

# L'Shanah Tovah

5771



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HIGH HOLIDAYS 5771 • 2010**

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# Rosh Hashanah 5771

## AT HOME

**R***osh Hashanah*, like all Jewish holidays, is celebrated both in the synagogue and in the home. The mood of the holiday is joyous as we look forward to the opportunity to begin anew and celebrate the gift of another year of life. *Rosh Hashanah* can be enhanced in the home through your preparations and rituals. Customarily, the table is set with a white cloth (a symbol of purity and joy), candlesticks, wine, apples and honey and *challot* (usually round to symbolize a full, complete year). This year, *Rosh Hashanah* will begin on the evening of Wednesday, September 8 with candle lighting at home at 7:10 p.m.

◆ **Lighting the candles** – As we light the candles, we recite the following blessings to mark the beginning of the holiday:

*Baruch ata Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzeevanu l'hadleek ner shel yom tov.*

Praised are You, Lord our God, Master of the universe, Who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to light the Festival candles.

*Baruch ata Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha-olam, she-hecheuanu, v'kee-y-manu, v'higeeyanu laz'man hazeh.*

Praised are You, Lord our God, Master of the universe, Who has kept us in life, sustained us and enabled us to reach this season.

◆ **Blessing of the children** – It is a beautiful tradition for parents to bless their children before reciting *Kiddush*. Parents place their hands on each child's head and say the appropriate blessing:

For sons – *Y'simcha Eloheem k'Efrayim v'k'Menashe*.  
May God make you as Ephraim and Menashe.

For daughters – *Y'simech Eloheem k'Sarah, Rivka, Rachel, v'Leah*.  
May God make you as Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.



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For all children – May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's goodness shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord turn with favor to you and give you peace. *Amen.*

◆ The *Kiddush* for *Yom Tov* is recited over wine, followed by the *Motzi*, the blessing over the challah:

*Baruch ata Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha-olam, bo-rei pe-ri ha-ga-fen.*

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Master of the universe, Creator of the fruit of the vine.

*Baruch ata Adonai, Elohaynu melech haolam, asher bachar banu mikol am, veromemanu mikol lashon, vekideshanu bemitzvotav. Vatitein lanu Adonai Eloheyntu be'ahava, et yom (haShabbat hazeh, v'et yom) Hazikaron hazeh, yom (zichron) teruah, (be'ahava) mikra kodesh, zeicher litziat Mitzrayim. Ki vanu vacharta ve'otanu kidashta mikol ha'amim, u'dvarcha emet v'kayam la'ad. Baruch ata Adonai, melech al kol ha'arets, mikadeish (ha'Shabbat v) Yisrael v'Yom HaZikaron.*

Blessed are You, Lord our God, Master of the universe, Who has chosen us from all people, exalted us above every tongue and sanctified us with Your *mitzvot*. With love, Lord our God, you have given us feasts of gladness and seasons of joy, this day of *Rosh Hashanah*, holy assemblies, recalling the Exodus from Egypt. For You have chosen us and You have sanctified us from all people, and in love and in favor have granted us the Festivals, in gladness and joy, as our heritage. Blessed are You Lord, our God, who hallows Israel and the festive seasons.

◆ On the first night of *Rosh Hashanah*, it is traditional to dip the challah in honey and recite the following prayer.

*Y'hee ratzon milfanecha, Adonai, Elohaynu velohay avotaynu, She'tichadesh aleyntu shanah tovah u'metukah.*

May it be Your will, Lord our God, and God of our ancestors, that the New Year be both good and sweet.

◆ On the second night of *Rosh Hashanah*, it is customary to eat a new fruit (mango, pomegranate, etc.) so that the *She-hecheyanu* prayer may be recited. However, the *She-hecheyanu* prayer may be recited even without eating a new fruit.

The traditional greetings for *Rosh Hashanah* are:

*L'shanah Tova* (May you enjoy a good year).

*Shanah Tova U'Metukah* (May your new year be good and sweet).

# Greetings

## FROM THE RELIGIOUS SERVICES COMMITTEE

As we look to the upcoming High Holidays, the members of the Religious Services Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish the members of our Beth El family good health and much happiness in the coming New Year. We hope that our services will provide the spiritual regeneration each of us is seeking.

