



HIGH HOLIDAY PACKET 5779/2018

A High Holy Day Message from Rabbi Steve

Dear TBT Family,

I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2018 High Holiday Services at Temple Beth Torah. It is both inspiring and humbling to be part of all the work that is going into preparing the temple for the holidays. I feel blessed to be able to work with Cantor Daniel Funk to help lead meaningful services. I am also enthusiastic about the planning of youth services that will engage our young people by Cantor Linda Myer and our teachers.

However, I am particularly excited about how our community will be gathering together. The temple is full of holiness when we fill it with community. The more voices and more personalities, the more love fills the room. The temple becomes our home for spirituality and community especially during these holidays.

And we share this home together as a family. Like all homes, the temple goes through different periods in its development. Effort must be put in to make sure that any home remains a vibrant, comfortable place to live. Changes during these periods can feel disruptive, but when we work on the upkeep together, we sail through the discomfort of change.

Like Rabbi Moshe said last year, the temple is in a time of transition. Transitions can be difficult and feel uncomfortable. But this time of year is a time for new beginnings. We start a new year and strive to be better than we were in the past. We reflect on the hard times we experienced and how they made us into the people we are today. Overall, we reflect on the mistakes and the hurt feelings of the past, but we do not allow them to prevent us from moving forward to be the best we can be.

The traditions around this holiday teach us to be hopeful about transition. We celebrate the birth of the entire world. The sound of the shofar reminds us that we can always wake up to be better selves. There are some who go to the mikvah before the high holidays partially to express the symbolism of rebirth. We assume that our teshuvah (repentance) works and brings us back to being closer to G-d.

I am excited about this holiday season because I believe it represents the start of a period of revitalization of our home. This is a turning point as we commit to strive to be the best Jewish community we can be. I believe we are at a tipping point to a brighter future for this congregation. A transition into a new beginning. A new beginning that will lead us to be a kinder, more tightly-knit community; and therefore a better home for our members and the Jewish community in general.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at services. Deborah, Chloe, and I would like to wish you a happy and healthy new year!

L'shanah tovah and welcome home!

Rabbi Steven Edelman-Blank

A Message from Temple President Stacey Lieberman

Revitalize, align and transition. These are the words (well, we switched out rebuild for revitalize) that I spoke in May at our annual meeting. I am so proud and excited to say that we are doing these things each and every day at TBT.

Our new leaders, Rabbi Steven Edelman-Blank and Cantor Linda Myer, have been hard at work getting acclimated, leading services, meeting all of you, preparing for Religious School and of course planning for the upcoming High Holidays. Our Ritual, Education and Success committees have helped to make it all happen. Transition is in progress!

Alignment- our Strategic Committee has been hard at work analyzing all they have heard from you both in meetings and through surveys to ensure we as a community deliver what you all expect. We are aligning on our priorities, what is important and how we can best deliver! We will continue to talk about our guiding principles throughout the year!

Revitalize- I can feel it in the air when I enter the four walls of our synagogue, a renewed level of engagement, a willingness to chip in, additional spirituality and ruach in our services, and a sense that our new chapter is being written. The board appreciates that you have chosen to be members at Temple Beth Torah and our promise to you is to be transparent and to make TBT your home for community, spirituality, and education.

Our family is looking forward to spending the holidays together with you, Rabbi Steve and Cantor Funk. We are excited for refreshed services for our youth led by Cantor Linda and our teachers.

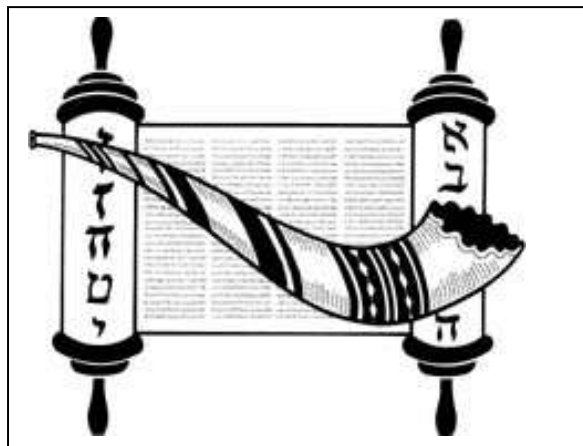
Please review this packet of important information and adhere to the timelines, as you know, the holidays are early this year! We have made things as easy as we can with online tools (as well as hard copy) to streamline processes. Please take the time to consider reserving seats, purchasing parking and making your Yom Kippur pledge. These tax free donations to the Temple are needed and planned on each year as part of our annual budget. We are counting on our community to come together to donate generously.

Thank you to all who have helped in planning for the High Holidays, thank you to YOU, our members for being with us and for helping us evolve.

I wish you all a healthy and happy new year and may we all celebrate the sweetness together!

