-publication draft, and I began to realize why people approach these holy days with so much anxiety. This newsletter is filled with long lists of things you need to do and things you should not do over the course of the holiday season. It is a list of things that is born of the problems that arise when large numbers of people get together and occupy a small space. If you read between the lines you can imagine all the problems that have occurred in past years that these rules and regulations are designed to resolve.

The High Holidays are not designed to foster that kind of anxiety. If you act like a mensch, a kind, caring, and considerate human being, you will find most of these rules unnecessary.

This is what you should be paying attention to during the times you are in synagogue:

- Think about why you are coming to synagogue. It does not matter if you come every day, every week, once a month or this will be the first time this year. We have done all we can do to make this a place of contemplation and reflection. We cannot give you a spiritual experience because only you can do that for yourself. Set your mind to find God here and you will encounter God. Don't let yourself be distracted from your goal.
- The Machzor you will find at your seat is a guide, not a cookbook. It does not have a recipe for all that is on your mind. It has prayers and poetry that others have found helpful in their search. Use it to get into a proper frame of mind. Don't worry about being on the right page or if you are standing or sitting at the right time. If you are looking deeply at your life and examining your actions in the past year, you are doing what Judaism wants you to do.
- The Liturgy has long lists of sins that we can contemplate. The late Rabbi Sidney Greenberg, one of the great rabbis in Conservative Judaism and a former vice-chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, once claimed that he didn't read all those sins every year. He would pick one or two or three that he felt he wanted to work on and concentrated on them. It is a big room, and we all have sins we need to work on. You pick what works for you and then focus on your choices. If you are worried you are doing it wrong, you **are** doing it wrong. If you find yourself struggling and maybe even crying, you are doing it right.
- Many people wear a "kittel" when they pray on the holidays. It is the garment that some wear on their wedding day, and it is a garment that is placed on a body when we prepare them for burial. It is a good thing to think about your hopes and dreams about life as you stood under the Huppah on your wedding day. It is good to contemplate what you want to accomplish and what you want to be remembered for after you die. It is also good to not have to worry about what you are wearing. When you are thinking about where your life is going, your clothing is the least of your concerns. Be comfortable, modest and keep your clothing simple.
- Remember that you are asking God to forgive you. It is wholly inappropriate to not forgive others for slights and cross words. If you won't forgive others, why should God forgive you? Asking for forgiveness for your sins also means you need to be aware of what you are doing at all times. You don't want to get caught gossiping, losing your temper, doing business in shul or being impatient. Hutzpah is defined as someone who kills his parents and then asks the court to be lenient because he is an orphan. Be aware of your actions at all times.

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- Rabbi Arthur Waskow once told a story of a Rabbi who was given a medal by his congregation in honor of his humility. They took it back the next day when they caught him wearing it. Focus on your own journey from sin to forgiveness and from selfishness to spirituality. Don't worry about what others are doing (and that includes your spouse and children). Don't tell anyone that they are "doing it wrong" or to "look at what I am doing." Keep focused on God.
- On these days, you are standing before God as your Creator, your Judge and the Ruler of the Universe. There is no way you are going to get away with anything. God sees it all and has seen it all. If you do this correctly, you will soon feel inadequate, embarrassed and (as Rabbi Alan Lew said) totally unprepared. Once you get to this place, you are ready to begin your journey to forgiveness and to a happy and healthy new year. Only when all the usual excuses and explanations are useless can we begin the real work of self-improvement. You may feel very exposed and vulnerable being in a public place with these feelings but remember, everyone should be feeling what you are feeling and that God is with you, and that is not insignificant. You are not insignificant. It is important to fully understand, at all times, that God loves you, cares about you and your actions make a difference in the world.
- All of this takes time so start early with forgiving others and be prepared to keep working on yourself all year round.

From my family to yours, I wish you a very happy, sweet and joyful new year. May it bring peace to our hearts and to our planet. L'shana Tova

## HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM LORAIN REZNIK, PRESIDENT



Every year as Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur approach, Jews throughout the world reflect on the past and look to the future with great hope and optimism. We at Temple Beth-El are blessed to be entering 5775 with renewed strength – many of the challenges we faced have been eliminated and many new opportunities have been created. My hope for the coming year is that each of us, every member of our shul family, will commit to choosing at least one new way to be involved. There are so many simple things we each might do which will greatly strengthen us as a congregation and a community. Maybe it will be coming to more Shabbat services than last year, maybe it will be to join us for minyan in the morning or afternoon, maybe it will be to join Sisterhood or the Men's Club and to volunteer to help with one event, maybe it will be to attend an Adult Education class, maybe it will be to visit our older, less mobile members with the Chesed Committee, maybe it will be to become involved with the Chevra Kaddishah, maybe it will be to help feed those in need through Community Kitchens or to help provide shelter through Birmingham Family Promise, maybe it will be helping out with the Religious School or getting involved in College Connection. And I've only begun to skim the surface...