In order to provide our services for you, we urge you to please observe the following simple requests:

- ◆ Our worship services begin as scheduled, so please be prompt. We urge you to come early for *Kol Nidre* on Friday, September 17 to avoid disrupting the service once we begin.
- ◆ Those who arrive late, and are not certain where their seats are located, are requested to consult an usher before proceeding to their seats as quickly and quietly as possible as others will be praying.
- ◆ Please keep all conversation with friends or family members while services are in progress to a minimum.
- ◆ Please do not congregate in the hallways, especially near the entrance and exits of the various services.
- ◆ Please remove your *tallit* before going into the restroom. After the conclusion of services, please return your *tallit* to the racks in the hallways.
- ◆ We urge all congregants, young and old, to remain during *Yizkor* (Memorial) Services to support those within our community who have lost loved ones. This will also give others an opportunity to recall the people who have shaped our lives.



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### Please Note:

**High Holiday tickets will be mailed under separate cover during the week of August 16.**

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## “WHAT TO DO IF”

It is a long-established part of our history that people are free to take unoccupied seats if they are available during services. This “musical chairs” style, while awkward at moments, is a time-honored tradition that enables us to welcome our children and also to welcome strangers. However, an equally cherished tradition is that, if you arrive and someone is occupying your seats, we graciously ask the people in your seats to change seats with no ill feelings on any side.

If you are one of those people who feel shy about asking someone to move, please have an usher do it for you; or, if you feel that it would be discomfoting to have others move just for you to sit in “your seats,” then please don’t let yourself feel strange about occupying other unused seats. Most of our members take this attitude very comfortably, knowing that at Beth El we are less “territorial” and more “familial” than many other synagogues. We, in fact, tend to see this as a plus rather than a minus. It helps to keep the “Welcome” sign out rather than turning us into the kind of place where tickets are checked and everyone feels like a stranger. A little bit of warmth and understanding goes a long way.

# Seating Dilemmas

**Please Remember:**  
**There are services when OPEN SEATING is in effect.**  
**Thank you for your courtesy.**

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# Selichot

## THE HIGH HOLIDAYS BEGIN SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 9:00 P.M.

We hope that you will join us for an evening of reflection as we begin to prepare for the coming Days of Awe. The service, which is free and open to the public, will give congregants an opportunity to begin the repentance process leading up to *Yom Kippur*. This meaningful and evocative musical setting of the *Selichot* service, composed by our own Cantor Thom King, will feature cellist Evan Drachman and the men of the Beth El Choir. As part of the reflective mood of the evening, Rabbi Schwartz and Saroken will lead us in a short discussion of Matthew Arnold's poem, "Dover Beach". Written in 1851, the poem's central theme is one that still resonates today: that modern challenges to long-standing theological and moral precepts have shaken the faith of mankind in God and religion. As part of this discussion Cantor King, Evan Drachman, and friends will present a performance of Samuel Barber's 1931 musical setting of the poem. A light reception will follow the service.

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# EREV Rosh Hashanah

## EVENING OF *ROSH HASHANAH* WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 6:00 P.M.

The High Holidays will begin on Wednesday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. with a family service in the Rubin Sanctuary for the entire congregation. This service is open to all members. There will be open seating, however, a limited number of seats will have yellow "reserved" signs on them.

Rabbi Steven Schwartz and Cantor Thom King will lead the service, and our Children's Choir will be participating.



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The Beth El staff and the officers and trustees of the congregation and its affiliates extend sincere wishes for a New Year filled with good health, worthy achievements and world peace for all.

Rabbi Steven Schwartz

Rabbi Dana Saroken

Cantor Thom King

Rabbi David Greenspoon

Gilbert Kleiner, FSA, Executive Director

Ailene Sher, Director of Development

Dr. Eyal Bor, Director of Education

Deborah Caplan, Assistant Administrator

Diane Cole, Event Coordinator

Debbie Rabin, Director of Early Childhood Education

Ellen Marks, Director of Infant & Toddler

Jill Eisen, Assistant Principal, Director of Family Programming

Sandy Winters, Interim Ritual Director

Mike Leavey, Communications Coordinator

Raphael Kahn, President

# Best Wishes



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# Children

## CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT BETH EL!

Please bring your children to synagogue for the High Holidays! We are delighted to have them in the synagogue and especially want even the littlest ones in our midst for special moments, such as the blowing of the *shofar* on *Rosh Hashanah*, the reading of the Torah, etc. If the children become overly noisy, however, we would appreciate your taking them outside for a few minutes until they calm down. Thank you for your cooperation.