From my family to yours, Shana Tova,

Stacey Lieberman, President



Temple Beth Torah Service Schedule

Selichot

Saturday, September 1	8:00 pm	Movie and discussion prior to service
	10:15 pm	Selichot Service

Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 9	6:00 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah
Monday, September 10	9:30 am	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
	5:30 pm	Tashlich, Lake Winthrop, Rolling Meadow Drive, Holliston <i>Join us as we make this yearly trek to the water with song and prayer to symbolically cast off our sins</i>
Tuesday, September 11	9:30 am	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
Friday, September 14	7:30pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, September 15	10am	Shabbat Shuvah

Yom Kippur

Tuesday, September 18	6:00 pm	Mincha
	6:15pm	Kol Nidre
Wednesday, September 19	9:30am	Yom Kippur Morning Service
	5:30 pm	Mincha
	6:30 pm	Neilah <i>Includes an individual opportunity to stand before the Aron Hakodesh and offer a private, personal prayer to G-d</i>
	7:40 pm	Final Shofar <i>Children with glow sticks are called to the Bimah to serve as our Havdalah candle</i>

Sukkot

Sunday, September 23	6:00pm	Sukkot Service
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Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

Sunday, September 30	4:30pm	Brown Bag dinner Sukkot program
	6:30pm	Shemini Atzeret Service with Yizkor
Monday, October 1	6:30pm	Simchat Torah Celebration

Youth Services

We are fortunate to offer children’s services for grades Kindergarten through 7th during the High Holidays again this year. Children in 8th grade and above are expected in the main sanctuary during services. Please remind your children that the use of electronics during the holidays is not permitted on Temple grounds. We hope your children will participate in these age appropriate services held in the Religious School wing of the Temple while you attend the congregational services held in the Sanctuary. **Supervision will begin at 9:30am.**

Below is the breakdown of age groups and activities:

Rosh Hashanah Day I (Monday 9/10/18) and Yom Kippur (Wednesday 9/19/18):

Time \ Grade	Babysitting Age 0-4 TBD	Grades K – 3 rd Laurie Canning	Grades 4-7 Elyse Banak and Cantor Linda
9:30am-10:00am	Age appropriate activities	Supervision	Supervision
10:00am		Arrival and opening activities	Arrival and opening activities
10:15am-10:30am		Introducing music of the High Holidays with Cantor Linda	
10:30am-11:30am		Age appropriate service	Age appropriate service
11:30am-1:00pm		HH related activities/games	Grades 4-7 Elyse Banak HH related activities/games

Rosh Hashanah Day II (Tuesday 9/11/18)

Time \ Grade	Babysitting Age 0-4 TBD	Grades K – 7 Elyse Banak and Cantor Linda
9:30am-10:00am	Age appropriate activities	Supervision
10:00am-10:30am		Arrival and opening activities
10:30am-11:30am		Age appropriate service
11:30am-1:00pm		HH related activities/games

Please keep in mind the following guidelines:

- Children can either be with their parents/guardians at the main service, or choose to attend the children’s services and must be supervised at all times.
- Parents/guardians must stay on the premises during services (no drop off). Children will be connected back with their parent/guardian at the main service if a behavior issue occurs during children’s services or if and when the child requests to go back in the main service to be united with them.
- **Madrichim:** Teens in grades 9-12 may volunteer as “madrichim” in babysitting or children’s services. There are limited spots available. Please contact Linda at educationdirector@tbt.org to volunteer. An application form will then be emailed to you with an explanation of the expectations of the High Holiday madrichim.

High Holiday Babysitting

Parent or Guardian's name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

			Rosh Hashanah Day 1	Rosh Hashanah Day 2	Yom Kippur (Morning Service Only)
Child: _____	Age: _____	Amount: _____	_____	_____	_____
Child: _____	Age: _____	Amount: _____	_____	_____	_____
Child: _____	Age: _____	Amount: _____	_____	_____	_____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please specify below if your child has any allergies.

Child: _____ Allergic to: _____

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To maintain appropriate staff / child ratios, please complete this form and return with payment in full to the Temple office by **August 27th**. You can now also elect to rsvp for babysitting through our electronic links. Please refer to Torah Talk for the actual link.

Juice and cookies will be provided.

If needed, please bring disposable diapers and any other special items for your child.

The cost for Temple members is \$15.00 per day, per child.

The cost for non-members is \$25.00 per day, per child.

High Holiday Reserved Seating and Parking

We are pleased to offer reserved seating and parking for the High Holiday services. Please see below for pricing. The purchase of reserved seats and parking are tax- deductible contributions to Temple Beth Torah. Please note that seating / parking requests and payment should be received by the Temple office by **August 27th**. You may also elect to purchase reserved seating and parking electronically. Please see the links in Torah Talk for additional information.

