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2019 High Holiday and Membership Guide

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Congregation Beth Tikvah is a proud member of
The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism
Dear Congregant;

In this booklet you will find a number of items which we hope will facilitate your Holy Day preparations and lead to a greater involvement with your Jewish heritage and Congregation Beth Tikvah.

**Congregation Beth Tikvah**

The Mission of Congregation Beth Tikvah is to create a caring community (a Kehillah) that motivates and enables our members to perform mitzvoth encompassing ethical behavior, ritual observance, spirituality and Judaic learning, while transmitting these values and traditions to future generations.

To accomplish this mission we will:

- Maintain a traditional Conservative Synagogue as a house of assembly, study and prayer in an environment where everyone is made to feel welcome and men, women, and children of the Jewish faith have equal opportunities for religious expression.
- Create a large extended family that shares the joys of Simchas and supports each other in times of need.
- Provide educational, religious and tikun olam programming to meet the needs of our congregants of all ages.
- Support connections between our Synagogue and Jewish communities in the United States, Israel and around the world.
- Foster the well-being of our larger society by participating in civic organizations and hosting community events.
# Schedule of High Holy Day Services

## Selichot
**Saturday, September 21, 2019**
- Congregation Meeting .................. 8:00 PM
- Selichot Services ..................... 10:00 PM

## Erev Rosh Hashanah
**Sunday, September 29, 2019**
- Light Candles .......................... 6:23 PM
- Mincha - Ma'ariv ....................... 6:30 PM

## Rosh Hashanah
**Monday, September 30, 2019**
**Tuesday, October 1, 2019**
- Morning Services ...................... 8:30 AM
- Sermon & Shofar Service .............. ***
- Family Service ....................... 10:30 AM
- Mincha - Ma'ariv ...................... 7:00 PM

## Tashlich
**Sunday, October 6, 2019**
- Seaman’s Neck Park ................. 10:30 AM

## Erev Yom Kippur - Kol Nidre
**Tuesday, October 8, 2019**
- Mincha .................................. 6:00 PM
- Light Candles .......................... 6:07 PM
- Kol Nidre ............................... 6:30 PM

## Yom Kippur
**Wednesday, October 9, 2019**
- Morning Services ...................... 8:30 AM
- Family Service ........................ 10:30 AM
- Sermon and Yizkor ...................... ***
- Community Yizkor .................... 2:00 PM
- Mincha .................................. 4:30 PM
- Ne’elah .................................. 5:45 PM
- Fast Ends ............................... 7:07 PM

## Erev Succot
**Sunday, October 13, 2019**
- Light Candles .......................... 6:01 PM
- Mincha - Ma'ariv ....................... 6:30 PM

## Succot
**Monday, October 14, 2019**
**Tuesday, October 15, 2019**
- Morning Services ...................... 9:15 AM
- Mincha - Ma'ariv ....................... 6:30 PM

## Hoshanah Rabbah
**Sunday, October 20, 2019**
**Monday, October 21, 2019**
**Tuesday, October 22, 2019**

## Simchat Torah
**Tuesday, October 22, 2019**
- Morning Services ...................... 9:15 AM
- Mincha - Ma'ariv ....................... 6:30 PM

### NOTES:

*** The Rabbi’s sermon, Shofar blowing and Yizkor occur during the morning services.

Family Services will be held in the sanctuary and are geared to families and their children ages 3 - 13.
**Holiday Greetings**

**From our President:**

Last Year I wrote about why Jewish holidays and their celebrations are important. During this year I not only learned a great deal about these holidays, but I began to understand their importance in and to my life. For the first time, perhaps, I realized what it really means to be Jewish. I would like to share some of my thoughts on the meaning of being “Jewish”. I do realize that each and every one of us has his/her own perspective.

To me, Judaism is not really a race because Jews do not share one common ancestry, e.g. Ashkenazi Jews and Sephardic Jews are both “Jewish”. However, whereas Ashkenazi Jews often

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**Dear Friends,**

We’re approaching that time of year again. You know, the time when we greet others with a Happy and Blessed New Year, sit together with family and friends eating apples dipped in honey, go to synagogue and say special prayers, hear the powerful loud blasts from the Shofar, go to a flowing body of water and symbolically cast away our personal sins, dress in white as a symbol of cleanliness and purity, fast and more. The High Holidays’ – a sacred, mighty and optimistic time.

Rosh Hashana, Yom Kippur, Days of Awe – words that make us tremble as we think about 'judgement day', delve into our

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**From the Editors**

As the editors of this publication, June and July are probably our least favorite months. At the June Board of Trustees meeting we harass the Rabbi, and other professional staff and our President for articles. Then we go home and realize that we have to write our own article. What’s a good topic for this year? Did we write about the same thing last year? Will anyone remember - or care?

So what’s been happening this year. In the big picture, it has not been a good year for some of our neighboring synagogues, Temple Emanuel of East Meadow shuttered its doors and its members moved to Bnai Torah in Wantagh. It was a sad day as we watched the building being demolished to make way for a new condominium complex. As we write this article Temple

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Lois Schwalb,
The Doris Kramer Pre-School

The Doris Kramer Preschool has offered an outstanding early childhood program for over 35 years. Our warm, loving staff uses a variety of techniques to ensure that every child has a successful and positive preschool experience. Our goal is twofold: we strive to develop an interest and joy in learning and to acquire and identify with our Jewish heritage and customs. Our graduates come out of our program ready for Kindergarten academically, socially and emotionally.

Our two, three, and four year old children enjoy a wide variety of activities to ensure their emotional, academic, social and physical growth. The Summer Gan program gives us the opportunity for continuity while achieving our goals in a more relaxed atmosphere. We encourage kindness by offering many mindfulness activities including yoga, meditation and breathing techniques.

We just completed a fabulous school year with a had a beautiful Graduation/Moving Up ceremony in the Sanctuary. Our pre-k and 2/3 year olds made us all very proud. We then took the celebration outdoors to release our butterflies and enjoy some refreshments. It’s always bittersweet saying so long. Many photos were taken and many hugs and a few tears were shed. We thank our fabulous parents for sharing their precious children with us.

May the New Year continue to grant us the opportunity to bring Jewish Education to the youngest segment of our community. With best wishes for a L’Shana Tovah.

Lois Schwalb and the Doris Kramer Preschool Staff

From the Editors

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Beth El of Bellmore is preparing to close its doors (as of June 30th). Although many of their members will be joining the East Meadow Jewish Center, a significant number will be joining us here at Congregation Beth Tikvah. So when you see an unfamiliar face at services or other events, extend a warm and welcoming greeting to our new congregants.

Why did these synagogues close while we continue to thrive? Nobody really knows the answer but we can venture a few guesses. Our first and foremost thought would be to credit our Rabbi who’s energy and enthusiasm seems unsurpassed and unending. With help from our Educational Director and the Administration and Board of Trustees we continue to take major steps towards maintaining, growing and improving Congregation Beth Tikvah.

This past year we started the rebuilding of our Religious School with over 20 students and held our first moving up ceremony in quite a few years. Yasher Koach to Rabbi Weisblum, Miss Lois, and Ada Marcus our Educational Vice President. A special thank you to Ayala Nizri, the Rabbi’s daughter who pitched in with the teaching chores.

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come from Europe, Sephardic Jews often come from the Middle East via Spain or Morocco. People of many different races have become Jewish over the centuries. Jews come from countries all over the world.

We can say that to be Jewish means that we are part of the Jewish people, whether because we were born into a Jewish home and culturally identify as Jewish (Cultural Judaism) or because we practice the Jewish religion (Religious Judaism) or both.

Cultural Judaism: Cultural Judaism includes things such as Jewish foods, customs, holidays and rituals. As we all know, many people are born into Jewish homes and are raised eating “typical” Jewish foods such as blintzes and lighting Shabbat candles on Shabbos, but never step foot inside a synagogue. According to Orthodox and Conservative Judaism in America, or by traditional standards worldwide, Jewish identity is automatically bestowed on babies of Jewish mothers. This Jewish identity stays with us throughout life even if we don’t actively practice Judaism.

Religious Judaism: Religious Judaism includes the beliefs of the Jewish religion. The way a person practices the Jewish religion can take many forms, and partially for this reason, as we all know, there are different movements of Judaism. Many people who are born into Jewish homes affiliate with one of these movements. If a person is not born Jewish, she or he can convert to Judaism by studying with a rabbi and undergoing the process of conversion. They must complete the conversion process in order to be considered Jewish.

Ultimately, I feel, to be Jewish is to be a member of a culture, a religion, and a people. Being Jewish is about relationships—between us and G-d, us and our family, us and our neighbors, us and our people, us and humankind. In essence it is about the bonds that bind us to one another and to Hashem. Judaism in the highest sense is about friendship. Jews are unique in that we are one of the few, if only, “people” in the world that encompass both a religious, cultural and national aspect. What I found during the course of this year is that to be Jewish is to be many things all at once. Being part of the Congregation Beth Tikvah Community played the biggest role in solidifying my feeling of “Jewishness”.

So, as another year begins let us not forget that being Jewish is about the bonds that bind us to one another and to Hashem— we are all in this “together”. May 5780 bring peace to the world and to each of us and our families much health, happiness and peace of mind.