## HIGH HOLIDAY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

The Berman-Lipavsky Religious School will offer participatory and interactive prayer services and holiday-oriented activities for the High Holidays. Families have two options: the family-friendly service held in the Myers Auditorium for both days of *Rosh Hashanah*, *Kol Nidre* and *Yom Kippur* or the children services for first day of *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. Only preschool and teen services will be held on the second day of *Rosh Hashanah*. All families are invited to the family friendly service in the Myers Auditorium on the second day of *Rosh Hashanah*. Services are from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Tot, school and teen services are grouped by age and grade level. There will be aftercare provided on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah* on September 9 and for *Yom Kippur* on September 18 from 12:05 – 1:30 p.m.

When you arrive at the Hubert Education Wing, located at the far end of the driveway, please notice the signs that will direct you to the appropriate rooms.

It is not necessary for you to register for these activities. If you would like more information, please contact Assistant Principal Jill Eisen at [jill@bethelbalto.com](mailto:jill@bethelbalto.com) or **410-484-4543**. Remember to enter through the Hubert Education Wing located at the far end of the driveway.



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## **BABY ROOMS FOR CHILDREN UNDER TWO YEARS**

In an effort to meet the needs of our entire congregation, Beth El offers a special High Holiday room in the Rabbi Jacob Agus Library for parents and their infants/toddlers who are under two years-old. A television monitor will broadcast the holiday services live from the Myers Auditorium for parents and children in this staffed room. Parents are invited to bring their diaper supplies and use our diapering facilities in the pre-school. **Seating is limited. If you do not register by Friday, August 20, we will not guarantee you a seat.**

## **THE PAULINE MASH SCHOOL FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION HIGH HOLIDAY BABYSITTING SERVICE**

In addition to the High Holiday Tot Service, the Pre-School will provide babysitting for children of parents who have tickets in the Rubin Sanctuary, Offit Auditorium, Gorn Chapel or Myers Auditorium for the High Holidays. This childcare is available for two to five year olds on September 9 and 10 (*Rosh Hashanah*) and September 18 (*Yom Kippur*) from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Pauline Mash School for Early Childhood Education.

**Parents of children under two years-old should register for the Baby Room. Older students should attend our age-appropriate High Holiday programs.** In order to provide adequate babysitting coverage, please pre-register your child/children by filling out the form below.

**If your child is not registered, we cannot guarantee a space. Please note that diaper changing will not be provided.** Please bring your supplies; diaper-changing areas will be provided for your use. Snacks and juice will be provided for *Rosh Hashanah*; no snacks will be provided on *Yom Kippur*.

**The Baby Room will be open for the following services:**

**First and Second Day Rosh Hashanah – Thursday, September 9 & Friday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. (NOT OPEN ON EREV ROSH HASHANAH.)**

**Kol Nidre Service – Friday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.**

**Yom Kippur – Saturday, September 18, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**



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# Reservation Form

**Babysitting for 2 – 5 year olds**  
**Please clip and mail back to the address below**

MY CHILD/CHILDREN WILL ATTEND:  
(Please check appropriate boxes)

- Rosh Hashanah* (First Day) –  
Thursday, September 9, 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Rosh Hashanah* (Second Day) –  
Friday, September 10, 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Yom Kippur* –  
Saturday, September 18, 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

**Be sure to include all of the following information:**  
(Please return this form when you know your seat location)

LOCATION OF SEATS:

Rubin Sanctuary \_\_\_\_\_ Offit \_\_\_\_\_

Gorn \_\_\_\_\_ Myers \_\_\_\_\_

ROW NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ SEAT NUMBERS: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any food allergies?

\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_ No

If yes, please explain:

**RESERVATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 27**

RETURN TO:

Beth El Preschools, Attention: Debbie Rabin  
8101 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21208

**You may also e-mail Debbie at [deborah@bethelbalto.com](mailto:deborah@bethelbalto.com)  
with ALL of the information above.**



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# A TRADITIONAL *TASHLICH* GATHERING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 4:30 P.M.

WOODHOLME COUNTRY CLUB

**A** moving ceremony that is symbolic and concrete all at the same time. *Tashlich* allows us to express not only our desire to be free from sin but continuing hope that we will be forgiven for past misdeeds.

Please join us on Thursday, September 9 at 4:30 p.m. Cookies and juice will be served. Everyone is invited to bring their *shofar* and bread crumbs.

# Tashlich



## BETH EL SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP

*L'shanah Tova Tikatevu*

We will be open on Monday, August 23  
for all your *Rosh Hashanah* shopping needs!

**Store Hours:**

Sunday – 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Monday – 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday – 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday – 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Remember that the purchase you make supports  
both the synagogue and the schools!



