



# B'nai Israel Reform Temple Bulletin



## *Rabbi Rosenthal's Message*

In preparation for the High Holy Days, I read an over-abundance of liturgy. Partly because I need to prepare the services, and partly because the prayers help me to connect to the spirit of the holidays in a deeper way.

This year, I came across a reflection that felt very relevant in Mishkan Hanefeh: Machzor of the Days of Awe by Rabbi David Wolpe. He wrote,

Why does Rosh HaShanah precede Yom Kippur? No sooner do we mark the New Year than we begin repenting for our sins. Surely the logical sequence would be the reverse: we should repent and then usher in the New Year with a clean slate. Rosh HaShanah is a day we celebrate the world. We appreciate the beauty, the wonder, and the miraculousness of life. That appreciation is critical; for only when we understand how splendid yet fragile is God's world can we begin to repent for having damaged or neglected it. All tikkun, all reparation, begins in appreciation. We heal relationships because we understand their value. We seek to restore the imbalances in the natural world because its native pageantry dazzles our eyes. Yom Kippur is the outcome of our Rosh HaShanah vision: surrounded by possibility, we need to heal what we have hurt, or nurture the untended patches of God's garden. Seeing the cracks in creation, we acknowledge our obligation to fill them. First comes gratitude, then regret, then restoration.

This reflection moved me because as I write this article, I am reading about the wildfires in Hawaii.

While I have not been to Lahaina or even the island of Maui, I have seen the beauty that exists on the islands and have met so many lovely people there. On the nearby Big Island, I saw and experienced deep history and culture, amazing and diverse landscapes, and a feeling of shalom – of peace.

A horrific confluence of events caused this disaster including the category 4 hurricane, Dora, which was 100's of miles off the coast and raised the wind levels to 45 mph with gusts that were clocked at up to 70 mph. In addition, there were dry conditions and far too many non-native – dry plants on the ground.

While it is impossible to prove so close to the event, most experts claim that it was human initiated climate change which created conditions needed to foster this tragedy. Climate change makes hurricanes stronger and more common and is also responsible for harsher and more frequent droughts. In addition, it was the human abandonment of lands that allowed so many invasive nonnative and flammable grasses to take over large portions of land. These factors set the stage for the fires to be so quick and devastating. Similar conditions have continued to affect Canada and California.

Human actions are harming our beautiful, precious earth. I feel pain and regret, because I have seen beauty in some of these places – I appreciate their value – and the value of the people who live there, and I know that healing is essential.

While I do not have the magic solution, I know that a deeper dive into new technologies and strategies to combat and adapt to climate change and protective measures and safeguards can make a difference. As I look ahead to the New Year, I hope to learn more about what I can do to help heal and restore our precious earth so that all who live upon it may find safety and protection.


May we all find new ways to create healing from the natural progression of our holiday cycle of Rosh Hashanah followed by Yom Kippur. And as Rabbi Wolpe writes, may we feel gratitude, then regret, and conclude with restoration.

*L'shana tovah to all!*

## REMINDER:

There is a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

Letters were sent to all Temple Members.



MELODIES OF THE...

# *High Holy Days*

Elul is the last month of the Jewish year. During this month we take time to spiritually prepare ourselves for reflection and repentance.

As is with meditation, one must be in the right setting, the right state of mind to truly dive deeply into oneself. We will be asking hard questions and searching for honest answers. When we feel comfortable, that is when we are most trusting.

With this thought of comfort in mind, I offer these recordings of High Holiday melodies that you will hear over and over throughout our services. Becoming familiar with them now will allow you to be comfortable with them at a time when you can lose yourself in thought and find meaning in your prayer.

We look forward to seeing you at services and Leslie and I wish you and your family a very happy, healthy and sweet year.

Shana Tova Um'tukah

Cantor Ilana Plutzer



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MELODIES ON OUR WEBSITE





Every business has its "Busy Season" and that is where we are at B'nai Israel. There is always a tremendous amount of work that goes into keeping our congregation moving along and never is there more than the weeks leading up to the High Holiday season.

For those that are not aware here is just a sampling of what it takes to make the services happen. I will apologize ahead of time because I know that I will leave out a group or a person that is involved. If it does happen it was unintentional and goes to show how many are involved in this endeavor.

- The process starts easily enough. The ritual committee with the Rabbi figures out the timing of the services. What worked last year and what did not? How do we handle issues such as where to have our Tashlich service, so it is not inconvenient for those either coming from the temple from Morning Services or those going back to the temple for family services.