Gail R. Joby-Levy

Shana Tova
From Our Rabbi
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lives more seriously, what has occurred during the past year, what lay ahead, but they are also words which fill us with a great sense of gratitude, of hope and of change. Reflection and introspection, but moreover renewal, and repair. Being grateful for our many benedictions, and simultaneously looking back with humility upon our wrong doings. We've been given a 'second chance'. A precious opportunity to make important changes, to begin over, to consider how we might live more fully and more meaningfully.

"Repentance, Prayer and Charity change the evil of the decree" ("T'shuva, Tefilah, uTzedakah ma'avit rin et roa hagezeirah") - as we proclaim aloud on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur (in the Unetane Tokef prayer) when the Book of Life is opened.

It's time to forgive those around us and mainly ourselves. A time to be better and to do better, thus bringing more kindness and peace to the world. It's also a favorable time by the Almighty to ask for His compassion and mercy, and His will to inscribe us for a good and calm year. We must have faith, start gradually, let go of past mistakes, ask for help, keep trying and most of all remember that it is never too late to change. "As long as the candle is burning, it is still possible to work and to repair." (The legendary Rabbi Israel Salanter Zt"l)

As your spiritual leader, I feel fortunate to be part of Congregation Beth Tikvah. A marvelous community with people who truly care about each other, and who act unselfishly to influence, benefit and improve the wellbeing of society at large. It's a pleasure to work with all of you. Through continuously engaging in Tikun Olam we elevate ourselves morally and spiritually, and bring the entire world closer to everlasting harmony.

So as we begin the Jewish New Year of 5780, I would like to wish you and your dear families that the Almighty inscribe you in the Book of Life, and bless you with a healthy, happy, sweet, flourishing, serene, full of love and togetherness year. May we merit to see the complete redemption and peace for all human kind. Amen!

Shanah Tovah!

Rabbi Moshe P. Weisblum, Ph.D.

HIGH HOLIDAY SECURITY

Unfortunately, we live in a different and less secure world than many of us are accustomed to. As a result our security committee will be implementing a number of new procedures to help make our synagogue as safe place to worship. While some of these procedures may seem inconvenient please understand that they are being done for the safety of all those attending services.

MAIN SERVICE: All doors to the synagogue will be locked at all times. Access to the building for the main service will be via the front (Woodbine Ave) doors and the parking lot door to the sanctuary. Private security guards will be stationed outside these doors and you MUST show a ticket in order to be admitted.

FAMILY SERVICE: Access to the family service in the sanctuary will be through the parking lot ramp door ONLY. The doors will remain locked and all adults must present a ticket in order to enter the building.
From the Editors
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Our membership Vice President, Lois Schifman, enlisted 17 new members last year. With her continued enthusiasm and with the anticipated addition of members from Temple Beth El we hope to see our congregation grow to even larger numbers. We welcome all new members to our congregation family and hope they will become active, involved participants, bringing new ideas and enthusiasm to further enhance our synagogue and enrich all of our Jewish experience.

Under the guidance of Neil Bezerman, our Fundraising Vice President, his assistant VP Sy Fruchter and their committee, we held a hugely successful Raise the Torah campaign enabling us to purchase and dedicate four new Torahs. Each of the beautiful dedication services were attended by over 100 people.

When our congregant, Mark Perlman and his son, Dylan, opened the Argyle Theater in downtown Babylon Village we held a fund raiser there. It was a win-win-win event. Over 80 congregants attended a performance of “The Producers” helping fill the theater to improve its bottom line, the congregation made money and everyone had a great time. So much so that we’ll do it again this year - twice in fact. For details you’ll have to read the rest of this guide.

The Rabbi, together with the great CBT Band, provided a series of monthly musical family services that drew between sixty and eighty children, parents and grandparents. The music, dancing, running around, and of course noshing on snacks had the building hopping like it hasn’t for many years. Want to know more about this year’s schedule - well, read the rest of this guide.

In between all this activity, the Rabbi lead a contingent of over forty congregants on a trip to Israel. Another one is planned for the spring of 2020, for details read the rest of this guide!

We ended the year with Installation and our Twelfth Annual Journal Celebration. Yes, it’s been twelve years already. The Journal looked great and the celebration was phenomenal. We honored two wonderful people, Leah and Bruce Hartman, with a lavish meat dinner attended by over 110 people who walked out smiling and stuffed. We haven’t done a meat dinner in so many years that we had to go out and buy all new meat pots, pans and serving utensils. Even so we made a tidy sum.

We don’t know how many of these events you attended, but it was a great year. So, what’s up for this year? As we’ve said before - read this guide. It’s full of information about an exciting array of activities and events for all segments of our congregation here at Congregation Beth Tikvah.

From our family to yours - may this New Year be one filled with health, happiness, prosperity and Peace for you and those you love.

L’shanah tovah.

Sandy and Rich Slutzah
**Raise the Torah**

This very successful fundraising campaign has enabled us to purchase four new Torah scrolls within a one year period. We are currently purchasing our fifth new Torah scroll and are very grateful to all those who contributed to the campaign, to the committee that worked so hard and to Rabbi Weisblum for all of his efforts and assistance.

**Our first Torah**, was dedicated during a special Torah Dedication Service in July of last year and was donated by the many members of Congregation Beth Tikvah.

**Our second Torah** was dedicated on March 2nd of this year and was donated by Eileen Dock, a kind, caring and generous individual who deeply values her Jewish identity and heritage.

**The third Torah** was also dedicated on March 2nd of this year and was donated by the many members of Congregation Beth Tikvah.

**The fourth Torah** was dedicated on Sunday, June 9th, as part of the Shavuot Service and was donated by friends of Eileen Dock.

**Our fifth Torah** is being donated by Eileen Dock and will be dedicated on Saturday, September 21, 2019.

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**Raise the Torah Committee:**

Neil Bezerman, Chairperson  
Maddy Ross, Assistant Chairperson  
Fran Bezerman  
Helene & Sy Fruchter  
Louise A. & Charles R. Goldberg
MEET OUR NEW SYNAGOGUE LEADERSHIP

As in the public arena, this was an ‘off year’ election for CBT as most of our officers re-enlisted for another term of office. We did have a few changes to our Executive Board and as usual a number of new members of the Board of Trustees.

Administration

Leah Hartman, Religious Activities Co-Vice-President - Leah is joining the team as Richard Schultz’s new partner. Leah just retired from the New York City Department of Education. She will have a grand total of 31 joyful years of teaching special needs children. Leah is a Past President of Sisterhood. She also held several positions on the Executive Council including Membership Vice President and Fundraising Vice President. She served on the Rabbinical Search Committee, High Holidays Ticket Committee, Journal Committee, and several others. Presently, Leah is a member of the Bikur Cholim Committee where she and Fran Rosenberg lead the Tehillim services. In 2007, Leah was presented with the Claire Rogoff Woman of Achievement Award. Leah loves to daven, especially during Hallel.

Lorraine Levin and Wendy Schwartz, Recording Secretaries - Lorraine will be moving from her position on the Board of Trustees to her new position as Recording Secretary. Wendy will take the minutes for the Executive Council and Lorraine will take minutes at the Board of Trustees meetings.

Lorraine has been a member of the congregation for about 36 years. As a member of Sisterhood, she has held positions from Refreshments to Financial Secretary, Membership Vice-President and President and has received the Clair Rogoff woman of achievement award. At the congregation level, Lorraine has been a member of the Board of Trustees for many years and has held multiple positions including Coordinating Secretary, Recording Secretary and Education Vice-President. She has also served on and chaired many committees.

Wendy has been active in Sisterhood where she served as President and Co-Programming Vice-President. She has been Chavurah Co-President for 4 yrs. At the congregation level she has served on the Board of Trustees and has been Coordinating Secretary and Recording Secretary. She has also served on many committees including Catering, Israel Bond, High Holiday Tickets and Journal.

The Arms

✧ Helene Fruchter and Marilyn Spector take over the reigns as Sisterhood Co-Presidents.
✧ Bruce Kahn and Ab Roher return for another year as Mens’ Club Co-Presidents.
✧ Mara Moss and Sandy Shuchman will serve as Chavurah Co-Presidents.
Board of Trustees

Each year, six new Board members are elected to three year terms. Trustees elected this year are:

**Fran Bezerman** has been on the Sisterhood board for about 15 years and has held numerous positions including President for the last two years. She received the Claire Rogoff Woman of Achievement award in 2009 and was named BQLI’s Woman of Achievement in 2012. In 2011 Fran and Neil were the Journal honorees. Fran has been on numerous fundraising committees including but not limited to Good and Services auctions, Raise the Torah, shalach manot and the Journal Committee.

**Neil Bezerman** - Neil and his family joined the Wantagh Jewish Center in 1991 and he has been active ever since. He has served multiple terms as Fundraising Vice-President and on the Board of Trustees. He has participated in, and chaired many committees including the Rabbinical Search Committee, Negotiating Committees for various professional staff members, Goods & Services Auctions, Steering Committee for the Consolidation of the Farmingdale Jewish Center & Wantagh Jewish Center, Long-Range Planning Committee and Raise the Torah Committee. Neil and Fran were the Journal Honorees in 2011 and Neil was the recipient of the President’s Award in 2013.

