

***From Slichot 5780
to
Simchat Torah 5781
High Holy Days***



Congregation

Carmel, CA

Beth Israel

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To the Jewish Community of the Monterey Peninsula area,

Happy New Year!

Congregation Beth Israel, as a center for Jewish life in the Monterey Peninsula area, welcomes all who want to observe and celebrate our Jewish values and traditions. Of course, the COVID environment has major impacts on us all, but, happily, CBI continues to operate and to provide services to the Jewish community, while staying within all relevant health guidelines.

The High Holy Days, which begin the evening of September 18th, are upon us, bringing us the opportunity to return, renew, and refresh our spiritual lives. During this period of reflection, we look back to take stock of our year, and look ahead toward our intentions for the coming year. How well did we honor our Jewish values in our daily lives? And how do we put these Jewish values into action moving forward?

By providing a place for our Jewish observance, Congregation Beth Israel is living a key tenet of our Vision, which is to be a house of prayer. But we are so much more. According to our Vision Statement we are “a center for Jewish life in our area, accessible to Jews of all backgrounds and their families.” How do we at CBI honor these stated values? The Board of Trustees uses our Mission, Vision, and Core Values statements (displayed in our lobby) as a basis for reflection on our past as well as our plans for the future. Over the last few years we have put these values into action by eliminating tickets for High Holy Day services and replacing the mandatory membership dues structure with a voluntary pledge system of membership. Through these measures and others, we are creating a dynamic culture of generosity that springs from our diversity, inclusivity, and accessibility,

As we look ahead, including in this challenging COVID time, we will continue to expand our welcome to all who want to connect Jewishly in a variety of ways—spiritually, socially, culturally, and educationally—consistent with Jewish values and ethics. I, and the Board of Trustees, invite you to explore the many points of engagement CBI has to offer. As you renew and nourish your Jewish soul, I encourage you to take a fresh look at CBI as your partner in living Jewishly, however you define it.

For your convenience, we send you this guide to give you information to simplify the High Holy Days season.

L'Shana Tovah,



Daniel Nussbaum
President, Board of Trustees

HIGH HOLY DAYS GENERAL INFORMATION

Congregation Beth Israel is a welcoming and inclusive center for Jewish life in the Monterey Peninsula area. In that spirit, we have eliminated the need for tickets for High Holy Days services. Donations from the heart are always welcome and will assist us in defraying the costs of additional technology and musicians during this High Holy Days season.

During these challenging times, we look forward to virtually observing the High Holy Days together, to refresh and renew ourselves to better perform God's Mitzvot.

We strive to be accessible to Jews of all backgrounds and their families. Congregation Beth Israel takes pride in fostering inclusiveness while we focus on our spirituality in this beautiful setting on these Holiest of Days.

Thank you all, and welcome!

1. This year, all our services will be held virtually through various Zoom applications. If you have a computer or smartphone and are not familiar with Zoom please call the office and we will help you with the technology.
2. You may also listen to services by phone. Again, please give us a call if you need instructions.
3. We will lend prayer books to each family, so you are able to participate in services from your home. Mishkan Hanefesh for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur will be available for pickup outside CBI September 14-18 between 8 AM and 4PM. Please give us a call and we will have books with your name waiting for you outside the CBI entrance or call from outside and we will bring the books to your car.
4. **BOOK OF LIFE.** It is traditional to remember loved ones on the High Holy Days. Included is a form for those we wish to remember. The form should be returned to the Temple Office by **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**. A copy of the book of Life will be sent to each participating family.
5. **FOOD DRIVE** - Now more than ever, the Monterey County Food Bank needs donations of non-perishable groceries. Please leave bags of food donations on the benches outside our entrance and we will arrange for pickup by the Food Bank.
6. **CELEBRATING ELSEWHERE?** If you would like to observe the High Holy Days with a Reform congregation in another community, we'd like to help. Contact the CBI office and we will make arrangements on your behalf.

The Board and I look forward to seeing you as we bring in the New Year 5781.
L'Shanah Tovah,



Julie Chase, Administrator

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HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Rabbi Bruce D. Greenbaum and Cantorial Soloists
Suzanne Guinane and Elizabeth Baseman

SLICHOT

Saturday, September 12th

7:00 p.m. Zoom Study Session
with

Beryl Levinger “Who was that
Masked Jew?”