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# Mazon

## MAZON ANNUAL YOM KIPPUR APPEAL

In the *Haftorah* on the morning of *Yom Kippur*, we read the words of Isaiah:

"If you offer your compassion to the hungry; and satisfy the famished creature; then shall your light shine in darkness; and your gloom shall be like noonday."

Our congregation joins with hundreds of other Mazon partner synagogues by calling upon our members to donate to Mazon the money saved by not eating on *Yom Kippur*. This way, those whose fast is not voluntary and will not end at sundown, the hungry, may be sustained.

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# Book Burial

## BOOK BURIAL AT BETH EL MEMORIAL PARK

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 10:00 A.M.

This year, the families participating in our Kitah Vav (Seventh Grade) program, accompanied by Rabbi Saroken, will be making a trip to the Beth El Memorial Park to tour our cemetery, learn about Jewish customs surrounding burial and to perform the special mitzvah of burying our "sacred objects" and "sacred books" that are beyond repair.

We invite you to participate in this *mitzvah* by bringing in any old and unusable Bibles, prayer books or other ritual objects that contain God's name. Please drop off any religious materials for burial at the main office between *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. We will no longer accept books for burial after Tuesday, October 12. Thank you for joining us in the fulfillment of this *mitzvah*.



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## ADDITIONAL HIGH HOLIDAYS INFORMATION

### FIRST AID FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

**W**e will have an EMT available to provide first aid during all High Holiday services. The first aid station is located in the main office, off of the Weil-Mandel lobby.

### PARKING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

**P**arking is difficult at this time of year. We appreciate your cooperation with our professional parking staff in alleviating unnecessary congestion. If the main lot is full, you may park your cars at one of the following locations:

- ◆ **Hooks Lane** (where allowed) –  
*Please take notice of all posted signs!*
- ◆ **Greene Tree Road** (off of Hooks Lane)
- ◆ **Brooks Robinson Drive** (formerly Radio Tower Drive)
- ◆ **Park Heights Avenue** (where allowed) –  
*Please take notice of all posted signs!*

**For the convenience of our congregants, shuttle busses, provided by Len Stoler, will operate along these locations. No unaccompanied child under the age of 16 will be allowed on the bus.**

Please remember that illegally parked cars are subject to ticketing by the Baltimore County Police Department. **If you park in a fire lane, you will be towed or ticketed.** These county regulations will be enforced and Beth El Congregation is not liable for cars ticketed or towed.

Additional Information



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# Sukkot

## **SUKKOT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 22**

One of the great festivals of joy celebrated by Jews the world over is *Sukkot*. From the building of a *sukkah* to the shaking of the *lulav* and *etrog*, *Sukkot* is a holiday with something for everyone. It is filled with festive meals, joyful services, and meaningful rituals. After the long hours sitting in *shul* during the High Holy Days, on *Sukkot* the tradition asks us to go outside to spend time in the beautiful world that God has given to us when we eat our meals (and sometimes even sleep!) in the *sukkah*. It is a wonderful holiday to share with community, for the young and old alike. On the festival's eighth day we gather together to rejoice in the gift of the Torah on *Simchat Torah*. Join us as we complete the annual cycle of Torah reading, and begin anew with the first words of Genesis, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

**First Day of *Sukkot* – Thursday, September 23**

**Second Day of *Sukkot* – Friday, September 24**

***Shemini Atzeret* – Wednesday Evening, September 29  
& Thursday, September 30**

***Simchat Torah* – Thursday Evening, September 30 &  
Friday, October 1**

This year, *Sukkot* will begin on the evening of Wednesday, September 22 at 6:00 p.m. with services under the stars, weather permitting. Major festival worship continues on Thursday and Friday, September 23 and 24.

**Tot *Sukkot* Services are on Thursday, September 23  
from 11:15am – 12:00pm in the Kreitzer Memorial  
Chapel with Morah Becky Gordon.**



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**O**n Saturday, September 25 there will be a Tot *Shabbat* Service with lunch in the *Sukkah*. Services will begin at 11:15 a.m. in the Kreitzer Memorial Chapel led by Morah Becky Gordon.

“Be seated, be seated, exalted guests. Be seated, be seated, holy guests. Sit in the shade of the Holy One, blessed be the One.”