Without us, there is no congregation, there's only a building. Without you, someone very important is missing. Each of us enriches our community through our commitment and involvement. Temple Beth-El is strong because we make it strong. Our continued success will truly come from each of us doing at least one new thing – imagine what doing over 500 new things this coming year can mean for our future.

David and I wish the new year will be one of peace, health, growth and blessing for everyone in our Temple Beth-El family.

## HIGH HOLIDAY TICKET POLICY

*For security purposes, all must have a ticket to enter the building during the High Holidays.*

- 1) Tickets are required for admittance to services in the Main Sanctuary during the first day of Rosh Hashanah and through Musaf on Yom Kippur.
- 2) Tickets are issued to all members in good standing several weeks before Rosh Hashanah based upon payment for the 2013-2014 year. If you haven't received your tickets by September 10, please contact Emily in the TBE Office.
- 3) There is no charge for members' tickets.
- 4) A fee of \$50 per ticket or \$72 for 2 tickets will be charged for a member's out-of-town guest(s). This fee must be paid in advance. Tickets may be picked up prior to noon the day before the holiday.
- 5) Persons who live in Birmingham and are not members of Temple Beth-El will not be sold tickets. However, college-age students may call Bob Greenberg for complimentary tickets.
- 6) Permanent seats will not be sold nor will there be any assigned seats.
- 7) Possession of a ticket by a member/paid guest does not guarantee a seat but only guarantees admittance. We maintain a first-come, first-served policy for seating.
- 8) A member will receive tickets only for those family members who are dependents above the age of 18. Younger family members will be provided services and activities in places other than the Main Sanctuary. **Children under 18 do not need tickets.**
- 9) Tickets are not transferable.

## HIGH HOLIDAY PARKING AND ENTRANCE

- **Handicap Access:** A Security Guard will be present at the 21st Way entrance, on Highland Avenue, and at the lower parking lot entrance. All elderly and handicapped members may enter or exit at either location. **The entire lower parking lot will be reserved for handicapped parking.**
- **Parking:** Please use the back parking lot or street parking for general parking and the Social Hall parking lot for Handicapped parking.
- **Reading and Resource Room and Social Hall Break Space:** The hallways along the sanctuary will be busy. To alleviate noise and allow for prayer and contemplation in the sanctuary, we encourage you to use the Reading and Resource Room or the Social Hall for lengthy breaks. Children will be directed to the school areas downstairs or other locations for youth services.
- The **Chapel** will house Junior Congregation, and the **Cultural Center** will be the location of the Family Services and the Break the Fast.
- **Ushers:** We have a wonderful group of volunteer ushers organized by our Men's Club who will focus on security, safety, and creating a community atmosphere. If you have a question feel free to find one of the ushers to help solve a problem or find the right information.

## HIGH HOLIDAY HONORS

The High Holiday Honors list will be sent out in an email in mid-September and will be available in the pews during services.

## A NOTE ABOUT DECORUM

“KNOW  
before  
Whom you  
STAND”

Babylonian  
Talmud

Because of the large number of people in our sanctuary during the High Holidays, it is difficult for our ushers to control the traffic flow and noise level. Please help by respecting and listening to our ushers. We request that all those who worship with us remember where they are and to conduct themselves accordingly. We also request that seats

not be saved for any great length of time. Seats may only be saved for a few minutes for someone who is either parking a car or has gone to the restroom. We do not allow the saving of seats for people who have not yet arrived at services. As you enter the Sanctuary, please be sure that your **cell phone and other electronic devices are turned off.**

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: SELICHOT PROGRAM AND SERVICE

8:00 pm

A time for reflection and selichah (“forgiveness”), the Selichot service and program will be an inspirational way to prepare for the New Year.

This year, our Selichot service will be introduced by music to set the mood for reflection and repentance. We will have a string quartet and piano to introduce music designed to reflect the feelings of this season.

Musicians Marilyn Pipkin (violin), Ilene Brill (violin), Melanie Rodgers (viola), Greg Odrezin (cello), and Marsha Alexander (piano) will be joining us. We invite you to join us for this spiritually uplifting start to the Days of Awe.

The musical program will be followed by Selichot services led by Rabbi Konigsburg and Marty Schnier.

