

High Holidays 2015/5776

We know that the High Holidays are a poignant time for your families, as they are for ours. From the traditional melodies and religious observances, to the internal reflections, and to the schmoozing with old and new friends, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur provide rich, inspirational experiences and are a major source of strength for our TBEMC community. We would like to thank the clergy, staff, and numerous volunteers who will donate their time to ensure every task is completed to ensure a meaningful experience for everyone.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

L'Shana Tovah,

Mark Kaplan and Becky Leibowitz, 5776 High Holiday Co-Chairs

Please read carefully, as forms have changed this year. Enclosed you will find the following:

1. A listing of Holiday Dates and Times (Service Times and Ticket Pick-Up Dates)
2. Extra Ticket Request Form
3. Reciprocity Request Form
4. Pledge Card
5. Yizkor Book Form
6. Babysitting / Childcare Form
7. Men's Club Break the Fast details
8. Lulav / Etrog Order Form
9. Return envelope for your convenience

Thank you for returning all the necessary forms no later than Tuesday, August 18, 2015.



TBEMC

TEMPLE BETH-EL

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Rabbi Ben Goldstein ✧ Cantor Benjamin Kintisch ✧ Elliot Ballen & Jackie Baranoff, Co-Presidents

July 2015

Dear Friends,

5775 was an impactful year for our community. We welcomed Cantor/Education Director Benjamin Kintisch and are continually blessed with his talent and enthusiasm. We remodeled our upstairs bathrooms to both look great and be accessible for all. We had great events such as our Goods and Services Auction, and stimulating classes and programs organized by Rabbi Goldstein. Our community sanctified our tradition with uplifting High Holiday and other services, and we look forward to our 100th anniversary and beyond.

We thank everyone who made our achievements in 5775 possible with their generosity, both in time and money. Our fiscal responsibility to ourselves does not end with dues - fundraising accounts for 25% of our annual budget. And by far, our biggest fundraiser is the Annual Campaign. A successful Annual Campaign is both a statement that you value what TBEMC does and stands for, and is essential for providing services, programs, and charitable works that enrich us all. And success is not just measured by dollars, but by participation; every contribution makes a difference!

We're proud to tell you that, like last year, your board members will be making calls not just to ask for your contribution, but to hear your thoughts on your TBEMC priorities and how our community can do better. It is an important opportunity for us, as your board, to connect with our membership, so that we can be better leaders in the year to come.

Enjoy summer and early *Shana Tovah*.

Mark Kaplan

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1st VP and 5776 Annual Campaign Co-Chair

Immediate Past President and
5776 Annual Campaign Co-Chair



HIGH HOLIDAYS at TBEMC 2015 – 5776
Shana Tova! Best Wishes for a Sweet New Year!



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SELICHOT	Saturday Night, Sept. 5 (Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah, Clark)	8:30 PM
ROSH HASHANAH	Sunday, Sept. 13	6:30 PM
	Candle Lighting	6:51 PM
	Monday, Sept. 14	8:45 AM
	Minha-Tashlich-Ma'ariv	6:15 PM
	Candle Lighting	7:50 PM
	Tuesday, Sept. 15	8:45 AM
	Minha-Ma'ariv	7:00 PM
	Holiday Ends	7:47 PM
SHABBAT SHUVAH	Friday, Sept. 18	6:30 PM
	Candle Lighting	6:44 PM
	Saturday, Sept. 19	9:30 AM
	Minha	12 Noon
YOM KIPPUR (KOL NIDRE)	Tuesday, Sept. 22 (Minha)	6:00 PM
	KOL NIDRE	6:30 PM
	Candle Lighting	6:38 PM
YOM KIPPUR DAY	Wednesday, Sept. 23	8:45 AM
	Rabbi's Discussion	5:00 PM
	Minha-Ne'ilah-Ma'ariv	6:00 PM
	Final Shofar	7:45 PM

Listed above is the schedule of services for the 5776 High Holiday Season. We look forward to celebrating together and welcoming in the New Year. Included in this mailing is information to inform and assist you in preparing for these days. Please be sure to read the instructions carefully and complete the requested information by August 18, 2015.