– from the traditional greeting welcoming  
ancestral guests into the Sukkah

**ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO BRING  
A DAIRY DINNER TO ENJOY IN OUR SUKKAH  
ON THEIR OWN TIME!**

## **A FAMILY SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION**

**S***imchat* Torah Family Celebration will be held on Thursday, September 30 at 6:00 p.m. Celebrate reading the end and the beginning of the Torah with us. Stay to see the entire Torah scroll unrolled and to dance with the Torahs. All who attend will have an *Aliyah* (honor). A *kiddush* will follow the service.

**Tot Simchat Torah Service is on Friday morning, October 1 at 11:15 a.m. in the Kreitzer Memorial Chapel with Morah Becky Gordon.**

For more information, please contact Jill Eisen, Assistant Principal, at (410) 484-4543 or [jill@bethelbalto.com](mailto:jill@bethelbalto.com).

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### **THE BETH EL LEGACY SOCIETY**

**T**he Legacy Society was inaugurated on May 27, 2008. Its purpose is to ensure the future of the Beth El Congregation. To be a part of the Legacy Society we ask that you consider a financial commitment in your will. This commitment will be added to the endowment fund and will help to secure the future of Beth El for generations to come. Currently there are 50 members in the Legacy Society. To find out how you can become a part of the Beth El Legacy Society, please contact Director of Development Ailene Sher at **410-580-5159** or [ailene@bethelbalto.com](mailto:ailene@bethelbalto.com).



# Annual Appeal

## YOUR PARTICIPATION ALLOWS US TO CONTINUE OFFERING:

- ◆ **Religious School Scholarships** making Jewish Education a reality for every child.
- ◆ **Programming:**
  - Exclusive outlet for The Robert & Florence Chertkof Endowed “Live from NY’s 92nd Street Y”
  - The Rabbi Jacob Agus Academy of Learning Educational and Cultural series
- ◆ **M & M (Munchkins and Mishpacha)** - new and innovative initiatives for families with children up to 6 years.
- ◆ **Shabbat and Holiday Celebrations** – unique and innovative services such as Island *Shabbat*, outdoor *Shabbat* services, *Purim* carnival and *Spiel*, Tot *Shabbat*, M & M *Shabbat* and more services for the entire family.
- ◆ **Rosh Chodesh for Girls** – It’s a Girl Thing! — the first proactive, informal education program that uses Judaism to enrich the lives of girls. It draws on Jewish tradition to give girls a place to feel safe and to explore issues of body, image, self-esteem, peer pressure, friendship and other important issues in teenage girls’ lives.
- ◆ **Chavurah Chadasha** – three groups have now been formed to provide families with an experiential way to learn about Judaism as part of an intimate community.
- ◆ **Gesher L’Tikvah (Bridge of Hope)** – a collaboration with The Jemicy School designed to teach and support students with dyslexia and special language-based needs.
- ◆ **Project Mishpacha** – family programs for parents and children to come together on select Sundays throughout the year to participate in crafts, projects and learning based on holidays.
- ◆ **Confirmation & Post Confirmation** – a film based curriculum and elective courses ranging from the arts to politics and history. An opportunity to spend Monday nights with our rabbis.



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◆ **Youth Groups** – *Machar* (3rd - 5th grade), *Kadima* (6th– 8th grade) and *USY* (9th – 12th grade) – offer informal Jewish education through social events and community service projects. Members participate in events such as laser tag, Amazing Glaze *sefer* plate painting, paint-balling, Israel night, dances, overnights and more.

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## THE SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE – OPPORTUNITIES TO VOLUNTEER!

Get active in our synagogue and in the community-at-large by joining one of our sub-committees or projects.

### **A sampling of some of our volunteer opportunities:**

- ◆ Transport members to medical appointments, synagogue services and synagogue functions
- ◆ Assist on the Salvation Army Feed More Truck
- ◆ Bake for and deliver food for Moveable Feast
- ◆ Cook and serve meals at Hope Lodge
- ◆ Volunteer at a local elementary school
- ◆ Work on projects to make Beth El a “green” synagogue
- ◆ Visit Beth El members during shiva on behalf of the synagogue
- ◆ Visit our congregants who are homebound or in assisted living or nursing homes

To volunteer or for further information, please contact Assistant Administrator Debbie Caplan at **410-484-0411** or **Debbie @bethelbalto.com**.

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# Adult Education

## A PREVIEW OF BETH EL CONGREGATION'S ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS 2010-2011

By mid-September, all Beth El members will receive the annual Adult Education booklet in the mail publicizing a large number of Jewish learning opportunities offered by our congregation, many of which are free of charge or available for a nominal fee. Those few that are space-limited give members priority registration over affiliates and non-members.