## CEMETERY VISITS: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

It is a custom to visit the graves of loved ones during the High Holiday season. In keeping with this popular tradition, Rabbi Konigsburg will conduct a brief service at each cemetery on Sunday morning, September 28.

At that time, you will have the opportunity to recite personal and communal prayers. Alternatively, you may visit the cemetery at any time during the High Holiday season to recite individual prayers.

### Schedule:

**Sunday, September 28**

**Old KI / Beth-El: 10:00am**

**Elmwood: 11:00am**

Please call our office if you need assistance with transportation.

## TASHLICH & MINCHA/MA'ARIV: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AT 4:30PM

Thursday, September 25, at 4:30pm, all are invited to join us for our annual congregational Tashlich service. Tashlich takes place on the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah (except Shabbat). Tashlich in Hebrew means to “send away,” and refers to the action of “symbolically casting away one’s sins”. Bring your entire family and friends as you experience another dimension of the traditions of Rosh Hashanah. Please bring bread or bread crumbs because it is customary to throw bread into the water as we symbolically cast away our sins.

We will meet at **Railroad Park (corner of 14th Street South and 1st Avenue South)**. The service is casual and will last about half an hour followed by Mincha/Ma'ariv, both at Railroad Park.

## HIGH HOLIDAY CHILDCARE

Temple Beth-El is pleased to offer childcare during the High Holidays for children birth through 1st grade for daytime and evening services. Although there is no charge for childcare, you must register your child to reserve their spot. **Please return the included Childcare Registration Form or visit [www.templebeth-el.net](http://www.templebeth-el.net) to register your child(ren) by Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> for Rosh Hashanah and Thursday, October 2nd for Yom Kippur.** We hire the appropriate number of childcare workers to care for those children who are registered.

Childcare is available for the following services. Children should be picked up immediately following the end of services.

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| • Erev Rosh Hashanah, Wednesday, September 24   | 5:45 pm |
| • Rosh Hashanah—1st Day, Thursday, September 25 | 8:15 am |
| • Rosh Hashanah—2nd Day, Friday, September 26   | 8:15 am |
| • Kol Nidre, Friday, October 3                  | 6:00 pm |
| • Yom Kippur morning, Saturday, October 4       | 9:00 am |
| • Yom Kippur evening, Saturday, October 4       | 4:30 pm |

Please use the Highland Avenue entrance to our lower school wing. Plan to check on your child every hour. You must label all items belonging to your child. In keeping with our observance of the holiday, please remember not to send writing or coloring items. Snacks will be provided for children 3 and older. For children under 3, please provide kosher food. A crock pot will be available for heating bottles. Please also provide diapers, wipes, and sleeping bedding (if needed) for your child.

## FAMILY SERVICES

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AND SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4 10:00-11:00AM**  
**FILLER CULTURAL CENTER**

Families with children ages birth through 5 years are invited to attend these special services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur in the Cultural Center. Join us for a fantastic and memorable family service that your family will talk about for many years to come. After the service ends, children through 6th grade are invited to the Religious School classrooms for special holiday activities until 1:00pm.

## TEEN SCHMOOZE

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 AND  
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4  
 CONFERENCE ROOM**

All Teens ages 13-17 are invited for a snack (on Rosh Hashanah) and schmooze to celebrate the New Year in the Conference Room. First Day Rosh Hashanah Schmooze begins at 11:30am, and Yom Kippur Schmooze begins at 12:30pm.

## YOUTH MINYAN AGES 6-12 10:00AM-1:00PM

Services will take place from 10:00am—11:30am in the Chapel on both days of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. Following the worship service, the children will report to the Religious School classrooms for activities, stories, games, snacks, songs, and other holiday related programming. Children should be picked up promptly at 1:00pm.

Please contact Rabbi Joseph at 933-2740 or [jrobinson@templebeth-el.net](mailto:jrobinson@templebeth-el.net) for more information.

All youth Shofar blowers are invited to help us conclude Yom Kippur with the final blast of the shofar. To participate, please bring your shofar and be present for the Neilah service which will begin around 6:00pm on Saturday, October 4.

## CHILDREN'S HAVDALLAH PROCESSIONAL

At the conclusion of the Yom Kippur Neilah / Maariv service, pre-Bar/Bat Mitzvah children of all ages are invited to participate in our annual Havdallah processional. All children will march into the sanctuary together, carrying "glow sticks" and singing Hebrew songs. The entire group will join the Rabbi and Cantor on the pulpit for the

Havdallah service and concluding blasts of the Shofar.