TICKET PICKUP / MAILING OF TICKETS

In order to provide you additional options for getting you High Holiday Tickets, you may have your tickets mailed to you if by August 1, 2015, you have paid your dues in full or made arrangements for automatic withdrawal of your dues from your checking account or credit card and you have made a pledge for the 5776 Annual Campaign. Those requesting tickets by mail must have their Temple accounts in order, and should fill out the enclosed pledge card for the Annual Campaign and your request for additional family member tickets to the Temple, if applicable.

Congregants who have not made arrangements by August 1, 2015 are required to pick up their tickets at the Temple on the dates listed below. *Please do not send anyone else to pick up your tickets. No tickets will be released by mail or in person unless all prior balances are paid in full and firm arrangements have been made for payment of this year's obligations. For both security reasons and financial reasons no one will be admitted on the holidays without a ticket. If you forget your tickets on the Holiday, an officer of the Temple will be required to verify your identity and that you have made appropriate arrangements in advance. The Cranford Police Officer who is at the door for our security has been instructed not to admit you otherwise.*

Ticket distribution will be on the following dates:

Thursday, September 3 7 - 9 PM
Sunday, September 6 9:30 – 11:30 AM
Wednesday, September 9 7 – 9 PM

Please bring the enclosed pledge card with you when you pick up your tickets. You must be up to date on your Temple accounts, including Building Fund, to receive tickets. Your current (2015-16) dues must be paid in full or 1/3 of your dues must be paid with an arrangement with the Temple to allow for automatic withdrawal of the balance on a monthly or quarterly basis so that you are paid in full by June 15, 2016. Please call Rachel Schwartz, 908-868-6746 if you have questions. She or a member of her team will be available to help you set up your payment plan at ticket pickup. Bring a (voided) check from the account you wish to use.

HIGH HOLIDAY TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets for TBEMC full members, children, and young adults under age 25 are free. Extra tickets are required for adults (over 25) and other relatives who may be accompanying you to our services. (Please see attached form)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP TICKETS

Associate membership does not provide High Holiday tickets, but associates may purchase tickets for a modest donation, as shown on the ticket form. (Please see attached form)

UNITED SYNAGOGUE TICKET RECIPROCITY INFORMATION

Complimentary tickets are available for relatives who belong to another Temple affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. **Your family member must have their Temple fax or email a letter to TBEMC in order to receive this benefit.** Reciprocity forms must be taken care of by the Temple Office, please complete this form and return by August 18, 2015.

STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY DURING THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

The Annual Campaign provides essential fundraising for our TBEMC community. Your participation in the Annual Campaign is a tangible statement of your commitment to sustaining our community and helps us bridge the gap between dues and the revenue we need to operate all year. Enclosed you will find a letter and pledge card with return envelope from the Annual Campaign Committee. We ask you to be generous with your donation. Each year we come close to 100% membership participation. Contributions will be recognized on our posted Honor Roll.

ALIYAHS AND OTHER HONORS

Honors of several types are available during the High Holiday services: to be called up for an *Aliyah* during the Torah reading; to lift (*Hagba'ah*) or dress (*G'lilah*) the Torah after it has been read. *Hagba'ah* and *G'lilah* do not require the participant to recite a prayer. Yet another important honor is carrying one of the Torahs in the procession to the Bima at Kol Nidre. Although past tradition has been that donations to the Annual Campaign are required for High Holiday honors, honors will be awarded based on a combination of volunteer work for the Temple and the generosity of donors.

Another available honor is the *P'ticha*, the opening or closing of the ark. *P'tichot* are awarded by the Presidents to thank individuals who have provided valuable service and support to the Temple. You will be notified by mail of your opportunity to come to the Ark.

It is traditional for men and women to cover their heads; when coming up on to the bima for an honor. Men are encouraged to wear a tallit and women are welcome to wear one as well.

AFTER THE FINAL SHOFAR

Sisterhood provides juice and fruit in the lobby every year. The Men's Club will also continue the tradition of a full Break-the-Fast meal following Yom Kippur.