FAMILY NAME:

RESERVED SEATING (Located in the front of the Temple)

	Cost per Seat	# of Seats	Total
Adult Member & Children under 26 years	\$125.00	_____	_____
Member's Child over 26 years	\$250.00	_____	_____
Member's Extended Family	\$250.00	_____	_____

GENERAL SEATING (General seating for members is part of your Temple membership dues)

	Cost per Seat	# of Seats	Total
Member's Child over 26 years	\$150.00	_____	_____
Member's Extended Family	\$150.00	_____	_____

NON-MEMBER SEATING

	Cost per Seat	# of Seats	Total
	\$300.00	_____	_____

RESERVED PARKING

	Cost per Spot	# of Spots	Total
	\$300.00	_____	_____

Reserved Seating assignments will be emailed by September 6, 2018.

High Holiday Memorial Book

A Memorial Book is created for use at our Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur. It includes prayers and remembrances of family and friends no longer with us. A \$10.00 contribution is requested for each name. Please either complete and return this form and payment to the Temple by **August 27th, 2018** or you may respond electronically. Please see the links in Torah Talk for additional information.

In loving memory of (print clearly):

Remembered by (print clearly):

Total Due: _____

Yahrzeit Plaques

Each plaque is inscribed with the Hebrew and English name and date of death. Please complete this form and return to the Temple office with a payment of \$380.00 per plaque. You may also elect to purchase a plaque electronically. Please see the links in Torah Talk for additional information.

I hereby authorize Temple Beth Torah to supply and permanently maintain a bronze nameplate on the illuminated bronze memorial board, located in the Sanctuary, in memory of:

I agree to pay a total of \$380.00 per plaque, as a donation to Temple Beth Torah. I understand that each year, on the Yahrzeit of the departed, and on other appropriate occasions, in accordance with Jewish custom, the light on the plaque will be lit. I also understand that a reminder will be sent to me in advance of the Yahrzeit.

Signed: _____

Please print the following for inscription on the Yahrzeit plaque

English Name _____ Hebrew Name (in Hebrew or transliteration) _____

**Instructions for Hebrew Name. Men's names should include "ben" and the deceased's father's name. Women's names should include "bat" and the deceased's father's name. The deceased's mother's name may also be included.*

English date of death (month, day, and year) _____ Hebrew Date of Death _____

The Hebrew date may have been provided for you by the Funeral Director. If not, we will look it up for you. Please check if the time of death was before sunset ____ or after sunset ____.

High Holiday Appeal

Dear Temple Friend,

Each year during this time, we ask you for a High Holiday donation. Fundraising efforts, especially this High Holiday Appeal, generate some of the money needed for a balanced budget. The annual dues and tuition only cover about 75% of our financial obligations.

We have made a concerted effort to keep dues and tuition relatively low so all families can have access to our wonderful community. About 12% of our annual operating budget goes toward financial aid for families with financial constraints. Your High Holiday pledge is a mitzvah as it allows those less fortunate families the chance to remain members of our Temple.

All Annual High Holiday gifts are greatly appreciated. During this time of deep reflection, please consider making a pledge this year and indicate it on the High Holiday Summary form, Page 9, of this booklet. (Please note: We currently are unable to accept your pledge electronically).

We thank you in advance for your contribution to the High Holiday appeal and wish you and your family a happy, healthy New Year.

Shana Tova,

Temple Beth Torah Board of Directors

Temple Beth Torah Donor Recognition Giving Levels

Benefactors:	\$2,500 and up
Patrons:	\$1,000 - \$2,499
Pillars:	\$500 - \$999
Leaders:	\$250 - \$499
Supporters:	\$100 - \$249
Friends:	\$36 - \$99

We truly appreciate your financial support of our synagogue. Your dedication to Temple Beth Torah allows us to remain a financially strong synagogue and allows us to make a difference in the lives of our members, their families and the greater community.

5779/2018 High Holiday Summary

Please complete this High Holiday Summary form and return it with the other forms you have completed in this booklet to Temple Beth Torah, 2162 Washington Street, Holliston, MA 01746. All forms, either electronically or through regular mail, must be received with full payment by **Monday August 27th, 2018** to receive seats and services requested.

Family Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

High Holiday Seats and Services:

Babysitting Services (Page 5) \$ _____

Reserved Seats (Page 6) \$ _____

Reserved Parking (Page 6) \$ _____

General Seats – Adult Children & Extended Family (Page 6) \$ _____

Non-Member Seats (Page 6) \$ _____

Memorial Book (Page 7) \$ _____

Yahrzeit Plaques (Page 7) \$ _____

High Holiday Appeal (Page 8)* \$ _____

Movie/Selichot RSVP (no charge) Number of attendees: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

**High Holiday Appeal pledge may be paid now or an invoice will be sent to you.*