**The children will meet in the Social Hall at 6:45 pm on Saturday, October 4, to prepare for the processional.** All Temple Beth-El children are encouraged to participate, whether they are students in our Religious School or not.

For more information please contact Rabbi Joseph.

Don't miss this opportunity to share the dramatic conclusion of Yom Kippur with your children and the Temple Beth-El community. The final blast of the Shofar will conclude the service at 7:10 pm.



## TEKIA G'EDOLA! SHOFAR BLOWERS WANTED!

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## HIGH HOLIDAY CHOIR

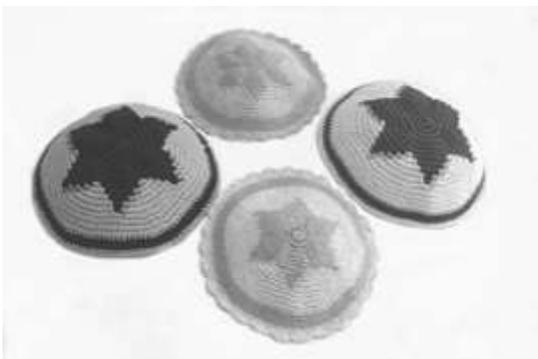


A highlight of our High Holiday services is our talented choir led by Cantor Bordowitz. Special thanks to this wonderful group, whose dedication and devotion to our Temple enable all of us to enjoy a more meaningful experience during the Yamim Noraim. **A hearty Yasher Koach to Barry Ivker** who has led choir rehearsals many months in advance to prepare.

Members of our Choir include: **Elisha Benjamin, Robin Benjamin, Ed Fineberg, Taryn Fink, Barry Ivker, Josh Ivker, Naomi Ivker, Sara Krantz, Judith Michaelson, Thea Ostroy, Susan Padove, Susan Schwartz, Kay Virago, and Sam Zuckerman.**

Yasher Koach and thank you!

## BETH ELEGANT IS BACK!



Temple Beth-El's favorite fundraiser is back! Our hand-crocheted Kippahs are crafted by experienced artisans from our Temple Beth-El community. The Kippot make a wonderful High Holiday, birthday, anniversary, and Chanukah gifts!

Ladies' Kippot are cream and gold or white and silver. Men's Kippot are grey and navy, all \$100. Back by special request, crimson and white Kippot are available for purchase at the price of \$150.

If you would like to purchase one, please contact Natalie Sikora at [sikoraan@aol.com](mailto:sikoraan@aol.com) or 956-6288.

## AN EREV YOM KIPPUR RITUAL FOR THE HOME

### Tzedakah

It is customary, before the beginning of Yom Kippur, for each of us to put money aside for some worthy cause. We hereby vow to fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah as we begin this festival. We remember the words of the prophet, who called us to share our bread with the hungry, to clothe the naked, and never to hide ourselves from our own kin. May we, together with the whole House of Israel, be mindful of the needs of others, sharing with them the fruits of our labor and helping to sustain them, so that the promise may be fulfilled.

You may bring your Tzedakah to Kol Nidre to support the funds listed on page 9.



### Candles

The lights are kindled after the meal and before leaving for the synagogue. The holiest day of the year is about to begin. May it be for each one of us a day of renewal. We seek this day to overcome what wrong we have done, and to strengthen what is good in our lives. May it bring us closer to one another, and make us more loyal to our community and our faith.

*Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam, a-sher ki-d'sha-nu b' mitz-vo-tav v'tzi-va-nu l'had-lik ner shel yom tov.*

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You hallow us with your Mitzvot, and command us to kindle the lights of the Day of Atonement.

*Ba-ruch a-ta Adonai, Eh-lo-hei-nu meh-lech ha-o-lam, sheh-heh-cheh-ya-nu, v'ki-y'manu, v'higi-anu la-z'man ha.zeh.*

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.

### Parental Blessing

We bless our children with the following: May God bless you and guide you. Seek truth always, be charitable in your words, just and loving in your deeds. A noble heritage has been entrusted to you; guard it well.

#### FOR A BOY:

May God inspire you to live in the tradition of Ephraim and Menasheh, who carried forward the life of our people.

#### FOR A GIRL:

May God inspire you to live in the tradition of Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel, and Leah, who carried forward the life of our people.