- The choir along with the Cantor start to prepare for the services. While Rosh Hashana starts at Sundown on September 15<sup>th</sup>, the first service of the holidays is Sleichot which this year is September 9<sup>th</sup>. They have been rehearsing since June for us!
- Talking about Sleichot, did you RSVP for the dinner that is before the service? The food doesn't just magically appear. A lot of effort is put forth by the committee to make sure that we have enough delicious food to eat. Thank you to Sandy Weber, Alice Lambert and all others who will make this possible.
- By now you should have received your tickets in the mail. The office started to work on getting them out back in early July. Letters needed to be checked to make sure that all the correct information is included, tickets and envelopes need to be ordered and of course the need to be stuffed and mailed. In recent years that has become a one-person job, thank you Karen for making sure that my letters are correct, not just for substance but for grammar.
- Rabbi starts preparing her sermons in the months prior to the holidays. They might be individual sermons but there is always a thought process and a theme to bring them together. Of course, Rabbi does much more in preparation but for the sake of space in the bulletin we will leave it at this.
- Cantor not only has to work with the choir, but she also has to prepare for her music and torah readings. While a lot of the prayers she will sing are the same words the High Holidays brings us many melodies that are specific to these holidays.
- The services give us something special by having our congregants take part in special readings and honors. Just as the food for Sleichot does not magically appear those honors don't hand themselves out. Thank you to Stephanie Plewka and her helpers for getting the honors to the congregants and ensuring a smooth service.
- We are once again providing our services via Zoom to our congregation. Thank you to Jeannette Berman for making sure that this runs as smooth as possible. For those that don't know this can be very stressful and Jeannette gives up being a congregant so that the experience for everyone online is a positive one.
- It takes a group to be the greeters and ushers during services to make sure that everyone that is at the service belongs at the service and that they all make it to a seat with a prayer book.
- You will have the opportunity to hear two speeches from Lay Leaders during the High Holidays. One from me for Kol Nidre and one from Alice Lambert for outreach. Thank you Alice for doing this for the last few years. Again, speeches don't write themselves.
- Traditionally B'nai Israel provide a bit of Break Fast as we all leave concluding services. This would not happen without Alice Lambert and Sandy Weber and a group of others.
- There are many more items that I can go on about, from setting up the chairs in the social hall (Thank you Charlene) to making sure that our grounds are beautiful (Thank you to Lesli and Fern). I know that I missed groups here and I again apologize.

Again, thank you to everyone that will make 5784 a great year at B'nai Israel.

l'Shana tova and l'Shalom,

Seth C. Berman

B'NAI ISRAEL BROTHERHOOD

# MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL BOXES ARE BACK!

DEADLINE TO PURCHASE  
BOXES IS OCTOBER 22

BOXES ARE  
\$50 EACH

Chance to win \$350.00  
each Monday night  
starting with week 7 on  
October 23rd and ending  
with week 17 on  
December 30.



**CLICK HERE**

TO VIEW CURRENTLY AVAILABLE BOXES  
(UPDATED DAILY) AND TO PURCHASE ONLINE



## Outreach Committee Report

Alice Lambert



The High Holy Days are fast approaching and so is the **annual B'nai Israel Food Drive**. As In the past, we will be asking for donations of nonperishable, nutritious food items to be donated. We will then distribute the food to many charitable groups who service many areas in our communities. In addition to food, disposable diapers, baby formula and food, are badly needed. Whenever you come to the Temple please bring your donations and put them into barrels in the lobby or into the coat room.

There are many of us who find it difficult to get out to shop and then carry bags into the Temple. The **gift cards** sold in every supermarket and pharmacy are the perfect solution. They are easy to shop for and bring, and they are easy for the recipients to use.

Not only is the need great in our neighboring communities, but it is also present within our own congregational family. Many of us have faced illness, loss of jobs, rising food costs, as well as increased rental and utility costs. A monetary donation into the **B'nai Israel Outreach fund** will help us to help others in our own family and community.

Just a few of the organizations that we help throughout the year are: the **Chestine Coverdale Sayville Food Pantry**, the **Share A Meal Soup Kitchen** in Sayville, The **Eastern Suffolk Farm Workers**, local families, and many others. It is a great source of pride to be able to help others...to be able to say that **B'nai Israel Temple is there for you**.

