

CONGREGATION BETH EL HIGH HOLY DAYS 5770

Congregation Beth El invites you to join us for a spiritually uplifting start to the New Year. Beginning with Selichot, a service of preparation and reflection, and continuing through Yom Kippur, we offer a wide array of High Holy Day programming to serve the diverse needs of our community. Please review the information below and on the calendar to learn about what promises to be an exciting, inspiring and meaningful High Holiday season at Beth El.

All services are a mix of English and Hebrew, combining honored traditions and inspirational modern texts. Congregational singing and participation is a core part of our practice. Rabbi Yoel Kahn and Rabbinic Intern Reuben Zellman will officiate at all services. Our machzor (High Holiday prayer book) includes the English transliteration of all Hebrew prayers.

- Early Services emphasize contemporary English readings and feature folk and contemporary musical settings.
- Late Services place greater emphasis on the historical liturgy and feature the timeless music of the High Holidays.
- Tot Services are for pre-school age children and their families.
- Family Services are designed for elementary school-age children; middle school students are encouraged to attend the Early or Late service with their families.

Our High Holiday services and programs are made possible because of the dedication and support of our members. After completing your ticket request below, please read the rest of this pamphlet to learn about volunteer and participation opportunities, child care, and how to add a loved one's name to the Book of Remembrance.

TICKET REQUEST

Return this form to the Beth El Office by Friday, September 4, 2009

If you haven't already done so, please be sure to complete your Annual Tzedakah/Membership Renewal Form for 2009-10 so that we may process your High Holy Days reservations. Please contact Suzanne Alexander at 510-848-3988 x210 if you wish to discuss your financial arrangements.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please select one: EARLY SERVICE LATE SERVICE

Reservations for each service may be limited by seating capacity.

_____ Number of Member Adult & Teen Tickets (no cost)

_____ Number of Family Guest Tickets (Suggested \$80/ticket)
(Parents, Grandparents, Adult Children, Sisters, Brothers, etc.)

Total donation for Family Guest Tickets: \$ _____

_____ Number of Friends/Visitors Tickets (Suggested \$150/ticket)

Total donation for Friends/Visitors Tickets: \$ _____

College students are admitted without charge. A Student ID serves as a ticket.

A. Total amount for tickets requested: \$ _____

Please include line A in your total on the payment total panel.

PARTICIPATE IN HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES!

Beth El's High Holy Days services are enhanced by the contributions of many different members of our Congregation to the leadership of our services. You can participate in the leadership of our services by reading a prayer or an inspirational passage in English or in Hebrew, leading a song or prayer, holding a Torah scroll, opening the Ark or chanting from the Torah..

Name(s): _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Email(s): _____

If you are interested in taking part in High Holy Day services, please complete the following, or contact Robinn Magid at RobinnM@aol.com or 510-524-2297. by Friday, August 28, 2009.

Which service will you be attending? Early Late

Please indicate your preference(s):

English reading Hebrew reading

Torah service honors (open/close the Ark; hold, lift, carry or dress the Torah)

Any of the above Other request _____

If you would like to participate only in a specific service on a specific date, please indicate which service: _____

USHERS ~ VOLUNTEERS

Ushers play a key role in our High Holy Days Services. They welcome congregants and guests and help them feel at home, distribute books, check tickets, assist those with special needs and help guide people to their seats. In addition to ushering, there are many other High Holy Days volunteer opportunities. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Debbie Leon, will be glad to find the right place for you!

Name(s): _____

I am available to usher during the following services (check all that apply):

Rosh Hashanah Evening Friday, September 18

Early Service Late Service

Rosh Hashanah Saturday, September 19

Early Service Late Service Tot Service Family Service

Second Day Rosh Hashanah Sunday, September 20

Morning Service

Yom Kippur Evening - Kol Nidre Sunday, September 27

Early Service Late Service

Yom Kippur Monday, September 28

Early Service Late Service Tot Service Family Service

Yizkor/Neilah I would like to volunteer in another capacity.

Please contact me at: _____

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Children's programming is available during all services for children in Kindergarten through fifth grade. Young people sixth grade and above are expected to attend services in the Sanctuary with their parents. Parents must be in attendance at the corresponding adult service. We are not able to accommodate infants, and diaper changing service cannot be provided.

Pre-registration is essential for the success of our Childcare program! Children must either accompany you to services or be pre-registered for childcare. This is both a safety and a security necessity. Children thirteen and under cannot be left unattended during services or at any time.

Space cannot be guaranteed for those who have not pre-registered.

The requested donation for children of Beth El members who participate in the childcare program is \$18 per service or \$50 for all services. No one will be turned away for inability to pay the full amount. Please contact Suzanne Alexander in the office at 510-848-3988 x210 for alternative fee arrangements.