BREAK THE FAST WITH THE MEN'S CLUB AT TBEMC AT THE CLOSE OF YOM KIPPUR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2015

Adults 13 to 95: \$16 pp ☆ Children 4 to 12: \$8 pp ☆ Under 4 or over 95: Free

No one is allowed without advanced paid reservations. Make reservations when you pick up your High Holiday tickets or call Lance Kandl at 908-653-0527 or Craig Schwartz at 908-709-3776. Make checks payable to the Men's Club of TBEMC and return no later than September 9. Paid Reservations are a MUST. Reserved tables of 8 or more are available.

JR. CONGREGATION AND CHILD CARE FOR THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

As usual we will provide supervised activities for the youngest members of our Temple family for the High Holidays (Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur). Children are welcome at our main services at all times, but we also provide them with useful and significant activities geared to their age groups:



- 1st and 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah: 10:30 – 11:30 AM, Jr. Congregation Service 8 – 12 yr. olds
- **NEW!!!!!!** 1st and 2nd day of Rosh Hashanah: **Family Service, 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM**, 3 – 7 yr. olds with parents
- Baby Sitting available on RH, day 1, RH, day 2 and Yom Kippur for ages 1-7 (10 AM until conclusion of services)

For families requesting babysitting, please complete the attached form, so we may properly staff the babysitting room. In contrast to previous years, the High Holiday committee has decided not to charge for babysitting. We feel the goodwill and community building for young families, particularly prospective families, is more important to our community than any potential revenue.

Note: Kosher snacks and drinks will be provided for children following each of the services (including Yom Kippur for the youngest ones). *Please do not send any food.* Parents are requested to escort their child(ren) back to the Sanctuary when the youth program is completed.

COLLEGE STUDENT CONTACT

It is important to maintain ties with our young college age members, not only those who may be away at school, but also those who may be residing in the community or nearby. Please make sure to provide us with the information we need to be in contact with your young adults. Help us keep our young adults in contact with Jewish traditions, ideas, and activities. (Please see attached form)

SUKKOT INFORMATION

Order your Lulav & Etrog for Sukkot 2015 / 5776 (see attached form)

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

EREV SUKKOT	Sunday, September 27	6:15 PM
	Candle Lighting	6:27 PM
SUKKOT	Monday, September 28	9:30 AM
	Candle Lighting	7:32 PM
	Minha/Ma'ariv	6:45 PM
	Tuesday, September 29	9:30 AM
	Candle Lighting	7:33 PM
	Minha/Ma'ariv	6:45 PM
CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT	Friday, October 2	6:30 PM
SHABBAT	Candle Lighting	6:19 PM
	Saturday, October 3	9:30 AM
	Minha	12 NOON
	Shabbat Ends	7:17 PM
EREV SHEMINI ATZERET	Sun. Oct. 4 Candle Lighting	6:15 PM
	Minha/Ma'ariv	6:00 PM
SHEMINI ATZERET (with Yizkor)	Monday, October 5	9:30 AM
	Minha/Ma'ariv	6:30 PM
	Candle Lighting	7:14 PM
SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION	Monday, October 5	6:30 PM
SIMCHAT TORAH	Tuesday, October 6	9:00 AM
	Luncheon for Kallah & Hattan	11:45 AM
	Minha/Ma'ariv	7:00 PM
	Holiday Ends	7:11 PM

MASTER REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete any necessary forms and return to the TBEMC office by Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

HIGH HOLIDAY TICKET ORDER FORM

Adults who are 18 or above require a ticket to enter the Temple. Please use this form to list only extra tickets you may require. If you are requesting United Synagogue reciprocal free tickets for relatives, please fill out the appropriate section below, and provide evidence of membership in a USCJ Synagogue.

