

# HIGH HOLY DAYS AT CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL—

## 5783 / 2022

Dear Fellow Congregants,

We are all aware of the current increase in extremist attacks on Houses of Worship (Temples, Synagogues, Mosques, and Churches). While we would like to assume that such attacks would never happen in our “quiet, little” town of Little Rock, I am sure that members of the congregation in Colleyville, TX, never expected to be targeted by an extremist.

As Congregation B'nai Israel prepares for in person High Holy Days Services this year, we are acutely aware of the need to keep our congregation safe — especially during a time when extremists know that many congregants will be attending services. At the same time, we are committed to being the welcoming congregation we have always been, including on the High Holy Days.

For these reasons, the CBI Executive Committee has approved the implementation of following *Ad Hoc* Proposal for the upcoming High Holy Days:

**High Holy Days Security Passes will be mailed to all Members of Congregation B'nai Israel, with each family to receive one pass for each person included in that family unit. Each person must present a High Holy Days Security Pass to gain admittance to any or all High Holy Days Services.**

**Security Passes will also be issued upon request to guests, including guests of our members, by contacting the Temple Office and requesting the appropriate number of additional Security Passes. For each additional Security Pass, please identify the family member or guest by name and provide contact information. (Contact the Temple office at [TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us](mailto:TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us) or 501-225-9700.)**

**If requested by end of business on Monday, September 19, the additional Security Passes will be mailed to the home address of the person making the request. For any additional Security Passes requested between Monday, September 19, 2022, and Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at noon, there will be a “Will Call” desk in the Temple’s front lobby area, where those Security Passes may be picked up upon presentation of a photo ID.**

**Even those who do not request a security pass by the September 21 deadline may be welcomed! Those arriving at Temple for High Holy Days Services without a Security Pass will be directed to a desk in the Temple’s front lobby area, where a Security Pass may be obtained after presenting a photo ID, which will be photographed, and by providing telephone and email contact information in writing on a form that will be available at the desk.**

**Please note: Even members who arrive without a Security Pass will be asked to present a photo ID to receive a replacement Security Pass. There will be no exceptions.**

**The deadline for requesting additional Security Passes is Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at noon.**

**PLEASE NOTE: NO LARGE PURSES, BAGS, BACKPACKS, BRIEFCASES OR LUGGAGE WILL BE ALLOWED INSIDE THE TEMPLE.**

After the High Holy Days, your feedback would be greatly appreciated in connection with future deliberations by CBI’s Board of Trustees on formalizing this process as policy.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we endeavor to maintain our sacred assembly.

May your entire family be inscribed in the **Book of Life** for a Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful New Year —5783.

**L'Shanah Tovah,**



Annabelle Imber Tuck  
President, Congregation B'nai Israel

Need to borrow a High Holiday Prayer book to worship at home? Call the office to reserve your copies. Pick up will begin on September 19. A signed borrowing sheet will be required from all who borrow. All borrowed books must be returned the week following Yom Kippur. One can purchase a Mishkah HaNefesh at [www.ccarpress.org](http://www.ccarpress.org)

### Saturday, September 17

8pm – Selichot Program and Service

8pm – Adult Learning: “Reimagining the Binding of Isaac in Poetry”

8:45pm – Selichot Reception

9pm – Havdalah and Selichot Service, led by Rabbi Block, David Bauman, and LaFTY members

### Sunday, September 25 – Rosh Hashanah Eve

8pm – Rosh Hashanah Eve Worship and Gala Oneg Rosh Hashanah

Sermon: “Celebrating the Birthday of a Traumatized World”

Richard Estelita, Cantorial Soloist, with special moments from Jana Cohen, David Bauman, Steve Bauman, and Josiah Wheeler  
Merrick Fagan, Shofar: and William Cohen, Trumpet

### Monday, September 26 – Rosh Hashanah Day

9am – Rosh Hashanah Children’s Services

10am – Rosh Hashanah Morning Worship

Sermon: “How Many Trees in the Garden?”

Music: The Stars of David Band

Merrick Fagan, Shofar

4pm – Tashlich (location to be announced)



### Sunday, October 2

9:30am – “Standing on their Shoulders” program and *Kever Avot* Cemetery Memorial Service at Oakland Jewish Cemetery

An encounter with Richard Lewis and Shirley & Sam Strauss, all of blessed memory. Written and Produced by Meg Goldenberg Marion

### **ROSH HASHANAH GALA AND BREAK THE FAST ARE BACK IN 5783/ 2022**

Rosh Hashanah Gala Oneg will follow Rosh Hashanah Eve Services and the Break the Fast will follow *Neila* on Yom Kippur in the Social Hall, There is no better way to greet your B’nai Israel family and friends personally with wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.