9:45 p.m. Zoom Service

ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 18th

7:00 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah
Zoom

Service

Saturday, September 19th

9:30 a.m. Children’s Zoom
Service

10:30 a.m. Morning Zoom Service

4:00 p.m. Zoom Study Session
with

Beryl Levinger “Who was that
Masked Jew - part 2”

Sunday, September 20th

10:30 a.m. Second Day Zoom
Service

with our friends from Temple
Beth

El

Holy Day Study Session

Wednesday, September 23rd

1:45 p.m. Zoom Study with Beryl

Levinger “Who was that
Masked

Jew - part 3”

YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, September 27th

7:00 p.m. Kol Nidre Zoom
Service

Monday, September 28th

10:00 a.m. Morning Zoom Service

12:30 p.m. Children’s Zoom
Service

1:30 p.m. Holy Day Discussion
“Who

was that Masked Jew - part 4”

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Zoom
Service

*4:45 p.m. Yizkor Zoom Service

*5:30 p.m. Closing Neilah Zoom
Service

*Please enjoy your break the fast
parties safely at home.*

*Times are approximate on Yom
Kippur afternoon

SUKKAH CELEBRATION

Wednesday, September 30
4:00 p.m Zoom Sukkah
Celebration with Rabbi
Greenbaum

SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE

Sunday, October 11 at 10:30

(Zoom

to be announced)

5781 - HIGH HOLY DAYS BOOK OF LIFE INFORMATION

NAME _____

PHONE _____

We will be publishing a memorial Book of Life this season for the Yom Kippur Memorial Service. If you wish the name of a relative or friend to be published in this year's Book of Life, please list their names below. **Names will be listed, but not read aloud, except for those who have died since last Yom Kippur.** Please mark the names of all those who have died since last Yom Kippur with an asterisk * on the forms so their names can be read aloud during the service.

It is traditional to make donations in remembrance of loved ones to support our Congregation. **The suggested amount is \$18-\$36 per name.** Also, please consider dedicating a Yizkor plaque with light (in the sanctuary as a permanent memorial honoring your loved one.

A copy of the Book of Life will be sent to each participating family.

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Names of loved ones	Remembered by

To ensure inclusion of the names in the Book of Life, please return this form and your check or credit card authorization, **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**, to CBI, 5716 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel, CA 93923.

THANK YOU FOR ASSISTING US IN REMEMBERING ALL OUR LOVED ONES.

HIGH HOLY DAYS APPEAL

Dear Members and Friends of CBI:

Each year during the High Holy Days Season we give everyone an opportunity to support our Congregation. Below are two suggestions allowing you to help Congregation Beth Israel navigate this challenging time and grow our General Endowment Fund which will secure our future.

CBI General Endowment Fund: Congregation Beth Israel has a general endowment fund that needs your support. If we can build our general endowment fund significantly over the next few years, it has the potential to pay for programming expenses for future generations. Currently, the General Endowment Fund has approximately \$457,000. We hope to build it to \$2,000,000. Through donations of gifts given through estate planning, Israel Bonds, and our members' generosity we can reach this goal in less than 8 years.

CBI General Fund: We anticipate 2020-2021 will be a challenging year for our congregation. We will maintain our dynamic Religious and Hebrew Schools, our well-attended adult education programs and, of course the spiritual life enhanced by our wonderful clergy, online and, when possible, in person. A special challenge, and one I fully expect that we will meet, will be rising to our responsibilities to help and care for each other during this COVID-19 time. Your contributions to the CBI General Fund will help us continue to serve our community.

You can make your donation by check, credit card, or online at carmelbethisrael.org. Please let us know if your donation goes to the Endowment Fund or to the General Fund.

High Holy Days Appeal - Please indicate the amount you want to donate:

Name: _____

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CBI General Fund € CBI Endowment Fund €

Enclosed is my check for \$_____.

Please charge my Visa/MasterCard # _____

Security Code (As it appears on the card): _____ Exp. _____

BY TAKING YOUR PLACE IN OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY DURING
THE HIGH HOLY DAYS,
YOU WILL BE ENRICHED AND STRENGTHENED AS YOU ENRICH AND
STRENGTHEN US WITH YOUR PRESENCE.





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