#### FOR BOTH:

*Y'va-reh-ch'cha Adonai v'yish-m'reh-cha. Ya-eir Adonai pa-nav ei-leh-cha vi-chu-neh-ka. Yi-sa Adonai pa-nav ei-leh-chav' ya-seim l' cha sha-lom.*

May God bless you and keep you. May God look kindly upon you, and be gracious to you. May God reach out to you in tenderness, and give you peace. *There may now be a moment of silence, in which all present think of one another with blessing.*

## TENNIS SHOES ARE “IN-STYLE” FOR YOM KIPPUR

Rabbi Konigsburg invites the entire congregation to wear sneakers / tennis shoes to Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur services! Among the five prohibitions on Yom Kippur is the ancient law, which prohibits leather shoes from being worn on the Day of Atonement. This tradition is practiced annually among Jews all over the world and this year we would like you to take advantage of this mitzvah. Both men and

women often wear canvas instead of leather shoes because leather was a sign of luxury in early days. There are some who suggest that it does not seem appropriate on this day to wear the skin of an animal slaughtered for human pleasure. In some communities the High Holidays become a fashion show and congregants use this opportunity to show off their lavish and expensive clothing. Our ancient rabbis were

concerned with this inappropriate display and created laws to help us focus on the meaning and purpose of this occasion. At this contemplative time, our spiritual needs are of more importance than our physical needs.



## KOL NIDRE TZEDAKAH DRIVE

The following organizations will be the beneficiaries of this year's Kol Nidre Tzedakah Drive:

- **Norma Livingston Ovarian Cancer Foundation**

The mission of the NLOCF is to raise funds for ovarian cancer research through various events and opportunities and to increase awareness about the risks, symptoms and treatments of this disease. Our hope is that Norma Livingston's death will make a difference in other women's lives.

[www.nlovca.org](http://www.nlovca.org)

- **Institute for Southern Jewish Life Department of Community Engagement**

The ISJL Department of Community Engagement completes the ISJL's mission by working in partnership with a broad network of service-based organizations, including public schools, nonprofits, churches, and community groups, to address a range of social issues that affect all people in the Southern region. The Department of Community Engagement also works with Jewish congregations in the region to establish strong and ongoing relationships with individuals and institutions in their local communities. Through this department, the ISJL strengthens and enhances a proud tradition of pursuing justice in our communities, a defining and vital element of many Southern Jewish experiences.

[www.isjl.org/community-engagement.html](http://www.isjl.org/community-engagement.html)

- **Leket Israel**

Serving as the country's National Food Bank and largest food rescue network, Leket Israel works to alleviate the problem of nutritional insecurity amongst the growing numbers of Israel's poor. In 2013, with the help of over 50,000 volunteers, Leket Israel rescued and distributed 25 million lbs of produce and perishable goods, 1 million prepared meals, and 1.1 million (8,000/school day) volunteer prepared sandwiches to underprivileged children. Food, that would have otherwise gone to waste, was redistributed to hundreds of nonprofit partners caring for the needy. Leket Israel offers nutrition education, capacity building, and food safety projects to further assist our partners.

<http://leket.org.il/english/>

## ASK THE RABBI

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH AT 2:15 PM**

Many people have the custom of staying all day at Yom Kippur Services. This year, Rabbi Konigsburg will be having an "Ask the Rabbi" session during the recess for all who wish to stay. We can talk about Jewish Law, customs, or celebrations. We can discuss truths and myths about our faith, we can talk about God and Theology, or we can discuss world event and the news. (It may not be a good time to discuss "food" however, after all, it is Yom Kippur.)

After a morning and afternoon of prayer, we invite you to join us for a discussion. Come get your Jewish questions answered and learn the truth about what someone once told you about Judaism.

*Temple Beth-El Foundation*

*Cordially Invites You To  
Break-the-Fast*

*Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>*

*Upon Conclusion of the  
Yom Kippur Seilah Service*

*No Reservations Necessary*

## HIGH HOLIDAY FOOD COLLECTION



**Do a mitzvah: Take a sack on Rosh Hashanah and on Kol Nidre, bring it back!!**

Local food pantries are in need of your help. This year's donations will be given to Collat Jewish Family Services and Family Promise of Birmingham. Please take home a grocery bag after Rosh Hashanah services, fill it with non-perishable food, and return it on Yom Kippur. Thank you for making a difference!

***"SHARE BREAD WITH  
THE HUNGRY...AND NOT  
TURN AWAY FROM  
PEOPLE IN NEED"  
ISAIAH, 58:7***

## HIGH HOLIDAY BIMAH FLOWERS

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to the following congregants who have generously donated the flowers which adorn our Bimah.

