



HIGH HOLIDAY PACKET 5780/2019

A High Holy Day Message from Rabbi Steve

Dear TBT Family,

I am excited to welcome you to the 2019 High Holiday Services at Temple Beth Torah. The energy at the temple is high as we prepare for the holidays. I feel blessed to be able to work again with Cantor Daniel Funk to lead meaningful services. I also know that Cantor Linda Myer and our teachers are preparing engaging programs for the children in our congregation. Volunteers are working hard to handle the logistics of the services.

The High Holidays are a journey that we take together as a community. This journey is a great celebration as we welcome in the new year and all the future has in store for us. We reconnect with old friends. We make new links as we meet people coming to the community for the first time. We get to feel a spirit of connection as we join together in song, prayer, and learning. We live in a time when it is easy to feel disconnected from the people around us. We can feel isolated in our jobs and daily routines. The High Holidays provide us, as does much of Jewish life, with an opportunity to plug into something greater than ourselves and to reach out to the other people in our community. I hope you meet someone new this holiday season, as that simple step helps our Jewish community to grow and develop. I also wish that you are replenished by the energy of people coming together in the same room to worship together and to reconnect with the heritage of our ancestors.

Good journeys are not always the easiest ones. The tradition bids us to take these holidays as an opportunity to evaluate how we live our lives. Are we being the people that we want to be? This process of self-introspection can be difficult, even hard work. Looking inwards takes energy and courage. The High Holidays cry out to us to take advantage of them as transformative moments. We are given the chance to mend our ways and reform ourselves into better people. This work would be much harder if we were doing it on our own though. We get to do this work together. Each of us needs to peer into our own individual soul to see how to change for the better. However, we gain strength from knowing that the people around us have the same goal, the same mission. We are in this together as we look towards the future of our lives and the world. Fortunately, God also supports us through this process.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at services. I am particularly thrilled to have a chance to lead discussions with the teens of the congregation during the Torah Service on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Deborah, Chloe, and I would like to wish you a happy and healthy new year!

L'shanah tovah,

Rabbi Steven Edelman-Blank

A Message from Temple President Stacey Lieberman

Stacey Lieberman, President

What a year it has been! We welcomed our new Rabbi, Steven Edelman-Blank and our new Education Director/Cantorial Soloist, Linda Myer. They both came in ready, willing and able to meet us, learn who we are and make recommendations for our continued growth.

With their help, we revamped our website, we updated our logo and we came up with a new tagline to describe who we are: kindness. connection. community. This coming year, we will explore further what those words mean to us and how we demonstrate them on a daily/weekly basis.

As we welcome in a new year it is a time of reflection of what worked and what we can do to be even better. We will continue to provide meaningful services and will add variety to engage you differently- Community Led Shabbat and Torah Study Shabbat as examples. We have a newly engaged group of congregants working on additional programming ideas to appeal to different demographics- we hope you join in on what is meaningful for you! We are enriching our religious school with more effective Hebrew learning programs and adopting our “tagline” as a theme for the whole school year.

I am excited for the year ahead to continue to learn, grow and engage with all of you. I thank you for being members, we do not take your membership for granted. I look forward to celebrating the holidays with you in person!

Please review this packet of important information including timelines. 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 & Program Schedule

Selichot

Saturday, September 21	8:00 pm	<i>Selichot Program – Movie (Best of Enemies), Discussion and Service with Rabbi Tom Alpert and Members of Temple Etz Chaim</i>
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Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 29	6:30 pm	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service
Monday, September 30	9:30 am	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
	5:30 pm	Tashlich, Stoddard Park, Norfolk St., 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, October 1	9:30 am	Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
Friday, October 4	7:30 pm	Erev Shabbat Service
Saturday, October 5	10:00 am	Shabbat Shuvah Service

Yom Kippur

Tuesday, October 8	6:15 pm	Mincha Afternoon Service
	6:30 pm	Kol Nidre Service
Wednesday, October 9	9:30 am	Yom Kippur Shacharit Morning Service
	5:30 pm	Mincha
	6:30 pm	Neilah Closing of the Gates Service <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, October 13	4:00 pm	Decorating the Sukkah
	5:00 pm	Pizza in the Hut
	5:45 pm	Sukkot Service

Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah

Sunday, October 20	4:00 pm	Israel Action Committee Brown Bag dinner Sukkot program
	6:00 pm	Shemini Atzeret Service with Yizkor
Monday, October 21	6:00 pm	Simchat Torah Celebration

Youth Services

We are excited 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 besides during the teen program. 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 9/30/19) and Yom Kippur (Wednesday 10/9/19):

Time \ Grade	Babysitting Age 0-4 TBD	Grades K – 3 rd Laurie Canning	Grades 4-7 Cantor Linda
9:30am-10:00am	Age appropriate activities	Arrival and Supervision	
10:00am-10:15 am		Shofar demonstration, music and opening activities	
10:15am-11:30am		Age appropriate service/ snack	
11:30am-1:00pm		HH related activities/games	
10:30am-11:15am	Rabbi Steve	Teen Program – The Rabbi will lead a lively discussion with the teens during these sessions	

Rosh Hashanah Day II (Tuesday 10/01/19)

Time \ Grade	Babysitting Age 0-4 TBD	Grades K – 7 TBD
9:30am-1:00pm	Age appropriate activities	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@bethtorah.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 **September 16th**. You can now also elect to rsvp for babysitting on our website, www.bethtorah.org/Worship/HighHolidays.

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 **September 16th**. You may also elect to purchase reserved and or seating and parking on our website, www.bethtorah.org/Worship/HighHolidays.

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 25, 2019.

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 **September 16th**. You may also fill out the same form on our website, www.bethtorah.org/Worship/HighHolidays.

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.

5780/2019 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 September 16th, 2019** 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.*