So, I'm counting on all of you, just as I always have, and I know that you will be even more generous than you have always been.

As we enter the New Year, let us pray for shalom and love in our community, country, and in the world.

# ANNUAL HIGH HOLY DAYS FOOD DRIVE

Please help us help our community by donating nonperishable, nutritious food items, disposable diapers, baby formula, and baby food.

Donations can go in the coat room or bins in the lobby.







## “Unity in the Community”

Alice Lambert

The town of Islip has a newly formed Community Unity Council to celebrate the diversity in the town. It will also respond to episodes of antisemitism and other incidents of hate within our communities. I am fortunate to represent B’nai Israel on the council.

The first event of the Council was “Unity in the Community” at the Grange in Sayville on August 12<sup>th</sup>. We were part of a very exciting day, along with representatives of ethnic and community groups, vendors, and food trucks. There was wonderful entertainment by singers and dancers representing their ethnicities.

The B’nai Israel table introduced us to the community in great fashion! Thank you to Gil Sacks for making a banner with a collage of pictures representing Religious School, Sisterhood, and Temple life. Thank you to Ellen Missry for designing the poster advertising Religious School registration. Thank you to Alysha Abrams for getting gift cards from many community shops and creating a raffle basket; congratulations to Don Johnson for winning the raffle.

A huge thank you to Paige Sacks for helping with every step from creating the B’nai Israel table to being there from setup to cleanup; thank you Stacey Zurbaran for help with setup and to Seth Berman for staying and helping to clean up. And, as always, thank you to my better half, Mike Lambert, for his never-ending support.

I appreciate the enthusiasm of those to whom I first mentioned the idea of participating in “Unity in the Community.” It gave me the energy to keep moving forward to conclusion. I especially appreciate all the congregants, along with Rabbi Rosenthal, who stopped by to show their support of B’nai Israel. It was heartwarming to see so many of you in response to this amazing community event.





# BOOKPLATE SALE

## Honor and Remember Your Loved Ones



B'nai Israel will be using new High Holy Day prayerbooks called Mishkan Hanefesh. There is an opportunity to place a bookplate in each of these books honoring or memorializing a loved one or friend.

If you would like to order bookplates please complete the form below and return it to the Temple Office.

[Click Here to order online and pay by credit card.](#)

**The cost for the first bookplate is \$36.00. Each additional bookplate is \$18.00**

### Bookplate #1

Donated by : \_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of  
Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### Bookplate #2

Donated by : \_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of  
Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### Bookplate #3

Donated by : \_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of  
Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### Bookplate #4

Donated by : \_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_ In Memory of  
Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment & Contact Information

Your phone number in case we have any questions \_\_\_\_\_

First Bookplate	\$36.00
____ additional bookplates x \$18.00	_____
Total	_____

Checks should be made payable to B'nai Israel Reform Temple.

*If you would like to pay by credit card, please use the [online form](#) or call the Temple Office (631)-563-1660*

## ***Torah and Haftarah Readings***

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Deuteronomy ch. 26 vs. 1 through ch. 29 vs. 8  
Isaiah ch. 60 vss. 1 through 22

**September 9<sup>th</sup>:** Deuteronomy ch. 29 vs. 9 through ch. 30 vs. 20, ch. 31 vss. 1 through 30  
Isaiah ch. 61 vs. 10 through ch. 63 vs. 9

**September 16<sup>th</sup> Rosh Hashanah:** Genesis ch. 22 vss. 1 through 19  
I Samuel ch. 1 vs. 1 through ch. 2 vs. 10; Jeremiah ch. 31 vss. 2 through 20

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> day Rosh Hashanah:** Genesis ch. 1 vs. 1 through ch. 2 vs. 3  
Jeremiah ch. 31 vss. 2 through 20

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Deuteronomy ch. 32 vss. 1 through 52  
Hosea ch. 14 vss. 2 through 10; Micah ch. 7 vss. 18 through 20; Joel ch. 2 vss. 15 through 27

**September 24<sup>th</sup> Yom Kippur:** Deuteronomy ch. 29 vss. 9 through 14, ch. 30 vss. 11-20 (Morning) and Leviticus ch. 19 vss. 1 through 4, vss. 9 through 18, vss. 31 through 37 (Afternoon)  
Isaiah ch. 58 vss. 1 through 14

**September 30<sup>th</sup>:** Leviticus ch. 23 vss. 33 through 44  
Zechariah ch. 14 vss. 7 through 9, vss. 16 through 21



## ***Ducks Fundraiser Update***

As you read this edition of the Temple Bulletin the Ducks 2023 baseball season is coming to a close and along with that, we wrap up our biggest annual fund raising effort, working the concession stands at the ballpark in Central Islip.