**Heather Cetina** - is a teacher of blind children. Heather, and her husband Robert have three children. Her youngest daughter, Julia, enthusiastically attends the weekly Congregation Beth Tikvah Hebrew School. We are so grateful and pleased with the education and with the programming that Julia is receiving in the Hebrew school. Heather and Julia are regular attendees at Friday night services and Heather is an active member of the Congregation Beth Tikvah Hebrew PTO (Parent-Teacher) Committee.

**Bruce Hartman** has held been a co-president of Mens’ Club and Membership VP and Co Fundraising VP of the congregation. In addition to serving on the Board of Trustees is Chairperson of the Catering Committee and serves on the Lunch and Learn, Israel Bond and Journal Committees.

**Jo-Ann Hertzman** has been a member of the shul for over 25 years. She is a Fundraising/Development/Communications professional and in recent years has stewarded the relationships of Sterling Bank & Investors Bank bringing in monetary gifts and grants for our congregation. In addition, she serves as the liaison for Congregation Beth Tikvah and the Care2Share program at Investors Bank which has allowed us to receive quarterly checks for the past few years.

**Keren Liss** - and her husband Marc and daughter Gabriella joined CBT in 2017. This past September, Gabby entered the Solomon Feld Religious School. Keren is currently President of the Hebrew School’s PTA where her responsibilities include creating and maintaining a Facebook Group for the Religious School, keeping parents informed and up-to-date, helping organize and publicize events and assisting with them.

At the July Board of Trustees meeting, three one year vacancies on the Board were filled in accordance with our constitution. The new members are **Joel Cohen, Esther Kamlet**, and **Jaime Levey**.
The High Holy Days

In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, shall be a solemn rest unto you, a memorial proclaimed with the blast of horns, a holy convocation. You shall do no manner of servile work; and you shall bring an offering made by fire unto the Lord. And the Lord spoke unto Moses saying: On the tenth day of this seventh month is the day of atonement; there shall be a holy convocation unto you, and you shall afflict your souls; and you shall bring an offering made by fire unto the Lord. And you shall do no manner of work in that same day; for it is a day of atonement, to make atonement for you before the Lord your God.

Leviticus 23:24-28

The High Holy Days are the central part of the Jewish calendar and are much more than just the three days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Starting with the month of Elul which precedes Rosh Hashanah through the end of Simchat Torah our calendar is filled with special events and services.

Elul

During the month preceding Rosh Hashanah (beginning of the year), the Shofar is blown each morning as everyone prepares for the Days of Awe (Yamim Noraim). Our Sages tell us: "The thirty days of Elul to what are they compared? To the thirty days of grace, which a court grants a debtor in which to pay his debts and be freed of his creditors."

Kever Avot

Kever Avot or Graves of the Ancestors. The tradition of visiting the graves of our parents and loved ones began in the 14th century. More recent Jewish history recounts regular pilgrimages to the burial sites of revered rabbis and loved ones in Sephardic and pre-World War II European Jewish communities on the anniversary of a death, fast days and other times during the year. Visitors showed love and respect for the departed and prayed for the soul's safe journey to heaven.

Judaism is imbued with a variety of teachings and traditions regarding the sanctity of graves and Jews go to cemeteries with different levels of consciousness. Before Rosh Hashanah and during the 10 Days of Repentance culminating in Yom Kippur, gravesite pilgrimages take on an even higher level of significance because they come at a time of spiritual soul-searching and renewal.

During the holy weeks before the High Holy Days, people are encouraged to do whatever they can to bestow God’s mercy for a sweet new year. From the start of Elul, the Hebrew month preceding the High Holy Days, until Yom Kippur, that means asking the deceased to pray on behalf of the living for a favorable decree and a good year.

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Welcome Back

However you want to say it, it is time for our

Annual Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner

A delicious kosher Chinese dinner is a great way to welcome everybody back after the long summer. Come and reconnect with your CBT family.

The dinner will be Friday night, September 13, 2019 at 6:15 PM followed by services at 8:00 PM. Oneg Shabbat follows services.

The cost is:
Members: $20
Non-members: $25
Children ages 6-12: $5
Children 5 and under: Free

You must RSVP and pay by September 4, 2019 by calling the office (516) 785-2445
Selichot

Selichot are a collage of Torah verses and poetically written Hebrew works in which we ask G-d to forgive us on a personal and communal level. An oft-repeated phrase is the “13 Attributes of Mercy,” which G-d revealed to Moses at Sinai as the key to forgiveness. This is the core of the service, and since it is considered a communal prayer, it may only be recited in the presence of a minyan.

Selichot begins on the Saturday night before Rosh Hashanah. If, however, the first day of Rosh Hashanah falls on Monday or Tuesday, Selichot are said beginning the Saturday night prior to ensure that Selichot are recited at least four times. The word Selichot refers to both the poetic piyyutim that compose the service as well as to the service itself. Selichot are usually recited between midnight and dawn.

This year Selichot will be observed on Saturday, September 21st.

8:00 PM  CONGREGATION MEETING - Our evening program will begin with our first general membership meeting of the new year at 8:00 PM. At this time members of the administration will provide updates about all aspects of the synagogue’s activities. The meeting will be followed by dessert and coffee.

10:00 PM  SELICHOT SERVICES - The traditional Selichot Services will be led by Rabbi Weisblum.

We hope that you will make every effort to attend this special evening.
Rosh Hashanah  
**Monday, September 30, 2019**
**Tuesday, October 1, 2019**

Rosh Hashanah actually means “Head of the Year”. As we read in the Machzor, each year on this day “all inhabitants of the world pass before G‑d like a flock of sheep,” and it is decreed in the heavenly court “who shall live, and who shall die ... who shall be impoverished and who shall be enriched; who shall fall and who shall rise.”

It is a day of prayer, a time to ask the Almighty to grant us a year of peace, prosperity and blessing. But it is also a joyous day when we proclaim G‑d King of the Universe. The central observance of Rosh Hashanah is the sounding of the shofar on both days of the holiday (except if the first day is Shabbat). In which case we blow the shofar only on the second day).

The first 30 blasts of the shofar are blown following the Torah reading during morning services, and as many as 70 additional are blown during and immediately after the Musaf service, adding up to 100 blasts over the course of the Rosh Hashanah morning services.

Shabbat Shuva  
**Saturday, October 5, 2019**

The Sabbath of Return is the designation for the Sabbath between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Its name is taken from the Haftorah (portion of the Prophets) chanted on the Sabbath, which begins “Shuva Yisroel”, (Return O Israel unto the Lord Thy God), (Hosea 14:22).
**Tashlich**

**Sunday, October 6, 2019**

On the afternoon of the first day of Rosh Hashanah -- or on the second day, if the first day is a Shabbat -- it is customary to go to a flowing body of water and to recite prayers while "casting" our sins (represented by bread crumbs) into the water. If one did not perform the ceremony on Rosh Hashanah for any reason, then Tashlich may be performed at any time up to Yom Kippur. By performing Tashlich, we signify our hope that God will overlook our failings during the past year and grant us favor in the year to come.

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**Tashlich Service**

Join us for a community Tashlich Service to wash away our sins and bring in a Happy New Year.

Where:

🌟 Sunday, Oct. 6, 10:30 AM

Where:

🌟 The Gazebo at the Fishing Pier in Seamans Neck Park

Seamans Neck Park is located in Seaford NY.

🌟 Take Merrick Road to South Seamans Neck Road

🌟 Proceed south on South Seamans Neck Road to the fork in the road.

🌟 Take the left fork which is Marina Park Dr. which leads directly into the park.

🌟 As you enter the park, continue straight ahead, towards the fishing pier, to the end of the road. Park in the adjacent lot and follow the walkway to the gazebo.

**Please bring your own bread.**

**Prayer books will be provided.**
Aseret Yemai Teshuvah

The ten days of Penitence or Return. These are the days between and including Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It is customary to greet one another during this period with the blessing: *May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year* (Ketiva Vechatima Tova). It is important to note that one can only be Divinely forgiven for those transgressions committed against God. It is therefore incumbent upon every individual to seek forgiveness of his fellow man during these days for any wrongdoing he/she may have committed in the past year.

Kol Nidre

The first communal prayer service of Yom Kippur takes place immediately prior to sunset on the evening of Yom Kippur. *Kol Nidre* refers not only to the prayer itself, but is commonly used as the name for the entire Yom Kippur evening service. Kol Nidre, or “All Vows” is the beginning of this dramatic prayer or legal formula that is chanted three times in varying intensities from a very soft tone to a loud and confident voice. It is believed that the declaration was composed during the Spanish Inquisition when many Jews were forced to publicly vow their allegiance to Christianity.

"All vows we are likely to make, all oaths and pledges we are likely to take between this Yom Kippur and the next Yom Kippur, we publicly renounce. Let them all be relinquished and abandoned, null and void, neither firm nor established. Let our vows, pledges and oaths be considered neither vows nor pledges nor oaths."

Yom Kippur

According to tradition, God inscribes each person’s fate for the coming year into the Book of Life and waits until Yom Kippur to "seal" the verdict. At the end of Yom Kippur, one hopes that they have been forgiven by God and their names thus “sealed in the Book of Life" for a good year.

