

HIGH HOLIDAYS AT CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL—5785/2024

New year message from Bruce Greenberg

Dear Fellow Congregants,

The High Holy Days services will be different this year because of the continuing conflict and rise in anti-semitism following the events of October 7. We feel a greater urgency than in past years to come together in prayer and fellowship to gain strength in community. In an effort to provide a safe environment for services, Congregation B'nai Israel will again be issuing security passes to all congregants.

High Holy Days security passes will be mailed to Congregation B'nai Israel members. Each family will receive a pass for each family member. Each person is expected to present a security pass to gain admittance to all High Holy Days services.

Security passes are available to guests of members upon request and can be obtained by contacting the Temple office. Identification and contact information for guests will be recorded by the Temple staff. Contact the Temple office by email at TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us or by phone (501) 225-9700. Requests for additional passes made by **September 27** will be mailed to the home address of the member family. Requests made between **September 28** and **October 11** will be available at “will call” in the Temple.

Late registration will be available at the Temple immediately prior to High Holiday services but is not recommended. The late registrant will be registered at a desk in the lobby prior to admission to services and will be required to provide a photo identification and contact information at that time, delaying entry. Those members forgetting to bring their security passes will be required to present a photo identification prior to entering the Sanctuary.

The entire staff appreciate your cooperation as we look forward to your presence at our Sacred Assembly. May your family be inscribed in the Book of Life for a happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year. L'Shanah Tovah,

Bruce Greenberg

President, Congregation B'nai Israel

Join Rabbi Barry Block and Eileen Hamilton for **AN EVENING OF SELICHOT.
Movie—THE LAST REPAIR SHOP, discussion, learning,
and the creation of wholeness from brokenness.**

7:00—8:30 pm—Selichot Program & Collaborative Project

8:40 pm—Dessert Reception

Selichot Services follow at 9:00 pm, led by Rabbi Block; Music by Richard Estelita, accompanied by Diana Brandon.

Meet four unforgettable characters who broken and repaired lives have been dedicated to bringing so much more than music to the school children of Los Angeles. And how that brokenness, in all of us, at this reflective season can be realized to make the world a better place. One of completeness and beauty.



We need your junk, miscellaneous toys and other random items for our project on September 28, 2024, for Selichot. Bring in your assorted pieces, parts, relics, toys – all colors and sizes to the Temple.



SELICHOT – Saturday, September 28
Movie (The Last Repair Shop), an Elul discussion, and the creation of collaborative project to mark the High Holiday season.
Program followed by a reception and the Selichot service led by Rabbi Block.

SELICHOT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28: 7—8:30

At the beginning of time, God's presence filled the universe. When God decided to bring the world into being to make room for creation, God first drew in God's breath, contracting. From that contraction darkness was created. And when God said, 'Let there be light, the light that came into being filled the darkness, and ten holy vessels came forth, each filled with primordial light. Had they arrived intact, the world would have been perfect. But the vessels were too fragile to contain such a powerful, divine light. They broke open, and the holy sparks were scattered like sand, like seeds, like stars. That is why we were created—to gather the sparks, no matter where they are hidden. And when enough holy sparks have been gathered, the broken vessels will be restored, and Tikkun Olam, the repair of the world, waited so long, will be finally be complete.



ROSH HASHANAH

5785-2024

Saturday, September 28

7pm – Selichot Program and Service

Wednesday, October 2 –

Rosh Hashanah Eve

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

Thursday, October 3 –

Rosh Hashanah Day

10am – Rosh Hashanah Morning
Worship

4pm – Very Special Tashlich
Gathering, Marking the 150th
Anniversary of Oakland Jewish
Cemetery, including “Standing on Our
Shoulders,” daffodil planting, and a
picnic in our beautiful cemetery.

This event, open to congregants and
guests of all ages, will include Rosh
Hashanah activities designed for
children and led by LAFTY.

Congregation B’nai Israel Key Club

The Key to Our Future 2024



Teshuvah (repentance), *T’filah*
(prayer), and *Tzedakah* (charity)
are the pillars of the High
Holidays. We cannot gather for
teshuvah or *t’filah* without *tzedakah*.

Our Gift of the Heart
contributions only cover about 70%
of Temple expenses. The Key Club
is Temple B’nai Israel’s traditional High Holiday
Tzedakah Campaign to further support our
congregation’s programs and services.

The Key Club will succeed with your help! We
ask for the support of those who have given in the
past as well as those new to the Key Club. We ask
that you make your pledge before September 15,
2024 to ensure that your name is acknowledged in
the printed Rosh Hashanah bulletin and online in
the October Chronicle.