Through the end of July, we have over \$10,000 in the bank and two additional checks "in the mail" for big games during August. And we're not quite done yet. We'll work one or more games over the Labor Day Weekend and if things work out for the Ducks there may be one or more playoff games in our future as we bring our season to a close.

We'll recognize our Ducks volunteers in-person at a Shabbat service later in the fall. Meanwhile, we say "thank you" to more than two dozen Temple members who worked one or more games and several who have actually worked every one!

If you can be available to help out during the month of September, it's not too late to pitch in. Email [ducks@bnai-israel.org](mailto:ducks@bnai-israel.org) to join our B'nai Israel Ducks Team.



*Membership  
Matters*

## ***Leisurely Single group***

Our new group was very busy in August. Many of us went out East on Long Island to enjoy lunch at the Homestead Farm, a farm to table restaurant. While out East some took the opportunity to explore and others shopped. We had our planning meeting for the coming year. Lots of new activities were discussed.

Our next get together will be at Bayard Cutting Arboretum on October 18th. More details to follow.

Please give Barbara Abrams a call, if you are interested in joining our group or you have any questions. Hope you can join us for one or more activity.

Barbara Abrams 631-224-1445



## ***Ritual Committee Update***

The Ritual Committee has been discussing and making plans for the High Holy days for months, and we're almost there. Please join us throughout the month of September and into October, as often as you can. Worship and celebrate with us in the Sanctuary or if that's not doable, services will be available via Zoom as well. This is the time of year when our entire Congregation can join together in a meaningful way. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of it.

Tickets and details were mailed out to members in mid-August. If you have not received them by the time you read this bulletin, please call the Temple Office at 631-563-1660. For security purposes please be prepared to show your ticket to ushers at the door.

If you would like to pitch-in and lend a hand, volunteers to serve as ushers are needed at all of our services. If you can help, even for a short while, it lightens the load and allows others the opportunity to spend more time participating with the Congregation. Let us know by emailing [ritual@bnai-israel.org](mailto:ritual@bnai-israel.org).

Congregants of all ages are encouraged to join us as we bring the High Holy Days to area Assisted Living facilities on Sunday and Monday, September 17 and 18th. These visits have proven to be a meaningful experience to both residents and our Temple visitors alike. This year, with the second day of Rosh Hashanah falling Sunday, it may be an opportunity to join us even if you haven't been able to in the past. Check weekly email announcements for the schedule of locations and times. Then let us know when and where you will join us by emailing [ritual@bnai-israel.org](mailto:ritual@bnai-israel.org).

We look forward to seeing the entire B'nai Israel family together this year. And wish you a healthy, safe and happy new year.

## ***Temple Choir***

The Temple Choir is always looking for new members. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:00. If you are interested in being a part of this great group please reach out.

I can be reached by email to [elspiano826@gmail.com](mailto:elspiano826@gmail.com) or by calling my home at: 631-981-1548 or texting or calling my cell at 631-926-8494

Ellen Spergel

***Ellen Spergel***



## ***Religious School News***



The Board of Education has been hard at work!  
Religious School is ready and safe for the 2023-2024 school Year!  
We have a lot of fun activities planned for the students and families during the school year—you definitely do not want to miss out!

IF YOU STILL HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED YOUR CHILD FOR RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, IT IS NOT TOO LATE! JUST DOWNLOAD THE FORMS FROM THE B'NAI ISRAEL WEBSITE, COMPLETE THEM, AND BRING IT WITH YOU TO THE BAGEL BREAKFAST at 9 O'clock AM ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>! YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MEET YOUR CHILD(REN)'S TEACHER AS WELL AS OTHER CLASSMATES AND PARENTS!

### **Religious School Start Dates:**

Grades 1-6: September 9 at 9:30 am  
PreK/K: September 23 at 9:30 am  
Grades 7, 8, & HS: September 11 at 6:30pm (7pm for HS)  
Grade 9: September 18 at 6:30 pm



# B'NAI ISRAEL REFORM TEMPLE

## *Religious school*

*67 Oakdale Bohemia Road, Oakdale, NY 11769 (631) 563-1660*

September 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new year at B'nai Israel Religious School. We are all looking forward to welcoming your children back to school on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

We invite you to join us for a bagel breakfast in the Temple social hall at 9am on Saturday morning. You and your child(ren) will have the opportunity to meet other parents and students, as well as your child's teachers. At this time, you will receive an envelope with your child's assignment, calendar for the year, and rules of our school.