In ordaining Yom Kippur, the Bible states: "You shall afflict your souls". This is the basis of fasting, the abstinence from food and drink on Yom Kippur. The purpose of the fast is to emphasize the spiritual nature of humankind and demonstrate the God like quality in each of us. Children usually begin to fast at the age of thirteen.

The Yom Kippur prayer service includes several unique aspects. Unlike Shabbat and other holidays there are five distinct prayer services on Yom Kippur; *Ma’ariv*; *Shacharit*; *Musaf*; *Mincha*; and *Ne’ilah*, the closing prayer. The services also include private and public confessions of sins and a unique prayer dedicated to the special Yom Kippur service of the Kohan Gadol in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem.
Succot

The festival of Succot has dual origins. Historically, it commemorates the forty years of wandering in the desert after the exodus from Egypt, when the children of Israel lived in temporary dwellings. Agriculturally the holiday celebrates the final gathering of fruit and produce of the year.

Preparation for Succot should begin immediately after Yom Kippur, with the construction of the Succah. The Succah must be a temporary hut with at least three walls. The walls may be made of any material and should be fixed firmly so it will not be easily blown down or move in the wind. The S’chach (roof) should be constructed from anything which grows from the ground and has been cut off, such as branches, cornstalks, two-by-twos, bamboo and sticks. The larger items may serve as support for the smaller, more decorative ones. The roofing material must be loose, not bundled, and provide more shade than sunlight. One should be able to see the stars on a clear night through the s’chach. The succah should not be built under a tree or permanent roof, in order to preserve its openness. It is customary to decorate the succah with hanging fruit and vegetables, pictures, tapestries, and electric lights to make it inviting and cheerful.

During the week long chag (festival), one should live as much as possible in the succah - eating meals in it and entertaining guests.

Hoshana Rabbah

The seventh day of Sukkot, (21st day of Tishrei) is known as Hoshana Rabbah. This day is marked by a special synagogue service, the Hoshana Rabbah, in which seven circuits are made by the worshippers with their lulav and etrog, while the congregation recites Hoshanot. A hoshanah is a series of seven liturgical poems calling upon God to rescue and redeem the Jewish people, primarily by sending rain. It is customary for the scrolls of the Torah to be removed from the ark during this procession.

Shemini Atzeret

The eighth and ninth days of the Succot Festival are called Shemini Atzeret. Its purpose is to conclude the Festival of Succot. On this day one leaves the succah and returns to a permanent dwelling. The four species are not used. Yizkor is also recited as part of the service on Shemini Atzeret. Since it is on the second day of Shemini Atzeret that the annual cycle of the weekly Torah reading is completed, that day has also become known as Simchat Torah, or Rejoicing of the Torah.
**Etrog and Lulav**

According to the Torah, on the first day of Succot and for seven days, one should rejoice before the Lord with the four species: the etrog (citron), a lulav (palm branch), the hadas (myrtle branch), and the arava (willow branch). Placing the lulav (to which the hadas and arava are bound) in the right hand and the etrog in the left hand with the stem on top, hold the two together and recite the Berakha (blessing) for the four species. The lulav and etrog are not used on Shabbat.

Since time immemorial, blessing the lulav and etrog has been the Jewish way of thanking God for the blessings of the earth on the holiday of Succot. By holding the four species together, we symbolically “get our own act together” in preparation for the New Year. By pointing them in six directions we remind ourselves that God’s presence can be found in every area of our lives, and by shaking the lulav and etrog vigorously, we commit to being movers and shakers in the world this year, for good and for blessing.

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**Lulav and Etrog Order Form**

It is not too early to order your very own Lulav-Etrog kit for Sukkot this year. Men, women, and children can enjoy observing this Sukkot Mitzvah each day in their home with their very own set. To order yours, please return this form to the office with your check for $36.00 for each set desired. Please make check payable to Congregation Beth Tikvah.

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The Kol Nidre Appeal

Those that founded our Congregation, nurtured it so that it is here for us today. Now it is our obligation to ensure the future for ourselves and those that are joining us.

Synagogues need two basic elements to exist. People, and money. This year our efforts to grow Congregation Beth Tikvah have yielded growth in membership, a revival of our Hebrew school, the CBT Band featured at our Family Shabbat Services, and other activities for everyone.

As for money, last year, 5779, over 80% of our Congregants met or exceeded their prior year’s commitments to our Kol Nidre Appeal. Wouldn’t it be great if we could exceed that 80% figure, and get closer to 100% participation?

Please make your contribution to the extent you feel appropriate. I ask you to recall the words of Abraham Joshua Heschel, who said, “Do as much as you can, and then a little more than you can”.

May we all be inscribed and sealed for a healthy, good, and meaningful life in the New Year.

La Shana Tova,

Harvey Greenberg and Ron Schwartz
Kol Nidre Chairpersons

Support the Daily Minyans

Dedicate a day, morning or evening, and be a part of tradition!!

See the schedule of services on the back cover.

For further information contact the office or the Religious Activities Vice President.
The Shofar

The shofar is made from a hollowed out ram’s horn and is the world’s oldest wind instrument. The sounding or blowing of the shofar is one of the most ancient rites in the Rosh Hashanah service. The sound of the shofar is primitive and piercing, intended to rouse worshippers from their spiritual slumber and serve as a clarion call to repent and reconnect with our faith, our family and Hashem.

Blown like a trumpet, the shofar is sounded for a total of 100 notes during the morning service on each of the two days of Rosh Hashanah morning services. The blowing of the shofar is divided into three sections: First, the shofar is blown for 30 notes immediately after the reading of the Torah and Haftorah. Next, a second 30 blast sounding occurs during the repetition of the Amidah. Finally, the last 40 blasts are sounded at the conclusion of the service.

Before each sounding of the shofar, a special prayer is recited blessing Hashem for commanding the Jewish people to hear the call of the shofar. After this bracha we stand at rapt attention in silence.

During the holiday of Yom Kippur, the shofar is sounded for the final time of the Jewish calendar year. On Yom Kippur the shofar blowing comes at the conclusion of the service, culminating an intense day of praying and fasting.

The blowing of the shofar reminds us of the Biblical story of Abraham, the first Jew, and his beloved son Isaac. In the Book of Genesis, Hashem commands Abraham to sacrifice his only son. This test of faith is revealed at the last moment, when Hashem sends an angel to spare Isaac and instruct Abraham to sacrifice a ram instead. Blowing the ram’s horn on Rosh Hashanah recalls the self-sacrifice of both Abraham and his son, Isaac, and reminds us that we too must commit ourselves fully to Hashem and to Judaism.

MY SYNAGOGUE

Brick and Stone and Wood do not make a Synagogue . . .

They make a building. People make a Synagogue. It's people that give Brick and Stone a character and a personality.

As you and I walk by the Synagogue we do not say "That's a House of Worship." We say "That's my Synagogue." And that word "My" tells the whole story.

There is an intimate bond between the building and us. We belong to each other . . . not merely in a public communal sense, but in an intimate kind of way.

The Synagogue is no mere building. It is newly born babies and little children - and young men and women - and just married husbands and wives. It is middle age and old age. It is companionship and loyalty and love and hope.

The Synagogue is memory - it is dear ones, the living and the dead. It is "My Synagogue, for my life is anchored there."

(Author Unknown)
Special High Holy Day Service Notices

Cantor Pini Ben-Ari

We are proud to announce that this year our High Holiday Services will include the world renown Cantor, Pini Ben-Ari.

HIGH HOLIDAY SECURITY

Unfortunately, we live in a different and less secure world than many of us are accustomed to. As a result our security committee will be implementing a number of new procedures to help make our synagogue as safe place to worship. While some of these procedures may seem inconvenient please understand that they are being done for the safety of all those attending services.

MAIN SERVICE: All doors to the synagogue will be locked at all times. Access to the building for the main service will be via the front (Woodbine Ave) doors and the parking lot door to the sanctuary. Private security guards will be stationed outside these doors and you MUST show a ticket in order to be admitted.

FAMILY SERVICE: Access to the family service in the sanctuary will be through the parking lot ramp door ONLY. The doors will remain locked and adults must present a ticket in order to enter the building.

** NO ONE WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT PRESENTING A TICKET **
High Holy Day Service Reminders

During the High Holy Days many congregants and guests attend Services in our synagogue. Please help us keep these Services safe, dignified, and enjoyable to all those attending by observing the following guidelines.

Parking

The parking lot will be available during the Holidays for handicapped parking only. If you require parking please call the office and give them your license plate number and handicapped tag number. A number of handicapped parking spaces are also available in front of the synagogue. Please observe the handicapped parking restrictions and if possible leave additional space in front of the building for the handicapped.

Please drive carefully and courteously on and around the synagogue grounds as there are many pedestrians and children moving about.

Aliyahs

High Holiday Aliyahs are mailed out prior to Rosh Hashanah. If you are unable to accept a designated Aliyah please notify the office or the Religious Activities Vice President as quickly as possible. This will give us an opportunity to avoid confusion during the Services by allowing us to offer the Aliyah to someone who can accept it.

Individuals with Aliyahs are requested to identify themselves to the Ushers upon arrival at the synagogue. This will ensure a smooth movement of people to and from the Bima without disrupting the Services.

Decorum

Please do not congregate in the lobby areas as the noise is disruptive to those in the services.

Seats may not be reserved after 10:15 AM each day.