Your gift will help our Temple remain a center for
Jewish life, worship, and education in Arkansas.

Bruce Greenberg, President
Annabelle Imber Tuck, Immediate Past President

Key Club Commitment Levels:

Key Club - \$200

Silver Key Club - \$400

Gold Key Club - \$600

Platinum Key Club - \$1000

Please join the Congregation for a

Rosh Hashanah Gala Dessert Reception

following Rosh Hashanah Services on Wednesday, October 2nd.

All are cordially invited to share in the sweetness of

the new year with the B’nai Israel Family.

Wishes for a Shanah Tova to you and yours—a healthy and happy New Year!

Rabbi Barry Block, Eileen Hamilton, Student Cantor Aleksandra Dubov, Lane

Boyd, Milton Boyd, & Cheryl Brown.



happy
Rosh Hashanah

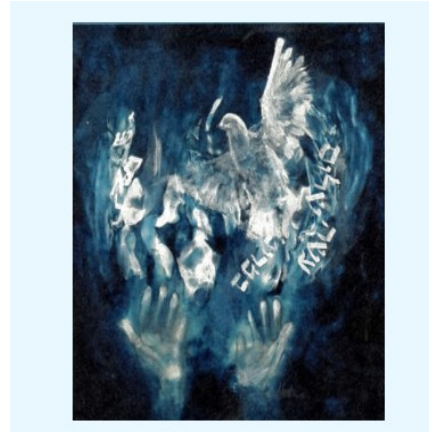
YOM KIPPUR 5785-2024

Friday, October 11 – Yom Kippur Eve
8pm – Kol Nidre Service

Saturday, October 12 – Yom Kippur Day

9am – Yom Kippur Children’s Services
10am – Yom Kippur Morning Worship
12:15pm – “My Jewish Journey”
Symposium
1:30pm – Yom Kippur Study
3:30pm – Yom Kippur Afternoon Torah Service
4:15pm – *Yizkor*/Memorial Service
5:30pm – *Neila*/Concluding Service
6:30pm – Break-the-Fast

Neila service will be followed by the Break
the Fast Reception in the Social Hall
All are cordially invited.



YOM KIPPUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

As we look forward to the High Holidays, we are beginning to prepare the special **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** with tributes to our beloved departed whose memories are consecrated at our Yizkor Memorial Service on the Day of Atonement.

This booklet, a fitting expression of devotion and respect for our relatives and friends, will be available at the Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur Day. The Yom Kippur Memorial Service is a hallowed tradition of our faith. We hope you will want to observe this sacred custom that combines the mitzvot of loving memory and tzedakah.

Six names can be recorded for \$54.00.
Additional names for \$5.00 each.

Names are due to the Temple office by calling or emailing by October 1st.

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 11. 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 *Mishnan HaNefesh*, either in print or as an e-book, at www.ccarpress.org.





Celebrate the Sesquicentennial of
Oakland Jewish Cemetery
on Rosh Hashanah Afternoon!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 4 PM

Join us to celebrate our beautiful, historic cemetery.



These Rosh Hashanah Afternoon activities will constitute our Children's Service for Rosh Hashanah, including activities planned and led by LAFTY.

4:00 pm **Standing on Their Shoulders**

4:30 pm **Tashlich**, led by LAFTY

5:15 pm **Daffodil Planting**

6 pm **Congregational Picnic**

Marking the 150th Anniversary of
Oakland Jewish Cemetery

Remember to bring sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses—
and above all, your picnic dinner and blanket.
Water will be provided.

Standing On Their Shoulders

to feature Rabbi Ira E. Sanders, Irene Samuel, and Rich Lewis

Written and produced by Meg Goldenberg Marion and Joanne Matson

You won't want to miss this opportunity to meet Temple members from our past, as professional actors deftly bring them to life at Oakland Jewish Cemetery. This popular program will showcase Rabbi Ira E. Sanders, Irene Samuel, and Richard Lewis, all of blessed memory.

This program will be held in the Social Hall at Temple in the event of rain.

2024 High Holy Day School Excuse Letter

Parents and teachers: To obtain our 2024 High Holy Day School Excuse Letter--requesting that schools excuse Jewish students' and teachers' absence on Rosh Hashanah, Thursday, October 3—please contact Lane Boyd in the Temple office, 501-225-9700 or TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us. If necessary, Lane is able to provide a personalized version of the letter, i.e., specifically addressed to your child's school.

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 *Neila* Service by advance reservation. Reservations will be accepted until Friday, September 27 for Rosh Hashanah and Wednesday, October 9 for Yom Kippur. Reservations can be made by calling the office: 501.225.9700. Walk-ins will only be accommodated if enough staff is available.