**Your donations offset the beautiful receptions and *bima* flowers for the holidays.** To help sponsor the receptions and/or flowers, or High Holiday security costs, please call the office to pledge your support or send a check marked HDD donation. All sponsorships of any amount are greatly appreciated.

## Join Us for Tashlich on Rosh Hashanah Afternoon!

Congregation B'nai Israel will be the guests of our members, Terri Moore and Jeffrey Neuhauser, who are graciously opening their home to us once again for Tashlich on Rosh Hashanah afternoon, Monday, September 26, at 4pm. All are welcome at Terri and Jeff's home, 8 Chenal Circle.

On Rosh Hashanah, we embark on the heart of our penitential season, vowing to remove ourselves from sin and to mend our ways. We pray that God will be our Partner in returning us to our best selves. The prophet Micah wrote, "God will take us back in love, covering up our iniquities. You will hurl all our sins into the depths of the sea." On Rosh Hashanah, we cast breadcrumbs into a body of water that ultimately flows into the ocean. Each breadcrumb represents a sin from which we seek to distance ourselves, with God's help, carrying them "into the depths of the sea."

Please bring bread to create your own breadcrumbs! Everything else will be provided. Rabbi Block will lead the very brief service, with music by David Bauman and Jeffrey Neuhauser.

### Tuesday, October 4 – Yom Kippur Eve

8pm – *Kol Nidre* Service

Sermon: "The Broken Tablets Go First"

Richard Estelita, Cantorial Soloist, with *Kol Nidre* chanted by David Bauman, Jana Cohen, and Richard Estelita, and additional vocal participation by Jana Cohen and Josiah Wheeler

Cello: David Gerstein, principal cellist, Arkansas Symphony Orchestra

### Wednesday, October 5 – Yom Kippur Day

9am – Yom Kippur Children's Services

10am – Yom Kippur Morning Worship

Sermon: "Dreaming of a Better Future"

Music: The Stars of David Band

12:15pm – "My Jewish Journey" Symposium

1:15pm – Yom Kippur Study

Five Stages of Repentance, a text study prepared by Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg and based on her book, *On Repentance and Repair: Making Amends in an Unrepentant World*

3:30pm – Yom Kippur Afternoon Torah Service

Music: David Bauman and Jana Cohen

4:15pm – *Yizkor*/Memorial Service

Sermon: "We Need Our Beloved Dead"

Music: David Bauman, Jana Cohen, and Richard Estelita, Cantorial Soloist

Violin: Andrew Irvin, Dora Paley Ronnel Concertmaster, Arkansas Symphony Orchestra

5:30pm – *Neila*/Concluding Service

Music: David Bauman, Jana Cohen, and Richard Estelita, Cantorial Soloist

Merrick Fagan, Shofar

6:30pm – Break-the-Fast



*High Holy Day Accompanist: Diana Brandon*

**CHILD CARE** will be available for children ages 1—8 for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Morning Worship as well as for the Yom Kippur *Yizkor* and *Neilah* Service by advance reservation. Reservations will be accepted until September 21 for Rosh Hashanah and September 28 for Yom Kippur. Bring all supplies for your child, including snacks. Reservations can be made by calling the office: 501.225.9700.

## BLESSINGS TO WELCOME ROSH HASHANAH AT HOME

For kindling the festival lights:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם  
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ, בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ  
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל יוֹם טוֹב

*Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner Yom Tov*  
Blessed are You, our God, Ruler of the world, who sanctifies us with mitzvot and calls upon us to kindle the lights of the Festival day.

For the blessing over the wine:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי,  
אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם,  
בוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הַגֶּפֶן.

*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, borei p'ri ha-gafen*  
We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

*Y'hi ratzon milfanecha, Adonai Eloheinu v'Elohei  
avoteinu v'imoteinu, shetchadesh aleinu shanah tovah um'tukah.*

May it be Your will, Eternal our God, that this be a good and sweet year for us.

For eating apples and honey:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָעֵץ.

*Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, borei p'ri ha-eitz.*

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the tree.

Over the challah:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם הַמוֹצִיא לֶחֶם מִן הָאָרֶץ.

*Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu melech haolam, hamotzi lechem min haaretz.*

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who brings forth bread from the earth.