The doors to the Services will be closed whenever the Ark opened, during the complete Torah reading, Haftorah reading and the Rabbi’s sermon. Please do not enter or leave the room during these times.

Please show your ticket to the ushers as you enter.

Family Services

The Family Service will be conducted each morning from 10:30 AM to Noon on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This service is geared towards families with children through 13 years old.

Parents are more than welcome to join in during the services with their children. Parents, along with their children may volunteer to lead various prayers during all the services. Please speak to the School Director about prayers that are available for your children or family to lead. If you would like to volunteer for other aspects of the service, such as doorman, usher, or an assistant, please speak to the Director as well.
MAZEL TOV ♦ YASHER KOACH

Each year we proudly honor various members of our congregation for their outstanding service and dedication to Congregation Beth Tikvah and the broader Jewish community. This year's honorees are:

- The President’s Award: Ada Marcus and Lois Schifman
- Israel Bond Breakfast Honorees: Gita and Irving Freed
- Journal Honorees: Leah and Bruce Hartman
- The Henry Krausman Man of the Year Award: Joel Letvak
- The Claire Rogoff Award: Helene Fruchter
- FJMC Metropolitan Region: CBT Man of the Year: Ronald Schwartz
- FJMC Metropolitan Region: CBT Youth of the Year: Michael Hartman
- BQLI Woman of Achievement: Sandra Shuchman

Helen Cytryn Torah Fund

Help support the Jewish Theological Seminary with its wonderful programs to further Jewish education by purchasing from a selection of beautiful cards for all special occasions.

Select a variety of cards for different occasions so you always have that special card on hand. Single cards are $4.00 each, packages of 5 cards are $18.00 and packages of 10 cards are $36.00.

Contact the office to order your cards.
Programming Highlights

The congregation and its arms offer a wide range of programs and special events throughout the year. From special religious activities to social galas, there is truly something for everyone. On the following pages are some of the highlights of the coming year. Be sure to keep in touch as event details change and new events are added throughout the year.

No matter what your preferences are, you can find up to the minute information about upcoming events in Shabbat Shalom, Beth Tikvah Times, our website and our Facebook Page. Be sure to visit us on the web and ‘like’ us on Facebook.

Holiday Events

Torah Dedication
Saturday, September 21, 2019

During services on Saturday, September 21st Congregation Beth Tikvah will proudly dedicate its fifth new Torah Scroll. Join us as we celebrate this landmark event.

Succah Construction and Decorating Party
Sunday, October 13th

At 11:00 AM Sunday morning, October 13th, the Men’s Club Construction Crew will be in the parking lot to erect the synagogue’s Succah. No experience is necessary but if construction’s not your thing, once the construction is done, the decorating crew will be right behind them. String Indian corn while shaking your tuchas to the beat of Hasidic and Klezmer tunes. Eat a bagel with a schmear while hanging a plastic pear - and most importantly, perform a mitzvah!!! Bring your own decorations or we’ll supply them and join your shul friends in decorating our beautiful succah. Come out and join the crews.

Festival in the Succah
Saturday, October 19th

Every Succot, we have a fun filled evening in the sukkah, with dinner and music by the CBT band. This year’s Dinner in the Succah will be on Saturday, October 19th, and will begin with a traditional Havdalah Service. Check the Shabbat Shalom and Beth Tikvah Times for details.

Simhat Torah Luncheon
Tuesday, October 22nd

What’s a holiday without a meal! Join us for our traditional Simhat Torah program and a delicious lunch on Tuesday afternoon, October 22nd.
Holiday Dinners
Start the New Year with our Traditional Meet and Greet Dinners
Renew Old Friendships and Start New Ones

Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner
Friday, September 13th
Join your fellow congregants at this year’s first Shabbat Dinner as we begin the New Year. A delicious kosher dinner will be served prior to our regular Shabbat Services. Watch Shabbat Shalom and Beth Tikvah Times for details.

Don’t Miss Another Year of Exciting Programs, be sure to join
Men’s Club, Sisterhood and Chavurah

Sisterhood Membership Dinner
Wednesday, November 6th
Sisterhood has a year of varied and exciting events beginning with the Annual Paid-up Membership Dinner on Wednesday, November 6th. The evening includes a catered dinner and professional entertainment for our paid up members and a special welcome to our newest members. Join Sisterhood and enjoy this lovely evening of fun, food and friendship.

Men’s Club Membership Dinner
Tuesday, November 19th
The Men’s Club will kick off its year of programming with the Annual Paid-up Membership Dinner on Tuesday, Nov. 19th. Join your fellow Men’s Club members for an enjoyable evening of socializing, food and entertainment.

Chavurah Dinner
Saturday, November 16, 2019
Join the fun and dine with Chavurah. Watch for details about the venue for this year’s dinner.
Men’s Club Bowling League

This wild group of men meet once a month on Sunday mornings at Wantagh Lanes (Wantagh Avenue, south of Jerusalem Ave.) for an exciting morning of fun, friendship and bowling. This year’s first session is Sunday, September 8th. If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining a team please contact Irving Freed as soon as possible. Bowling will be held on the following Sunday mornings:

- September 22, 2019
- October 20, 2019
- November 10, 2019
- December 8, 2019
- January 12, 2020
- February 9, 2020
- March 8, 2020
- April 19, 2020
- May 3, 2020
- June 7, 2020

Congratulations to last year’s trophy winners:

1. Steve Hochfeld, Bruce Kahn, Marc Liss
2. Ron Schwartz, Larry Schaffer and Richard Schaffer,
3. Jaime Drantch, Bob Cooper and Mel Poswolsky

Wednesday Night Adult Education

Adult Education night moves to a new day; Wednesday. See page 45 for detailed information about this year’s adult education programs.

Synagogue Trip to Israel
Led by Rabbi Weisblum
April 28 - May 10, 2020

Some of the sights that will be visited on this trip include the Old City, Yad Vashem, Masada and the Dead Sea, the Golan Heights, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. Watch for the dates of planning meetings for those interested in this trip.

Symphonic Pops Concert
Sunday, November 10th

If you’ve ever stopped by the synagogue on a Wednesday morning you’ll hear some exciting music reverberating through the entire building. The Symphonic Pops Orchestra (formerly the ‘Senior Pops’) uses our social hall for their weekly practice sessions and on Sunday, November 10th they will present their second annual concert to show off their musical expertise. Watch for details.

Winter Coat Drive

Although we may not always see it, there is still poverty here on Long Island and this year we will try to help those in need by collecting used, but clean and useable winter coats. The dates for this collection will be announced later in the year.

Defensive Driving
Sunday, January 12th

Take this course and earn points off your license and a discount on your auto insurance policy. Drivers must take this six hour course every three years in order to maintain their insurance discount.

Las Vegas Comes to CBT
Saturday, January 18, 2020

Don’t bet the rent but save your shekels for January 18th as we are planning to host a Las Vegas right here at CBT. Watch for further details.

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**Jewish Film Festival**

The monthly Jewish Film Festival presents noteworthy films with a Jewish theme such as anti-Semitism, Life in Israel, the Shoah, Jewish immigration and assimilation in the US and the Middle East. Each movie is followed by a discussion period. Recent films have included:

- The Women’s Balcony
- The Wedding Plan
- Inside Hana’s Suitcase
- The Rape of Europa

Watch Beth Tikvah Times for the films to be shown each month.

- November 17, 2019
- December 8, 2019
- January 12, 2020
- February 9, 2020
- March 8, 2020
- April 12, 2020
- May 17, 2020

Congregation Beth Tikvah gratefully acknowledges Sterling National Bank for their generous support of the Film Festival.

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**Broadway Quality Entertainment at the Argyle Theater in Babylon**

Our very own congregant, Mark Pearlman and his son, are celebrating another smash season at the newly renovated Argyle Theater on Main Street in the Village of Babylon.

**“The Full Monty” - Sunday, October 6th**

Our Fall trip to Babylon will be on Sunday afternoon, October 6th to see the hit comedy show, “The Full Monty”. *The Full Monty* is a 1997 British comedy that tells the story of six unemployed men, four of them former steel workers, who decide to form a male striptease act in order to gather enough money to get somewhere else and for the main character, Gaz, to be able to see his son.

Cost is $64.00 per person for orchestra seats (regular price is $74.00). Tickets must be ordered and paid for no later than September 29th.

**“Cabaret” - Sunday, April 5th**

We follow up our very successful and enjoyable Fall trip to the Argyle with a Spring trip on Sunday afternoon, April 5th to see the hit show, Cabaret. More details about this event will appear in Beth Tikvah Times as the date draws near.
Chanukah Festivities

Sisterhood Chanukah Party
Wednesday, December 11th
The ladies of Sisterhood will celebrate Chanukah on Wednesday, December 11th at Ben’s Deli in Woodbury. Details to follow.

Men’s Club Chanukah Party
Saturday, December 21st
This annual event, hosted by the Men’s Club, is a highlight of the winter season. This year’s Chanukah Party will be held on Saturday, December 21st. It is always a guaranteed fun filled evening for young and old alike. Entertainment by the CBT Band.

Purim Celebrations

Adult Purim Party,
Saturday Night, March 7th
Get ready for a fun filled evening at the Adult Purim Party. See your friends with their wacky costumes and dance to the music of a Klezma Band.