**Rosh Hashanah:** In memory of Nathan and Sylvia Epsman, with love and respect, your children

From: *The Epsman Family*

**Yom Kippur:** In honor of my cherished children and grandchildren

From: Pam Ruttenberg

**Sukkot:** In loving memory of our beloved Fred Berman, Husband, Dad, & Papa

From: *Sylvia, Brenda, Steve, Jared, Marla, Steve, Emilia, Jeri, Allison, Brandon, and Tanya*

**Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah:** Honoring our loved ones

From: *Anonymous*

*Yidah Rabah!*



## OUR CHEVRA KADISHA

Each year, during the High Holidays, we honor and thank the members of our Chevra Kadisha (Holy Society). These are the special men and women who prepare the dead for burial. We consider this to be one of the most powerful and holy mitzvot.

### **Eph Mazer, Co-Chair**

Fred Benjamin  
Terry Bernstein  
Scott Bloomston  
Max Herzel  
Jack Kalin  
Henry Lapidus

Richard Lehr  
Glenn Mazer  
J.B. Mazer  
Andy Sokol  
Morton Stern  
Tim Thornton

### **Virginia Heiman, Co-Chair**

Tobie Axel  
Suzanne Bearman  
Michelle Bearman-Wolnek  
Robin Benjamin  
Faye Bernstein  
Julie Bernstein  
Lynn Bloomston  
Sharon Cook  
Jeri Davis  
Sandra Gilbert  
Susan Green

Susan Greene  
Terri Heiman  
Virginia Heiman  
Fran Ivker  
Kelley Jefferson  
Mary Kimerling  
Esther Levy  
Nancy Lewis  
Cathy Rogoff  
Micky Rubenstein  
Wendy Rutkoff  
Wendy Siegal  
Toby Siegel  
Diane Slaughter  
Ellen Sokol  
Susan Stein  
Melissa Zivitz



## SHAKE YOUR LULAV

To fully appreciate the joyous holiday of Sukkot, it is a mitzvah for every family to own their own lulav and etrog set! By owning a lulav and etrog, one fulfills the Mitzvah of taking in the hand the four species: palm branch, citron, myrtle, and willow.



To order your lulav and etrog, please visit [www.templebeth-el.net](http://www.templebeth-el.net) to pay online or mail a check (\$40 per set) to Temple Beth-El by September 19<sup>th</sup>.

## SUKKOT EVENTS

**SHAKE YOUR LULAV!**



**Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm**

TBE Community & Religious School  
Sukkot Cookout

**Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup> following Shabbat Services**

Dairy Shabbat Dinner in the Sukkah

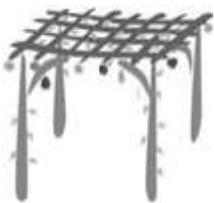
**Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm**

Erev Simchat Torah/Hakafot and Spaghetti Dinner

All dinners are \$10 per adult/\$5 per child 5-13

RSVP for all events at [www.templebeth-el.net](http://www.templebeth-el.net)

## BUILD YOUR OWN SUKKAH



You are invited to participate in one of Judaism's great and holy mitzvot...building a Sukkah during the holiday of Sukkot. The *sukkah* represents the temporary dwellings used by our ancestors as they wandered through the desert. It also served as a dwelling in the fields at harvest time. Finally, the *sukkah* also represents the

fragility of our lives and our dependence on God and nature. The roof of the *sukkah* has branches and greenery across it, yet is purposely left open in order for us to see the stars at night and appreciate the grandeur of nature.

For a beautiful and simple pre-fabricated Sukkah, call the Sukkah Center, 800-227-SUKA or visit them on the web at [sukkah.com](http://sukkah.com).

The Sukkah Center provides a completely pre-fabricated *sukkah* including all materials necessary.

Sukkot begins Wednesday, October 8 and the Temple Beth-El Sukkah will be available for everyone to use during Sukkot and participate in this holy mitzvah. Please call the TBE office at 933-2740 to reserve the Sukkah.

# NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

The following families wish you a New Year filled with health and happiness.