Scheduling events on weekdays, evenings and Sundays takes into consideration our members' varied leisure-time availability. Read our 2010-2011 brochure very carefully and be sure to register early, since spaces fill quickly. Contact Rabbi David Greenspoon at [david@bethelbalto.com](mailto:david@bethelbalto.com) or (410) 484-0411 ext. 1402 for more information on any of the following stimulating programs:

◆ **Ongoing classes** (those with six or more sessions) take place on Monday mornings and evenings, Wednesday mornings and evenings, Saturday mornings, and Sundays. This year our new offerings include classes on how to conduct daily services taught by Cantor King, *Tales of Midrash and Imagination* with Sandy Winters, *Jewish Headline News*, *Tales of Jewish Travelers*, and *Ethical Tales of the Kabbalah* with Rabbi David Greenspoon, *Navigating Your Jewish Journeys* with the Beth El clergy, and *Mine, Yours, Ours? A Jewish/Christian Conversation with Sacred Texts* featuring Dr. Rosann Catalano, Roman Catholic Scholar at the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies and a rotation of the Beth El rabbis. We are partnering with the Baltimore Hebrew Institute at Towson University to expand our offerings in Conversational Hebrew and to add courses in *Biblical Hebrew*, as well as offering the *Hebrew Reading Crash Course* from the National Jewish Outreach Program both in the Fall and Spring. Continuing classes include our *Rabbi Jacob Agus Academy of Jewish Learning* with our clergy, *Torah Trop Tutorials* and *Intermediate Siddur Hebrew Reading* with Sandy Winters, an evening class of *Intermediate Siddur Hebrew* with Wendy Farley, *Jewish Short Stories* with



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Gail Lipsitz, and our fabulous Saturday morning Torah study led by our rabbis and Sandy Winters.

◆ **Special programs and classes** complement the ongoing offerings. Please mark your calendars for a Congregational Tribute to Rabbi Mark G. Loeb as we commemorate the first *Yahrzeit* of our beloved Rabbi Emeritus in late September. Late October we will be *Journeying With Joseph* as a special day of learning in memory of H. Allan Lipsitz that will feature Rabbi David Fohrman, Beth El members Joan Grayson Cohen and Joe Napora, and local expert art historian Susan Vick. Beth El will really be cooking this year. We will feature two sessions of *For Men Only: Boy Meets Grill* cooking events. *Making the Perfect Tailgate* with Monroe Zeffert will be our Fall offering, and “*Licensed To Grill*” *Thrilling Grilling Hands-on Demonstration* will be presented by Larry Franks of Accents Grill in the late Spring. *The Cuisine of Three Continents* will feature French, Japanese, and Brazilian menus. We have two *Shabbat Smorgasbord* experiences on the calendar for this year. *The Jewish Denominations: A Symphony in Four Movements* will explore the range of Jewish belief. Beth El will be partnering with the Baltimore Jewish Council and the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies to present Zainab Al-Suwajj, the Executive Director of the American Islamic Congress for a lecture *Why Muslim Jewish Dialogue Matters: Hearing the Voice of Moderate Islam*. Of course, the *Sisterhood Cultural Trip Series* and *Beth El Travels* will offer a variety of trips to destinations that you will want to experience.

◆ Our **Lunch and Learn** programming continues to expand as well. Joining our twice-monthly Downtown venue at Fedder and Garten and the monthly session in Towson at the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies, Beth El Congregation becomes the latest address for our Pikesville Lunch and Learn. This program will feature the resources within the Beth El Congregation family, and cover diverse and interesting contemporary topics.

◆ **Adult Learning at Beth El** continues to partner with other community institutions such as the Board of Rabbis Adult Institute of Jewish Studies, and program with the Institute for Christian and Jewish Studies. Also, be sure to look for information in *The Voice* and on the Beth El website as new programs and classes come up during the year.

We hope you agree that when it comes to Adult Education, there is something for everyone at Beth El. Our classes start in October and will be in full swing in November. If you have any questions about our offerings or have suggestions for classes you'd like to see, please contact Rabbi David Greenspoon via e-mail at [david@bethelbalto.com](mailto:david@bethelbalto.com) or (410) 484-0411 ext. 1402.

We look forward to greeting you in Adult Education classes at Beth El!



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# Remembrance

## **BETH EL CONGREGATION ANNUAL SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 10:30 A.M.**

Beth El Memorial Park  
9700 Liberty Road  
Randallstown, MD

Led by Rabbi Steven P. Schwartz, Rabbi Dana Saroken  
and Cantor Thom King.



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