Megillah Reading
Monday, March 9th
Tuesday, March 10th
On Monday night March 9th and Tuesday morning March 10th, the Congregation will celebrate the festival of Purim with the traditional reading of the Megillah. Come on down in your best costume, and don’t forget your gogger.

The Megillah reading is an especially hamish event as it’s done by our own congregants who can read as few or as many lines as they like. To volunteer to read parts of the Megillah, please call the office and leave a message for Annette Schwartzman.
Passover Events

Men’s Club Wine Sale and Joint Arms Passover Workshop  
Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Each year the Man’s Club offers an extensive variety of imported and domestic Kosher for Passover wines for your Seder and year round. Come down around 7:00 PM to sample the choices, have some cheeses and crackers and place your orders.

Community Passover Seder  
Thursday, April 9, 2020

Back for the fourth time is our Annual Community Passover Seder. The fun filled multi-generational Seder uses an inspirational Hebrew/English Haggadah and includes lots of singing and storytelling. Of course there will be a delicious kosher meal. Last year’s event sold out quickly so put this date on you calendar and watch for details.

Springtime Celebrations  
and Commemorations

Yom Ha’Shoah Program  
Monday, April 20, 2020

Yom Ha’Shoah commemorates the beginning of the Holocaust. The annual Yom Ha’Shoah program will be held on Monday evening, April 20.

Yom Ha’atzmaut Party  
Sunday, April 26, 2020

Celebrate Israel’s Birthday at CBT’s Yom Ha’atzmaut Party. Last year’s event featured an open falafel bar, Israeli dips, soda, coffee, desserts, Israeli music and dancing. Let’s make it bigger and better this year.

Israeli Day Parade  
Sunday May 31, 2020

The traditional parade is held in NYC.
Israel Bond Breakfast  
**Sunday, February 2, 2020**

The annual Israel Bond Breakfast will be held on Sunday morning, February 2nd. Details about the breakfast and the individuals being honored at this event will be announced as the date approaches.

Tu B’Shevat Seder  
**Saturday, February 8, 2020**

The Tu B’Shevat Seder will be held on Saturday, February 8th, at the conclusion of the Shabbat Service. It will begin with the Havdalah Service. Entertainment will be provided by the CBT Band.

Chavurah Bowling  
**Saturday, February 15, 2020**

Join Chavurah for their fun filled night of bowling. Mark your calendar and watch for details.

Jerry Friedman Shabbat  
**Friday, May 15, 2020**

On Friday evening, May 15th, the congregation will hold its annual Membership Shabbat Dinner and Service. Bring your appetite, schmooze and begin new friendships while we enjoy a delicious traditional sit-down Shabbat dinner as we welcome our new members, celebrate members of long standing and remember our beloved congregant, Jerry Friedman (Z”L) longtime Membership Vice-President and Shabbat Greeter. Dinner will begin at 6:30 PM followed by Services and Ceremonies at 8:00 PM. An Oneg Shabbat will follow services.

Sisterhood Fashion Show  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2020**

The annual Sisterhood Fashion Show will be held on Wednesday, May 13th, and as is always the case includes fabulous fashions, rockin’ raffles and a delicious dinner. A fun filled evening for all the ladies of Sisterhood, their families and friends.

Shavuathon  
**Thursday, May 28, 2020**

On the eve of Shavuot, Jews all over the world gather all night long ’til the wee hours of the morning and study Torah. At our annual Shavuathon, we get together to teach and learn from each other, on any aspect of Judaism, from Jewish sports trivia to the ethical treatment of animals to the layout of the Temple. At our Shavuathon you can give a presentation, or just come to learn. This year’s Shavuathon will be held on Thursday, May 28th.

Sisterhood’s Helen Cytryn Torah Fund Evening  
**Wednesday, June 3, 2020**

On Wednesday, June 3rd Sisterhood will hold its annual Torah Fund Evening. The program consists of a Rabbinical or Cantorial student from the Jewish Theological Seminary who will speak and/or perform. Recognition is also given for supporters of Women’s League.

Installation Shabbat  
**Friday, June 5, 2020**

The installation of new officers for the 2020-2021 calendar year will be held on Friday evening, June 5th as part of the Shabbat Services. Find out who will be this year’s award recipients from the different areas of our congregation, join us as we recognize the accomplishments of this year’s leaders of the Congregation, Sisterhood, Men’s Club and Chavurah and show our support for the leadership of 2020–2021. Where did the year go?
Programming Highlights
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Journal Celebration
Sunday, June 14, 2020

Who will be this year’s Honoree? What type of Celebration will we have? You will find answers to those questions when the year comes to a close with our Annual Journal Celebration on Sunday, June 14th.

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Congregation Meetings

Congregation Beth Tikvah is a New York State not-for-profit religious corporation. Each member of our congregation, is in effect, a stockholder of that corporation. General congregation meetings are held throughout the year and all members are encouraged to attend and participate in these activities. The schedule of general meetings, and the major topics to be covered at those meetings are:

- Saturday, September 21, 2019  General Meeting (Selichot)
- Sunday, December 15, 2019   General Meeting
- Sunday, March 15, 2020       Election of Nominating Committee
- Sunday, April 12, 2020       Budget Meeting and presentation of slate of officers
- Sunday, May 17, 2020         Congregation Election Meeting

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Do you like to shop? What a silly question, almost everyone likes to shop and if you like to shop on the internet we have a great way to help support our congregation as you shop.

By shopping on AMAZON.COM using the link from our synagogue website CBT will earn a referral fee for each item purchased. You still get AMAZON’s low prices and pay no extra fee for using this link. You can still use your credit cards and earn points or miles as you normally would.

To use this great fundraising tool go to the CBT website and click on the “AMAZON.COM” link which is found in the table of contents on the left side of the main screen.
Religious Services

Shabbat and Holidays
The Shabbat morning service at 9:15 AM combines worship and learning in both Hebrew and English with a feeling of fraternity in a sanctuary that creates a sense of intimacy and reverence. The Kiddush that follows the service extends the opportunity to strengthen personal ties.

Friday evening services at 8:00 PM have their own special quality when families and friends join together to welcome the Shabbat. Oneg Shabbat (tea and cake) follows the services.

The daily morning and evening Minyans provide the opportunity to fulfill traditional religious obligations.

Jewish Festivals and Holidays are celebrated in the synagogue throughout the year and encompass the entire cycle of Jewish Celebration and Observance including:

- Selichot
- Simchat Torah
- Yom Ha'Atzmaut
- Passover
- Rosh Hashanah
- Shemini Atzeret
- Chanukah
- Lag B'omer
- Yom Kippur
- Yom Hashoah
- Tu-Bshevat
- Tisha B'Av
- Sukkot
- Yom Yerushalayim
- Purim
- Shavuot

Yizkor (Memorial Service) is recited four times during the year, at services on:

- Yom Kippur.................................Wednesday, October 9, 2019
- Succot (Shemini Atzeret).............Monday, October 21, 2019
- Pesach.......................................Thursday, April 16, 2020
- Shavuot.....................................Saturday, May 30, 2020

The Shabbos Breakfast Club
The Shabbos Breakfast Club will be held every Shabbat morning starting at 8:45 AM. So start your Shabbat Services a little earlier, at 8:45 AM, with a light breakfast and a lively in-depth discussion of the parsha using ancient and modern commentaries.
Special Friday Night Shabbat Services

As a congregation we are proud of the fact that many of the groups within the congregation sponsor and lead Friday evening Shabbat Services throughout the year. These services offer another opportunity for the members of these groups to come together for prayer and fellowship. This year’s schedule includes the following dates:

- Welcome Back Dinner and Shabbat: September 13, 2019
- Board of Trustees Shabbat: October 4, 2019
- Men’s Club Shabbat: December 6, 2019
- Board of Trustees Shabbat: February 7, 2020
- Men’s Club Shabbat: March 6, 2020
- Sisterhood Shabbat: March 27, 2020
- Chavurah Shabbat: April 17, 2020
- Jerry Friedman Membership Dinner & Shabbat: May 15, 2020
- Joint Arms Shabbat: May 8, 2020
- Installation Shabbat: June 5, 2020

Family Services

The monthly family service is geared to welcome families with young children but is open to everyone who enjoys mixing music, prayer, dancing and an occasional nosh..

During the Spring and Fall the pre-Shabbat service starts at 6:30 PM on Fridays and features singing, dancing, Shabbat stories, candle lighting, Kiddush, challah and treats with music provided by the CBT Band.

During the winter months we hold our Family Services on Saturday evening as a Havdalah service. The 6:00 PM service allows us to continue to provide an entertaining musical service without compromising the sanctity and holiness of the Shabbat.