Louise & Jimmy Abrams	Barbara & Howard Finkelstein
Melissa, Steve, Mallie, Ari, & Josie Altmann	Arlene Fisher & family
Betty & Bob Anfanger & family	Joy & Robert Fleisher
Tobie & Bernard Axel & family	Rhoda, Wayne, Rachel, & Rebecca Fleisig
Ilene & Sandy Axelroth	Sheila Friedman
Niecy & Larry Baker	Shirley & Ron Froehlich
Simmy, Phillip, and Lyle Barrocas	Pat & Alan Geldzahler & family
Jean Bearman & family	Beth & John Gerwin
Suzanne & Howard Bearman	Holly, David, Sarah, & Jesse Gettinger
The Benck Family	Toby & Warren Gewant
Sylvia Berman	Kathy & Steve Goldman
Ellen & Terry Bernstein & family	Susan & Gary Goldstein
Faye & Sidney Bernstein	Zinaida & Lazar Golubov & family
Julie, Randy, Todd, Jon, Julie, & Scott Joe Bernstein	Joan & Hunter Gordon
Lynn & Bert Bloomston	Mrs. Marshall Gordon & family
Elise Bodenheimer	Sylvia Gouse
Barbara Bonfield	Helen Green
Barbara & Scott Brande & family	Rochelle & Marty Green
Adrienne & Julian Brook	Susan & Steve Greene
Doug Brook	Paul, Vikki, Ken, Stirling, & Alex Grodner
Ginger, Larry, James Henry, & Eli Brook	Debbie & Phil Gross
Esther & Jerry Brown	Sherrie & Steve Grunfeld
Ellen Bruck & family	Karen & Reuben Halpern & family
Punky Burwinkle	Shirley & Jack Hasson
Marjie & Myron Butler	The Heiman Family
Candace Caine & family	Colin & Hannah Helman
Sherry & Jerry Cherner & family	Cecille, Max, Caryl, & Elliot Herzel
Linda Cohn & family	Felice Hirsch & family
Caryn & Steven Corenblum & family	Riva Hirsch
Charlotte Corenblum	Jan, Kenny, Kendal, & Tyler Jaffe
Nikki & Stephen Crawford & family	Mary Kimerling
Susan & Mark Crayne	Sheryl & Jon Kimerling & family
Heidi & Martin Damsky & family	Toby Klein
Vicki, Eddie, Joseph, & Matthew Denaburg	Ricki & Lanny Kline
Lori & Stephen Dorsky	Rabbi & Michelle Konigsburg
Lisa & Alan Engel & family	Sandy Koplun & family
Melba Epsman	Sara & Dennis Krantz
Mervyn Epsman	Susan, Billy, Noah, & Clara Lapidus
Sheri & Jay Epstein	Eileen & Len Levin
Rhoda & Robert Feirman	Esther & Jack Levy
Carol & Jimmy Filler	Paula & Joe Levy
Naomi S. & S. Edwin Fineberg	Rhoda & Marvin Link

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Ruth & Harold Lischkoff	Bobbye & Michael Seligman & family
Sue & Bill Lischkoff	Joyce & Arthur Serwitz
Dede & Leroy Lurie	Sara & Kerry Shapiro
Nan, Tom, Fischer, & Nathan Malin	The Shelsky Family
Roslyn & Peter Mannon	Debbie & Martin Sher
Cindy & Harvey May	Ina Mae & David Sher
Frieda & Eph Mazer	Dorothy Shiland
Lynette & J.B. Mazer & family	Sandy & Gene Siegal & family
Judith Michaelson	Rhonda & Eric Siegel & family
Sybil & Larry Michalove	Ruth Siegler & family
Pat & Neal Miller & family	Natalie & Albert Sikora
Kim, Dan, Andrew, Michael, & Valerie Mirelman	Renee & Steve Singer
Joan Loretta Munn	Maxine Kline Sklute
Celia, Jared, Brett, Josh, & Marley Reese Nadler;	Diane & Howard Slaughter
Jennifer & Matt Levine	Lynette & Alvin Slaughter
Ilse Nathan	Liz & Mike Slive
Bernard, Sidney, & Emily Nomberg	Robin & Steven Smith & family
Thea Ostroy	Bobbie & Howard Sokol
Susan & Stuart Padove & family	Ellen & Jerry Sokol
Sheryl & Jay Perlstein & family	Dolly & David Staff
Hazel & Murray Pizette	Amy & Scott Stein
Marian & Myron Radwin & family	Joyce & Gaston Stein
Barbara Randman	Carolyn & Bernard Stern
Loraine & David Reznik	Sandy & Morton Stern
Sherri & David Romanoff	The Tessler Family
Ella Rosen	Susan & Gary Trachtman
Rebecca & Josh Rothman	Carol Tuck & family
Barbara & Stuart Royal	Debbie, Louis, Allan, & Betsy Tuck
Micky & Stanley Rubenstein	Nan & Doug Unkenholz
Wendy, Jonathan, Ida Rose, & Bobby Rutkoff	Brenda, Steve, & Jared Weinstein;
Pam Ruttenberg & Arnold Shiland & families	Marla, Steve, & Emilia Ostroff
Becki, Josh, Isaac, & Lilah Kate Rutsky	Phyllis Weinstein
Judy & Ed Rutsky	Gloria Weintraub & family
Genya & Viktor Safyanov & family	Howard Weintrob & Family
Beth & Jack Schaeffer	The Weissman Family: Sherri, Jeff, Matthew, Jake & Gabrielle
Donna, Gary, Caren, Julie, & David Schiff	Becca, Hal, Samuel, & Abigail White
Shirley & Paul Schlaff	Eva Wilensky & family
Lynda & Martin Schnier	Michelle, Seth, Meyer, & Raquel Wolnek
Zena & Lewis Schulman	Dorothy Ziff & family
Esther Schuster & Allen Shealy & Shaina	Melissa & Melvin Zivitz & family
Gail & Abe Schuster & family	Sam Zuckerman & Cliff Wright
Lora Schwartz & family	

# HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR SISTERHOOD

The women of Sisterhood wish everyone a L'Shana Tovah - may this be a healthy, happy and prosperous New Year for everyone!

Sisterhood has remained active for 8 decades... with programming, education, and financial support for all of Temple Beth-El. Even when women were not "allowed" on the bimah or the Board of Directors, Sisterhood provided the programming, simcha celebrations, Kosher kitchens, the Judaica Gift Shop, holiday baked goods, bimah arrangements, and a big chunk of the Synagogue's budgeted income. We helped the women of Birmingham raise their families with Yiddishkeit!

Sisterhood continues to offer each member the opportunity to seek challenges, take risks, and pursue individual goals while helping our congregation reach our mutual goals. Participating in the synagogue with the women in our congregation, at whatever level appeals to you, is an opportunity not to be missed!!

The growth in our synagogue for the past two years and that is planned for the upcoming two were and are led by Past Sisterhood Presidents...if you want to be an effective leader in our Jewish community, Sisterhood provides all the tools and skills needed!

Annual Membership, which includes your individual membership in Women's League, largest women's synagogue movement in North America and Israel, is \$36...but we offer a first-year membership to those who have never been a member of Sisterhood of only \$18!

## **Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El August 2014-July 2015 (5775)**

- August 3<sup>rd</sup> -- Hiddur Mitzvah – Sisterhood polished the silver in both Arks for the High Holidays – a holy Mitzvah!
- **September 14<sup>th</sup>** – Program and book-signing by Alison Goldstein Lebovitz
- Temple Beth-El's Membership & Programming Directory published by Sisterhood
- High Holiday Bulletin New Year's Greetings
- Book of Remembrance services, prayers and memorials for the 4 annual Yizkor services beginning with Yom Kippur.
- **October 12<sup>th</sup>** – Coffee in the Sukkah with Emily Hausman (Rabbi Joseph's wife)
- **November 16<sup>th</sup>** – Local community member Debra Goldstein for Jewish Book Month
- **December 14<sup>th</sup>** – Sisterhood's Chanukah Lunch for the Congregation...and big sale in the Gift Shop!
- **January 10<sup>th</sup>** – Sisterhood Shabbat...services conducted by only Sisterhood Members
- Gift Shop is open any day that the synagogue office is open – volunteer to work in the shop and receive a 20% discount for purchases made while you work!
- We support the Religious School and pay 100% for all 3 Kosher Kitchens...and complete several budget lines of the synagogue...

The Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El is a vibrant, dynamic group of women dedicated to contributing time and talent to enrich our community and support our Religious School.

Sue Lischkoff and Arlene Fisher  
Sisterhood Coordinators



# L'shana Tovah

from the  
Temple Beth-El Staff

Rabbi Konigsburg, Rabbi Robinson,  
Bob Greenberg, Robin Gotlieb, Tammy McClellan,  
Debby Thomas, Isa Dorsky, and Emily Gregory

## INTERFAITH BURIAL SECTION AT ELMWOOD

Our congregation welcomes all families, into our midst, including those with a non-Jewish spouse. There has been a growing number of interfaith marriages in our own and other Jewish communities. To respond to the needs of our own interfaith congregants, the Board of Directors of Temple Beth-El approved a proposal allowing for the creation of a new interfaith burial section in our portion of Elmwood Cemetery. This section would allow burials of couples and direct family members of interfaith marriages. Previously, non-Jewish spouses and family members were not allowed to be buried together in the Temple Beth-El section of Elmwood Cemetery. As we prepare for establishment of the interfaith burial section, we need to assess the interest of our membership. If you or a family member are interested in purchasing a lot in this new section, please contact the Temple office. Your responses will not obligate you, but will only be used to gauge interest and determine how many burial lots might be required in the near future. You will receive additional opportunities to express your interest and learn more through on-line communications in the coming months.

**David Reznik**  
**Edward Goldberg**  
Elmwood Cemetery Committee  
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**Naomi Ivker**  
**Marty Schnier**  
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