If you have any questions, please call the Temple office.

Happy New Year!  
Alice





**Alysha & Patricia Abrams** on the  
Bat Mitzvah of their  
daughter & granddaughter,  
**Solace Abrams**

**Ellen & Richard Motlin**  
on the marriage of their daughter  
**Lindsay and Adam Britanyak,**  
on August 20, 2023

**Sharon & Brian Linehan**  
on the birth of their grandson,  
**Logan Christopher Linehan**  
on July 29, 2023

*We love to wish people Mazel Tov!  
If you have some great news,  
please let us know by contacting the Temple Office.*

Share a **SIMCHA**  
Sponsor an **ONEG**

Let everyone celebrate with you for your  
Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, or any  
simcha you would like to share.

Contact the Temple Office for Details

## **Dynamic Chair Yoga with Bonnie Rubell**

Dynamic Chair Yoga is an intermediate level yoga class held at our Temple every Thursday morning at 10:30 am.

This is an active yoga class for fit seniors who want to start or continue their yoga practices. This class presents modifications for many yoga poses. Students choose the modifications which work best for them. This is a Hatha chair approach aimed at building body strength for balance and flexibility for life activities such as walking, hiking, travel, dog walking, kayaking and more. Special therapeutic exercises on the Yoga mat will address typical age-related physical changes and conditions. Senior Yoga is strengthening, therapeutic and protective for body and mind. It's also social and fun. This class is also appropriate for all ages who want to get back to an exercise program after a long break.



## **We are selling Grocery Store Food Cards!**

Contact Rich Lindner  
(516) 641-8050 or the Temple Office  
to purchase. Consider donating  
food cards to the Temple's  
Outreach Committee to help others in our community who are in  
need of some assistance.

**Cards can be delivered to you!**





# Sisterhood

September 2023

Hello "Sisters",

It's still hot, still feels like summer, but the leaves will be turning soon, and the High Holy Days are right around the corner. Temple activities have been going on all summer, Shabbat on the Beach, the Meet, Greet, and Eat was a wonderful event, and the barbeque was well attended. What more could we ask for? The Rabbi, Cantor, Membership and Ritual Committees were busy all summer and are putting the final touches on all of the services that are being planned. Thank you for all of your hard work.

Hopefully you made time to attend some of these wonderful events.

Sisterhood has been busy too. We had a planning session to help make up a varied, fun and interesting calendar for the coming year. A few of us also spent a few meetings revising Sisterhood's Constitution, to keep it fresh and up to date in these changing times. We will be taking a vote on that in the early fall.

Have you paid your Sisterhood dues yet? Just \$25 for a fun filled year of lectures, dinners and activities that should be interesting for all. (See our jam packed calendar in the bulletin.) We hope to see you all at a few of these events.

Ken & I would like to wish you an early L'Shana Tova, hoping that the New Year will bring Health and Happiness to our whole Temple Family!

Hope to see you soon,  
Thea Gunther  
Sisterhood President

# L'Shana Tova



## 2023-2024 Calendar

*Tentative & Subject  
to change*

*Events are at 7 pm  
unless otherwise noted.*

**September 12**  
Sweet & Greet

**October 15**  
10:00 am  
Breast Cancer Walk Sayville

**October 17**  
6:30 pm  
Paid Up Membership Dinner

**October 22**  
9:30 am  
Brad Kolodny  
Seeking Sanctuary

**November 21**  
Book Talk

**December 1, 2, 8, 9**  
Hanukkah Gift Shop

**December 2**  
Morning  
Latke Frying  
12:00 pm  
Children's Hanukkah Party

**December 19**  
Holiday Gift Exchange

**January 16**  
Jewelry/Craft Night

**February 20**  
Jewish Trivia

**March 19**  
Jewish Music

**March 23**  
12:00 pm Purim Carnival

**April 9**  
6:00 pm  
Women's Seder

**May 21**  
Rosh Chodesh

**June 18**  
End of Year Dinner

**June 21**  
8:00 pm  
Sisterhood Board  
Installation



YOU'RE INVITED

# Sisterhood's Sweet & Greet



SEPTEMBER 12

7:00 PM

Come for a laugh  
while we do a...