Our family wishes to reserve space for High Holy Days childcare.

Parent(s) Names _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Please indicate the services for which you need childcare:

Erev Rosh Hashanah Evening – Friday, September 18

Early Service

First Day Rosh Hashanah – Saturday, September 19

Early Service Late Service

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah – Sunday, September 20

Morning Service [Availability depends on enrollment]:

Yom Kippur Evening – Kol Nidre – Sunday, September 27:

Early Service

Yom Kippur Day - Monday, September 28:

Early Service Late Service Yizkor/Ne'ilah

B. Childcare Donation: \$ _____
Please include line B in your total on the payment total panel.

YIZKOR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

At Beth El, we publish an annual Book of Remembrance which is distributed on Yom Kippur at the Yizkor (Memorial) Service. The Book of Remembrance is dedicated to the memory of those who have been taken from us by death and is a meaningful and permanent remembrance for family and friends. By honoring their memory through gifts of tzedakah, our contributions become a living memorial through ensuring the continuity and renewal of Jewish life and community. The deadline for submissions to the Book of Remembrance is Friday, August 28, 2009.

If your entry in the Book of Remembrance is unchanged from last year please check the box:

I / We would like to include the following name(s) in the Book of Remembrance (*please print clearly*):

In Memory of: _____

Remembered By: _____

C. As a donation in memory of a beloved I/we wish to contribute:
(\$ suggested donation is \$36 per name.) \$ _____

Please include line C in your total on the payment total panel.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Loved ones may also be remembered by inscribing their names in a cast bronze Memorial Plaque mounted in the sanctuary. This is a permanent way to remember those who have been taken from us by death. The memorial light is lit annually during the week of the Yahrzeit of your loved one and at Yizkor services throughout the year. The names of every one remembered through a Memorial Plaque are also included perpetually in the Congregation's Book of Remembrance. The cost of a Memorial Plaque is \$500.

I/We wish the following name(s) to be permanently inscribed on a Memorial Plaque in the Beth El sanctuary in memory of:

English Name: _____

Hebrew Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Death: _____

D. Memorial Plaque: \$ _____

Please include line D in your total on the payment total panel.

PAYMENT TOTAL

Name(s): _____

A. High Holy Days Tickets Donation \$ _____

B. Children's Program \$ _____

C. Book of Remembrance Donation \$ _____

D. Memorial Plaque \$ _____

Payment Total: \$ _____

Payment Method (choose one):

- Check (please make payable to Congregation Beth El)
- Visa or MasterCard (complete authorization below)
- Total Amount to be paid by Credit Card: \$ _____

Credit Card Number

CSID#: _____ Expiration Date: _____
(3 digit # on back of card)

Signature/Date

Print Name on Card

REMINDER: Please make sure you have returned your Annual Tzedakah/Membership Renewal form so that we can process your request and issue your tickets. If you need a duplicate statement, please contact Suzanne Alexander at 510-848-3988 x210 or suzanne@bethelberkeley.org

**Please return all forms, requests and payments to:
Congregation Beth El
High Holy Days 5770
1301 Oxford Street
Berkeley, CA 94709**

May you and everyone you love be inscribed for a New Year of sweetness, health and blessing. Amen.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Selichot

Saturday, September 12 9:00 pm

Rosh Hashanah Evening

Friday, September 18

Early Service 6:00 pm

Late Service 8:45 pm

Rosh Hashanah

Saturday, September 19

Early Service 8:45 am

Family Walk 11:00 am

Late Service 11:30 am

Tot Service 11:45 am

Family Service (K-5) 3:00 pm

Tashlich followed by BYO Picnic 4:30 pm

Second Day Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 20

Service (Open to the community) 10:15 am

Yom Kippur Evening--Kol Nidre

Sunday, September 27

Early Service 6:00 pm

Late Service 8:45 pm

Yom Kippur

Monday, September 28

Early Service 8:45 am

Late Service 11:30 am

Tot Service 11:45 am

Afternoon Discussions & Programs 2:30 pm

Family Service 3:00 pm

Mincha (Afternoon Service) 4:00 pm

Yizkor Circle 4:00 pm

Yizkor (Memorial) Service 5:30 pm

Ne'ilah followed by Break Fast 6:15 pm

Sukkot

Friday, October 2

Potluck Dinner and Service in the Sukkah 6:15 pm

Saturday, October 3

Shabbat and Sukkot Festival morning services 10:15 am

Simchat Torah/Consecration

Friday, October 9

Dinner 6:00 pm

Service & Folk Dancing 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 10

Shabbat and Festival morning services 10:15 am



Rabbi Yoel H. Kahn • Reuben Zellman, Rabbinic Intern
 Rabbi Ferenc Raj, Rabbi Emeritus • Joanne Backman, President
 Debra Sagan Massey, RJE, Director of Education