

***From Selichot 5782
to
Simchat Torah 5783
High Holy Days***



at

***Congregation Beth Israel
5716 Carmel Valley Road
Carmel, CA***

***Rabbi Bruce D. Greenbaum, D.D.
Cantor Alisa Fineman
Board of Trustees President Dan Nussbaum***

To the Jewish Community of the Monterey Peninsula area,

We have been through 2+ years of extraordinary social isolation, and we have emerged, perhaps wiser and stronger, but certainly more fatigued. As I said last year, the phrase *Am Yisroel Chai* (The People of Israel Live!) captures our delight at having survived and arrived, healthy, to this season, ready to celebrate and observe the High Holy Days. Of course, the COVID environment has had major impacts on us all, but, happily, CBI continues to operate, with all our services open to all, while staying within all relevant health guidelines.

I often ask, “in the face of all of today’s problems – and they are easy enough to enumerate – would you prefer to be living 100 years ago, or 200 years ago, or...?”. The answers are always “no”, as we recognize that those eras, indeed, all eras, have their own difficulties.

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. The High Holy Days, which begin the evening of Sunday, September 25th, bring 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?

Importantly, we are emerging into a post-COVID world, with protocols that are much freer than what we all experienced over the last 15 months. Unless something changes in the next month, we hope all those who are fully vaccinated will join us for in-person services in the sanctuary/social hall. We are also going to provide an online option for those who are not vaccinated or who choose to participate virtually.

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. Our Vision is that 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. 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, with relaxed (but not too relaxed) health and safety protocols, 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.

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 security and staffing during this High Holy Days season.**

We look forward to 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. **IF YOU ARE FULLY VACCINATED YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND IN PERSON** in our Sanctuary and Social Hall. Only the outdoor Family/Children's services will not be online.
2. **WE WILL FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE OF LOCAL MEDICAL EXPERTS** and limit our in-person attendance to 200 people for each Holy Day service. **Members, please email or call the office to reserve a spot no later than September 16.** Please check the website, carmelbethisrael.org, for updates.
3. **AS A COURTESY TO OTHERS ON THESE DAYS OF AWE**, please be seated on time and please turn off your cell phone before entering the sanctuary.
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 **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021.**
5. **DIRECTIONAL VALET PARKING** will be available during the evening services. Most cars will park below the building. For aged and disabled individuals, limited parking will be available adjacent to the building.
6. **RIDE SHARING - Carpooling and ride sharing is encouraged.** If you need a ride, or can offer to drive someone who does, please call the Temple Office well in advance.
7. **FOOD DRIVE** - Our food drive supports the Monterey County Food Bank. Grocery bags will be available in our foyer for you to fill and return.
8. **CELEBRATING ELSEWHERE?** We understand that some members travel during this time of year. If you would like to observe the High Holy Days with a Reform congregation in the community you're visiting, 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 5783.

L'Shanah Tovah,



Julie Chase, Executive Director



Congregation Beth Israel

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HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Rabbi Bruce D. Greenbaum and Cantor Alisa Fineman

SELICHOT

(Preparing yourself for the Holy Days)

Saturday, September 17th

7:00 p.m. 2 Study Sessions

9:00 p.m. Service

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 25th

7:00 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 26th

10:00 a.m. Morning Service

12:30 a.m. Family/Children's Service

(outdoors only)

4:00 p.m. Tashlich on Carmel Beach
below 13th

Tuesday, September 27th

10:30 a.m. Second Day Service

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, October 2

4:00 p.m. Memorial Service at Mission
Memorial Park,
1915 Ord Grove Avenue, Seaside

YOM KIPPUR

Tuesday, October 4th

7:00 p.m. Kol Nidre Service

Wednesday, October 5th

10:00 a.m. Morning Service

12:30 p.m. Family/Children's Service
(outdoors only)

1:30 p.m. Holy Day Discussions

Led by Beryl Levinger and David Sabih

3:00 p.m. Afternoon Service

*4:45 p.m. Yizkor Service

*5:30 p.m. Closing Neilah Service

*6:30 p.m. Break-the-Fast

CBI will provide challah and a variety of
beverages

***Times are approximate on Yom Kippur
afternoon**

SUKKAH BUILDING

Sunday, October 9th

Sukkah Building

During Religious School Morning

SIMCHAT TORAH SERVICE

Sunday, October 16th

11:00-12:30

If you are fully vaccinated, you are invited to attend in person in our Sanctuary and Social Hall. In-person attendance is limited to 200. Members, please call or email the office to reserve a place no later than September 16. All are welcome to join online.

5783 - HIGH HOLY DAYS BOOK OF LIFE INFORMATION

NAME _____

EMAIL or PHONE _____

We will be publishing a memorial Book of Life this season, both physically and online, 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.

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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 SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**, to juliec@carmelbethisrael.org or mail 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 Israel and our Congregation. Below are two suggestions allowing you to support Israel, and at the same time help Congregation Beth Israel grow its General Endowment Fund that 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 \$640,000. 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 6 years.

Israel Bonds: For many years, this has been the main effort of synagogues throughout the United States during the High Holy Days season. Purchasing Israel Bonds is actually a loan to Israel, not a donation. The State of Israel has repaid every bond ever purchased including interest. Israel Bond money has supported a variety of causes, including building an underground playground in a bomb shelter, S'derot, near Gaza, and helping to acclimate new immigrants arriving to Israel. When you support the purchase of a bond, you are investing in the country of Israel and our synagogue, simultaneously. This year please consider this form of support to our synagogue's Endowment Fund.

You can make your checks out to CBI. Please let us know if your donation goes directly to the endowment fund or towards the purchase of Israel Bonds.

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

Name: _____

Israel Bonds **CBI Endowment Fund**

Enclosed is my check for \$_____.

Please charge my Visa/MasterCard # _____

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

CHILD CARE REQUEST FORM

L'Shanah Tovah! We would like to help make your Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur **morning worship** meaningful and enjoyable for you, your children, and others attending services. Childcare will be available on the playground for **children from ages 2- 12, for registered children only.**

PLEASE complete the registration form below and return it no later than September 1, so we can plan for the safe supervision of your children. Walk-ins may be accepted without registration **only if space allows.** Children must wear masks and no child with a fever can be accepted.

Please bring a snack for your child. Children must be brought to the playground by a parent/guardian and remain until picked up by same. No child will be released to an unauthorized individual.

If you have any questions, please call the Congregation Beth Israel Office 831-624-2015.

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Please reserve space for my child(ren) during the times indicated below.

NAME _____

PHONE _____

Names of Children	Ages	Dates and Times	Selection
		ROSH HASHANA September 25, 9:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	
		YOM KIPPUR 1 st Session October 5, 9:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	

THANK YOU TO THE GREENBAUM YOUTH ENRICHMENT FUND FOR COVERING
ALL OUR HHD CHILDCARE COSTS

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.

**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE CLOSE OF YOM KIPPUR SERVICES FOR A LIGHT
BREAK-THE-FAST.**

CBI WILL PROVIDE CHALLAH AND ASSORTED BEVERAGES



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