## “Purse”onal Scavenger Hunt

Bring a **SWEET**  
and get to meet and **GREET**  
your Temple Sisters!

*You do not need to be a Sisterhood member prior to 9/12. You can sign up and pay your dues at the door. \$25 for the entire year!*

*Any questions, call or text Robyn (516) 987-9261*



# WALKING WITH SISTERHOOD



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16**




**START AT  
10.00 AM**


**SAYVILLE BEACH  
AT THE END OF  
FOSTER AVE**



**Donate Online to help us raise money for Breast Cancer research by visiting [www.bnai-israel.org](http://www.bnai-israel.org) or mail a check made out to the American Cancer Society to the Temple office.**



**Not up for the walk? No problem!  
Bring a chair and a cup of coffee. We can  
Schmooze & lend our support as we sit  
overlooking the beautiful bay.**





# JOIN *us*



## We are the Sisters of B'NAI ISRAEL REFORM TEMPLE

All who identify as women  
are welcome to join

# Sisterhood

## Sisterhood Membership \$25

Fill out the bottom and  
return to the office with  
a check made out to:  
Sisterhood B'nai Israel  
B'nai Israel Reform Temple  
67 Oakdale-Bohemia Road,  
Oakdale, NY 11769

OR  
Pay dues online at  
[bnai-israel.org](http://bnai-israel.org)

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*Behind every successful  
woman is a tribe of other  
successful women who have  
her back!*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of B'nai Israel Reform Temple? (circle one):      YES      NO

Are you a past president of Sisterhood? (circle one)      YES      NO

# HIGH HOLY DAYS SEASON SERVICE SCHEDULE

**9/9 8:00 pm**  
Selichot Service

**9/10 10:00 am**  
Cemetery Service: New Montefiore

**9/10 11:45 am**  
Cemetery Service: Washington Memorial

**9/15 8:15 pm**  
Erev Rosh Hashanah Service \*

**9/16 Rosh Hashanah**  
9:30 am Rosh Hashanah Morning Service \*  
1:15 pm Tashlich Service  
2:30 pm Family Service


**9/17 & 9/18**  
Nursing home visits for Rosh Hashanah


**9/24 8:00 pm**  
Kol Nidrei Service \*


**9/25 Yom Kippur**  
9:30 am Yom Kippur Morning Service \*  
1:00 pm Family Service  
2:30 pm Rabbi Emeritus Moss Meditation (online)  
3:15 pm Breakout Sessions  
4:30 pm Yizkor Service  
5:15 pm Neila / Concluding Service \*

**9/29 Sukkot Experience**  
6:00 pm Decorating the Sukkah  
6:45 pm Pizza Dinner  
7:30 pm Outdoor Musical Service

**10/6 7:15 pm**  
Simchat Torah & School Consecration Service

 631-563-1660

 [office@bnai-israel.org](mailto:office@bnai-israel.org)

 [bnai-israel.org](http://bnai-israel.org)

***\*Tickets required for  
in-person attendance***

If you are interested in purchasing a ticket for the High Holy Days, please contact the Temple office.



# YSM KIPPUR

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

**3:15 pm**

**September 25**

### **BOOK DISCUSSION**

Please join Natalie Berhumoglu at Temple as she facilitates a book discussion of *The German Wife* by Kelly Rimmer. It is a story of Historical Fiction that focuses on the lives of two women, Sofie and Lizzie. The story moves back and forth in time between pre-World War II in Sofie's Germany as the wife of a rocket scientist, Lizzie's Texas, and 1950s Huntsville, Alabama, where the two of them clash, while each conceals secrets from their past. Contact Natalie by text, phone: 631-241-5134; or email: [Nberhumoglu@aol.com](mailto:Nberhumoglu@aol.com) for ways, if needed, she can help you obtain the book.


### **BASEBALL & THE JEWISH HOLIDAYS**

A casual adult conversation with Joi Garvin: is this 90-year-old story about Hank Greenberg still relevant today? No prior knowledge of sports or history required.