Congregant's name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Tickets Requested for Relatives & Friends

Name	Relationship	Age <small>(if under 25)</small>	Price/ticket
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Category of individual	Ticket Fees
TBEMC Full Member	No charge
Child of member (age 18-23)	No charge
Child of member (age 24+, his/her spouse)	\$100
Parent or Grandparent of member	\$100
Other relatives of members	\$100
Associate member	\$136
Spouse of Associate member	\$136
Additional tickets for Associate member	\$160
Non-member	\$225*

* Fee applicable towards dues payments if non-member joins during ensuing year.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE RECIPROCITY FORM

Relatives attending services here at TBEMC must have their Temple fax to us (908-276-6570) or email to us (office@tbemc.org) a letter stating they are members in good standing, in order to receive this benefit. The office is able to submit paperwork for members who wish to attend services at other Temples.

Member family _____

Reciprocal tickets for (name of family) _____

Name & Address of Synagogue _____

Phone or Fax number of Synagogue _____

MASTER REGISTRATION FORM CONTINUED

Please complete any relevant information and return to the TBEMC office by Tuesday, August 18, 2015.

REQUEST FOR JR. CONGREGATION AND CHILD CARE FORM

Congregant name _____

(Please check proper age category)

1-7 yrs.

8-12 yrs.

3 – 7 yrs. with parents

Babysitting

Jr. Cong.

Family Service

Name of child _____

Child(ren) will be present on: Rosh Hashanah 1 _____ Rosh Hashanah 2 _____ Yom Kippur Day _____

Complimentary babysitting is available for children ages 1 – 7. Advance sign up is required. Please indicate when your child(ren) will be needing the services of a sitter. Babysitting will not be provided on Kol Nidre.

COLLEGE STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM

Congregant Name _____

Address _____

Student's Name _____ School /Year _____

School Address, including ZIP _____

E-mail address _____

ORDER YOUR LULAV & ETROG FOR SUKKOT 2015/5776

To order your Lulav and Etrog, please complete this form and return to the office, no later than Sept. 11.

Basic Grade @ \$45 per set -- Medium Grade @ \$50 per set -- Superior Grade @ \$ 55 per set

PAYMENT MUST BE INCLUDED WITH YOUR ORDER.

You will be notified of date and time for pickup.

Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Basic _____ Medium _____ Superior _____ Quantity _____ Amount Enclosed _____

PLEDGE CARD

Thank you for your support of Temple Beth-El Mekor Chayim. Last year your donation at the High Holidays was _____. The campaign is a major component of our annual budget. It is conducted each year to allow members to fulfill the mitzvah of Terumah, of supporting the Congregation, in accordance with their means and the dictates of their hearts. As we prepare to ask God to sustain us in the year to come, we ask you to be as generous as possible in sustaining our community with this essential offering. **My pledge for the 5776 Annual Campaign is _____.**

Patrons: \$3,600 and above

Guardians: \$900—\$1,799

Pillars: \$2,700—\$3,599

Supporters: \$360—\$899

Builders: \$1,800—\$2,699

Sustainers: \$180—\$359

Contributors: up to \$179



_____ I am interested in providing for TBEMC's future by becoming a member of the *Create a Jewish Legacy* Circle. Please contact me so I can learn more.



NAME _____

Payment

Enclosed

Bill me

YISKOR BOOK FORM

High Holidays 5776

Dear Friends:

The High Holiday Committee has started preparations on the annual Yizkor Book that we use on Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret, Pesach, and Shavuot.

The names of departed loved ones appear in the book in two sections:

In the first section; we list all names that are memorialized by plaques in the Temple; Beth-El and Mekor Chayim names appear in separate groupings.

In the second section, names are grouped by family. *Family listings are subject to a donation.* If you have listed names before and wish to keep the same and/or make changes, you need to complete the form below. If you have not included a name in the book in the past, but wish to do so now, please write your name along with the name of the deceased loved one below. The charge is \$25 for the first name and \$10 each for each additional name, with a price cap of \$95.

Please complete the form below and submit your listings **no later than Wednesday, August 12th to the Temple Office. Payment must be included with this form. Charges will not be placed on your account.** Make checks payable to TBEMC. Thank you so much.

B'Shalom, Mark Kaplan and Becky Leibowitz

Name of Congregant _____

Please print clearly the names of your deceased loved ones here:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____