Services will be held on the following dates:

- Friday, September 20, 2019
- Saturday, October 26, 2019
- Saturday, November 23, 2019
- Saturday, December 21, 2019
- Saturday, January 11, 2020
- Saturday, February 29, 2020
- Friday, March 20, 2020
- Friday, April 24, 2020
- Friday, May 22, 2020
- Friday, June 12, 2020

The CBT Band:

Steven Adelman, Guitar
Justin Adelman, Drums
Stephanie Horowitz, Vocalist
James Nachamkin, Piano and Sax
Andrew Pomerantz, Guitar and Bass
Jay Rothstein, Guitar
Moshe P. Weisblum, Bass & Clarinet

Photo by Irving Freed
**Birthday / Anniversary Aliyah Shabbat**

Celebrate your birthday or anniversary with your congregation family. On the last Saturday of each month we honor everyone with a birthday or anniversary that month with a special Aliyah during the Torah Service. Watch for your personal invitation in the mail. Birthday / Anniversary Aliyah Services will be held on the following Saturdays:

- August 31, 2019
- September 28, 2019
- October 26, 2019
- November 30, 2019
- December 28, 2019
- January 25, 2020
- February 29, 2020
- March 28, 2020
- April 25, 2020
- May 30, 2020
- June 27, 2020
- July 25, 2020

PS: A perfect opportunity to sponsor a Kiddush to celebrate your special event.

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**The Daily Minyans**

Daily minyans, both morning and evening, have been our tradition for over fifty years. Besides providing daily prayer services for those who seek it, the minyan ensures that the regular reading of the Torah continues and that the Kaddish can be recited by those in mourning or recalling yahrzeits.

The minyans have become a gathering place, not only for our congregants, but for those from many of our neighboring synagogues that can no longer support their own minyans.

The minyans are an important part of our tradition and services to our members and the community at large. Make a commitment to attend the minyan on a regular basis. See the schedule of services on the back cover of this guide.

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**Support the Daily Minyans**

*Dedicate a day - morning or evening - and be a part of tradition!!*

See the schedule of services on the back cover.

For further information contact the office or the Religious Activities Vice President.
Bikor Cholim

Bikur Cholim, or visiting the sick, is more than an act of charity; it is a commandment that is considered binding on all Jews. The importance of visiting the sick was underscored when G-d visited Abraham after he was circumcised (Genesis 17:26-18:1). In the act of visiting Abraham when he was ill, G-d set a precedent for the Jewish people. Bikur Cholim is a paradigm for interpersonal relationships. “And you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18). The performance of this mitzvah links us to all generations and connects us as one people to each other and to all humanity through the G-dly attributes of compassion and loving kindness.

We at Congregation Beth Tikvah have such a viable committee, which has been keeping in touch with some of our members who have been ill or in an adult facility.

The committee makes visits, telephone calls, sends cards, shops for groceries and have been driving some of our extended family to their appointments. We have made the commitment to care for one another, and bring the strength of community and connection of our Jewish heritage to our Congregation Beth Tikvah Family. If you need us we are just a telephone call away. Call the office for further information.

Tehillim (Healing) Services

Tehilim or Psalms, have been recited by Jews for centuries. These prayers open our hearts and bring renewal to our daily lives. Our Tehillim Group, together with the Bikur Cholim Committee, meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 8:15 p.m. to recite psalms for relatives and members of our congregation who are ill. Join us and bring the names of those persons to be included in our prayers. The scheduled dates are:

- Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019
- Tuesday, November 12, 2019
- Tuesday, December 10, 2019
- Tuesday, January 14, 2020
- Tuesday, February 11, 2020
- Tuesday, March 10, 2020
- Tuesday, April 14, 2020
- Tuesday, May 12, 2020
- Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Lifecycle Events

The Rabbi is also available to assist congregants with the many special life cycle events which we are faced with throughout the year. Please call the office if you have any question or need assistance with:

- Conversions
- Marriage
- Baby Naming
- Bris
- Bar/Bat Mitzvah
- Funerals
- Unveilings
The Twelfth Annual Journal and Celebration

The Journal Committee worked tirelessly from early January through the celebration on June 2nd. That afternoon over 110 people gathered in the ballroom to honor Leah and Bruce Hartman and enjoy delicious food and entertainment. The committee consisted of the following people:

- Fran Bezerman
- Mollie and Alan Faber
- Bruce Kahn
- Wendy and Ron Schwartz
- Richard and Sandra Slutzah

A special thank you to the many vendors who helped make this event so successful:

- Nassau Kosher Meats
- Patricia's Building Services
- Primetime Entertainment
- Riesterer's Bakery
- Sari & Co.
- Short Run Printing
- Sky High Balloons

Moving Up Ceremony for the Solomon Feld Religious School

For the first time in quite a few years we held a graduation ceremony for our rejuvenated Religious School. Over twenty students together with their parents and grandparents attended the service which has held in the Sanctuary. Each student received a certificate.

Yasher Koach to Rabbi Weisblum, Lois Schwalb, Ada Marcus and Ayala Nizri who organized and taught the program. We look forward to its further growth in the coming years.
**JULIETS -**

**Just Us Long Islanders Enjoying Themselves**

As our new congregants join us from Temple Beth El, they bring with them a new program called JULIETS.

Juliets is a Daytime Social Program featuring Mah Jongg, canasta and table games. The program will be held in the Mildred and Joseph Stern Ballroom every Thursday (except holidays) starting on August 1st, from Noon to 4:00 PM. Donation is $5.00 per person. Bring your set and come on down. Meet other players in a comfortable, welcoming environment. Come alone or bring friends; all levels of players are welcome. We will do our best to find other players for you. Light refreshments are served, as NO outside food is allowed into the synagogue.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with this new program.

For any information please contact Fran Bezerman at Juliets123@optimum.net or leave a message in the office.

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**Other Happenings at CBT**

Besides the congregation and its arms, CBT is home to a variety of community based programs that may be of interest to our members and their friends. Some of these programs include:

**The Mark James Dance Group** meets in our ball room on the first Saturday evening of each month. This dance group meets from 8 PM to midnight and offers a variety of Ballroom & Latin Dancing (Salsa, Hustle, West Coast Swing). For information see the Mark James Dance Group at www.mjames.org or contact them at 516.835.9996

**Jake’s SAT Tutoring** - Does your child, grandchild or neighbor need help preparing for the SAT or ACT exams? We have the program just for them. “Jake SAT Prep” holds regular classes at our congregation. Contact Jake@jakesatprep.com or call 631-513-5919 for information.

**The Symphonic Pops Orchestra** - The "Senior Pops Orchestra of Long Island" was established in 1979 as a vehicle for senior citizen musicians to express their lifelong musical creativity, bringing entertainment and culture to an appreciative Long Island community. Today, known as the Symphonic Pops Orchestra, it is a multi-generational orchestra with musicians of every age. Since its inception, the 60-member ensemble has always performed numerous free concerts annually, and has distinguished itself as a serious contributor to Long Island’s thriving cultural scene. The group meets in our social hall on Wednesday mornings to rehearse.
Many Ways to Support Your Synagogue

The Jerry Friedman Memorial Walkway

This project was initiated by a generous donation from Estelle Freidman and her family and resulted in building a new walkway at the base of the front steps of the synagogue. The walkway was dedicated in September 2017 and the ceremony was attended by members of the family, congregation and local officials.

You may order bricks to commemorate a special occasion, honor a special person, or in memory of loved ones.

Trees for Israel. Trees for life.

Honor your family and friends, celebrate special occasions, or remember a loved one with a tree planted in Israel. Your recipient will receive a personalized tree certificate to acknowledge your thoughtful gift and Israel will receive the gift of life.

For $18.00 you can Honor your family and friends. Call the office for details and to place your order.

Care2Share

We are looking forward to receiving our next quarterly Care2Share check from Investors Bank. To date we have received $6,246.21 from Care2Share. There are 45 congregation members who have taken the time to complete the Investors Bank Care2Share enrollment form, which helps us to increase our donation amount next quarter. The more members who enroll, the more $$$$ we will earn. As a reminder, all types of personal accounts are eligible to be linked with Care2Share. These accounts include: checking, savings, money market, CD, holiday, and parent/child account (piggy bank savings). Any neighbor, relative or colleague can enroll and select Congregation Beth Tikvah, which will lead to a larger next quarterly check. You do not need to be a congregation member to enroll and support Congregation Beth Tikvah. To protect your privacy, Investors Bank will never share any specific information about your enrolled accounts (such as your name, the types of products you’ve enrolled, balance information, etc.) with Congregation Beth Tikvah. For additional information, to have any questions answered and to learn how YOU can play a major role in helping us get free $$$$$, please stop in at the local branch in Cherrywood or call Jennifer Smith at 718-330-3830 or e-mail jlsmith@myinvestorsbank.com.
**Special Donations**

The congregation maintains a number of special funds to which congregants can make donations. The use of monies in these funds is restricted to the specific purpose defined when the fund was created.

- **Shiva Meals** - Supports our tradition of comforting the mourners by sending a kosher meal to the family during the shiva period.
- **Open the Gates** - The goal of this fund is to make physical improvements to the synagogue facilities, particularly the school area, to make it accessible to the physically challenged.
- **Synagogue Beautification** - This fund is used to improve plantings around the synagogue property.
- **Rabbi’s Discretionary Fund** - This fund is used by the Rabbi at his discretion to support programs and activities that might not otherwise be possible.
- **Doris Kramer Pre-School** - Used to fund special programs within the nursery school.
- **Special Gifts** - This program is for congregants who wish to sponsor a special project or support the purchase of a special item for the synagogue.

**Commemorate an Event**

There are many happy occasions in our lives; births, marriages, engagements, anniversaries, bris, bar/bat mitzvah, birthdays, baby naming, etc.