### **WRITING WORKSHOP**

This session features a guided meditation, a related writing exercise, and the opportunity to share what we write. It is led by Steven Orkin, author of the novella, *Susie*, available on Amazon, and co-editor of *Giant Bug Cinema* and its follow-up, *Giant Beast Cinema*, published by BearManor Media. Steve was a winner of Stephen King's On Writing Contest and is the moderator of Mid-Island Writers, a virtual writing group.





join us for a

# SUKKOT EXPERIENCE

**Friday, September 29, 2023**

**Pizza in the Hut  
Dinner and  
Musical Shabbat**

**6:00 pm Make Decorations**

**6:45 pm Pizza Dinner**

**7:30 pm Outdoor Musical Service**

**ALL AGES FOR DECORATING  
FUN AND DINNER WELCOME**

**RSVP to the Temple Office by  
September 25 (631) 563-1660**

















## B'nai Israel Reform Temple and Sisterhood Logo Wear 2023

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://bnaiisraelreformtemple.itemorder.com/>
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8pm Shabbat Service	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7 10:30am Chair Yoga 7pm Board of Ed 7 pm Choir 7:30pm Fundraising Committee	8 7:15 pm Family Service	9 9am Bagel Breakfast for Students and Parents 9:30 am School Grades 3-6 9:30 am School Grades 1-2 6:30 pm Selichot Dinner 8pm Selichot Service
10 Bulletin Deadline Cemetery Service 10am New Montefiore 11am Washington Memorial 4 pm Special Cong. Meeting	11 6:30 pm School Grades 7 8 7pm School Grade HS	12 7 pm Sisterhood Sweet & Greet	13 11am Golf Outing	14 10:30am Chair Yoga 7 pm Choir	15 8:15 pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	16 ROSH HASHANAH No School 9:30am Morning Svc 1:15pm Tashlich 2:30pm Family Svc
17 Nursing Home Visits for Rosh Hashanah	18 Nursing Home Visits for Rosh Hashanah 6:30 pm School Grades 7 9 7:30pm Finance Committee	19	20	21 10:30am Chair Yoga 8pm Temple Board Meeting	22 8pm Shabbat Service	23 9:30 am School Grades 3-6 9:30 am School Grades preK/K
24 8pm Kol Nidrei	25 YOM KIPPUR 9:30am Morning 1pm Family 2:30 Rabbi Moss Meditation 3:15 pm Breakouts 4:30pm Yizkor 5:15 Neilah	26	27	28 10:30am Chair Yoga	29 6pm Make Sukkot Decorations 6:45pm Pizza Dinner 7:30 pm Musical Sukkot Service (outdoors)	30 9:30 am School Grades 3-6 9:30 am School Grades preK/K 3pm Afternoon Service with Bat Mitzvah of Solace Abrams

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 6:30 pm School Gr 7 8 7 pm School Gr HS	3 7pm Sisterhood Board Meeting	4	5 10:30am Chair Yoga 7pm Board of Ed 7:30pm Fundraising Committee	6 Pink Shabbat  7:15 pm Simchat Torah Service & School Consecration	7 9:30 am School Grades 3-6 9:30 am School Grades preK/K 10am Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Kyle Oleksiak
8	9 No School	10 Bulletin Deadline	11	12 10:30am Chair Yoga	13 Pink Shabbat  7:15 pm Family Service	14 9:30 am School Grades 3-6 9:30 am School Grades 1 2 10am Morning Service with Bar Mitzvah of Jax Chasan
15 10am Breast Cancer Walk Sayville Beach	16 6:30 pm School Gr 7 9 7:30 pm Finance Committee	17 6:30 pm Sisterhood Paid Up Membership Dinner	18 11am Leisurely Single Get Together Bayard Cutting Arboretum	19 10:30am Chair Yoga 8pm Temple Board Meeting	20 Pink Shabbat  7pm Kid-ish Shabbat 8pm Shabbat Service	21 9:30 am School Grades 3-6 9:30 am School Grades preK/K 10am Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Samantha Black
22 Deadline for Football Boxes  9:30 am Book Presentation: Seeking Sanctuary	23 6:30 pm School Gr 7 8	24	25	26 10:30am Chair Yoga	27 Pink Shabbat  8 pm Shabbat Service	28 9:30 am School Grades 3-6 9:30 am School Grades 1 2 10 am Morning Service with Bat Mitzvah of Meghan Olweck
29	30 6:30 pm School Gr 7 9	31	In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we are asking people to wear PINK each Friday in October.			



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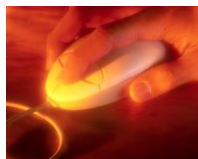
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