- **Jerry Friedman Memorial Walkway** - Add a brick to the new walkway in front of the main entrance on Woodbine Ave. Bricks may be purchased to honor or commemorate any event or person.
- **Tree of Life** - Leafs may be purchased on our Tree of Life in the upper lobby to commemorate any special mitzvah or event.
- **Friday Evening Kiddush or Saturday Oneg Shabbat** - Celebrate your special event with your congregation family by sponsoring a Kiddush or Oneg following services. Whether it is simple or grand, let everyone share your joy.

Endow one of our prayer books and a special bookplate with your name and description of the lifecycle event to be commemorated will be placed in the book.

- **Etz Chayim Chumash** - is used during every Shabbat service.
- **Lev Shalem Siddur** - is used during our regular daily and Shabbat services.
- **Lev Shalem Machzor** - is used during the High Holy Day services.

For information on these, or any other special programs, please contact the office.
**Gift Certificate Program**

The gift card program is one of our easiest and profitable fund raising programs. Gift cards have become enormously popular and are readily available for almost every major store. Purchasing these cards from the synagogue provides a steady stream of income at **NO COST** to you! The cards are convenient and easy to use, buy whatever you normally buy at the stores you normally frequent and the synagogue makes money.

If you have any questions or to place an order, please contact Saralynn Grandison at foodcert@aol.com or 516-681-4811.

**Supermarkets and Butcher Stores:**
(Gift Cards from these stores are always available)

- Fairway
- King Kullen
- Shop Rite
- Stop & Shop
- Key Food
- Best Market
- North Shore Farms
- Whole Foods Market
- Nassau Kosher (East Meadow)
- Woodbury Kosher (Plainview)

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If you have any questions or to order your Gift Cards, please contact Saralynn Grandison via e-mail at: foodcert@aol.com.com or call 516-681-4811. You can also leave a message with the Synagogue office @ 516-785-2445.
Tzedakah - Helping Those In Need

The Hatzilu Rescue Organization

The Hatzilu Rescue Organization was formed over 20 years ago to aid elderly Jewish neighbors who were in need of food, health care, or someone to talk to. At CBT, the Hatzilu group sponsors two fund drives, at Pesach and Chanukah, and has provided food, clothing, housing and medical care. Together with other synagogues, Hatzilu has sent a number of needy individuals to a camp in the Berkshires for two weeks and sponsored a summer outing at Eisenhower Park.

Hatzilu at Kol Nidre: Operation Isaiah

This year Hatzilu will continue its traditional food drive prior to the Kol Nidre Services. All foods collected will be distributed to the poor and hungry on Long Island. Be sure to bring cans or jars of non-perishable food as you come to Yom Kippur eve services.

This initiative is held in conjunction with Operation Isaiah - the Conservative Movement’s project to help feed the hungry at this time of the year. As we fast, we are told to think of those who don't eat beyond the period of Yom Kippur.

Food for the Needy Project

As we learn in Judaism, giving to the poor (tzedakah) is our moral obligation and one of the highest forms of mitzvoth. In keeping with this tradition, CBT through the generous donations of members and friends, have maintained an ongoing FOOD FOR THE NEEDY PROJECT.

The Project is a simplistic but effective way to assist the elderly Jewish residents in our community to remain in their own homes with dignity and autonomy. We send supermarket gift cards monthly in the amount of $50 to clients whose names have been given to us by JASA (The Jewish Assoc. for Service to the Aged.). Our program is currently assisting 8 needy families in our community and we hope to assist even more families with the continued support of CBT members. To contribute to this program please send a check payable to Congregation Beth Tikvah and indicate FOOD FOR THE NEEDY on the face of check.

If you need more information please contact the office.
Join Your Congregation Family for Fun and Good Times

The variety and number of groups and events in the synagogue provides each congregational family member a wide choice and many opportunities to enjoy the warmth, friendship and support systems that come from congregation membership.

Men’s Club

L’Shanah Tovah. The New Year is upon us, and now is the time to join The Congregation Beth Tikvah Men’s Club!

The Men’s Club cultivates the highest principles of Judaism and supports the furtherance of the Shul vis-à-vis its social, cultural and fundraising events. The Men’s Club fosters friendship and religious spirituality in the course of many of its wonderful programs held throughout the year, such as the very successful bowling league, the Annual Paid-up Membership Dinner, Friday Night Shabbat Services and associated events and other regularly scheduled monthly activities including movie nights, guest speakers, fishing, and golf night.

The Men’s Club provides support to the Shul by setting-up for the High Holidays, constructing the Sukkah, hosting the Chanukah party, holding the Passover Wine Sale, and mailing memorial candles to commemorate Yom Hashoah so that we shall never forget.

We are a strong and vital Arm of the Shul, one that is active and continues to grow and flourish under life’s trying and demanding times. Individually, each and every one of us makes a significant difference and is charged with advancing forward for the greater good of Conservative Judaism. Given this, each man of our Congregation is encouraged to join the Men’s Club. We each convey our own unique perspective with all others involved, and together we are the Men’s Club. We always look to one another for innovative ideas. Bring yours and join us! Be positive, be active and enjoy!

Sisterhood

Sisterhood integrates the women of our congregation into a unified group, dedicated to foster the spirit of Judaism, not only in the synagogue, but in our homes as well. Members seek to further their religious, cultural, and social usefulness in the community and lend assistance in the many endeavors of Congregation Beth Tikvah.

Activities include participation in community affairs, holiday workshops and social gatherings. Sisterhood helps endow our religious school, youth activities, and aids in holiday celebrations.

The lives of the women of our Congregation are enhanced by participation in Sisterhood. The regularly scheduled meetings are highlighted with timely and enjoyable programs.

Sisterhood has been a very active part of CBT since the very beginning. In the past, we have undertaken many projects to benefit our Shul. Sisterhood continually sponsors Simhat Torah refreshments, Religious School collations and various other activities throughout the year.

Some of our programs include our annual Paid up Membership Dinner, Chanukah Party, Fashion Show, Ellen Lassman Sisterhood Shabbat, Evening of Learning, Book Discussion Group, Summer Get Together and other interesting and informative programs for our members.

Sisterhood is only as strong as our members allow us to be. Your input is encouraged and we urge you to join us and become part of our family. Join Sisterhood, You belong here!
Chavurah

Chavurah is an important arm of CBT. As Abraham and Sarah were an important couple, our synagogue’s members are some of the most important couples of our time. But Chavurah is not limited to only “couples” - we welcome any member to join us in a wide variety of social events.

Chavurah provides an opportunity for members to meet new friends and greet old ones. We strive to plan exciting and varied social activities to appeal to the wide range of our membership. Recent programs have included the annual Trivial Pursuit night, Scavenger Hunt, Dinner at a Kosher Chinese restaurant and shows at local playhouses.

Chavurah can only be as strong as its membership is active. Please join us. Without you, there is no "us".

Yiddish Club

You don’t need to understand Yiddish to join this group. Weekly discussions and programs cover a variety of topics related to the Yiddish language. This group meets every Monday at 11:00 AM.

Synagogue Endowments

Through the generosity of our members, Congregation Beth Tikvah is privileged to be able to offer a number of special scholarships and incentives to our youth. For information about either of these programs please contact the Office.

The Pearl M. & William A. Ross Memorial Endowment Fund

Pearl and William Ross were charter members of the Wantagh Jewish Center. Upon Pearl’s passing in 2006, she provided for the establishment of the Pearl M. Ross & William A. Ross Memorial Endowment Fund. This fund is to be used to provide scholarships to designated students at one or more of the following:

- Solomon Schechter Day School
- Jewish Theological Seminary
- Camp Ramah

A second fund, the Barbara Ross-Kaplan Memorial Endowment Fund, named in memory of their daughter, provides a scholarship to the Solomon Feld Religious School for a financially needy student of Congregation Beth Tikvah.

The Helen and Marvin Meister Endowment Fund for Youth Trips to Israel

In September 2000 Dr. Marvin and Helen Meister generously created this endowment fund to provide funds for children of Congregation Beth Tikvah families, in grades nine through twelve, to participate in programs involving a visit to Israel. Examples of these activities are the March of the Living and USY Pilgrimage.

The Rabbi, in consultation with the current President and Education Vice President, will select from those children who are seeking to participate in a qualifying program, to be recipients of grants from the Helen and Marvin Meister Endowment Fund for Israel Trips for Congregation Beth Tikvah Youth.
The Shabbos Breakfast Club

The Shabbos Breakfast Club was such a success last year that it will return this year - but instead of just once a month - it will be held every Shabbat morning starting at 8:45 AM. So start your Shabbat Services a little earlier, at 8:45 AM, with a light breakfast and a lively in-depth discussion of the parsha using ancient and modern commentaries.
The Arthur Schwartz Memorial Library

The Arthur Schwartz Memorial Library provides reading pleasure for Congregation members. The library boasts a large collection of fiction and non-fiction books. New books are constantly being added, bringing us up to date on the most recent publications. We operate on an honor system and there is no charge for the library service. Its purpose is to enrich our congregant's background in Judaic studies and offer a variety of books for leisure time enjoyment.

Community Programs

CBT is an active participant in a number of local synagogue groups. These groups sponsor a variety of adult education programs taught by our local Rabbis and distinguished lecturers from the broader Jewish community.

Wantagh Clergy Council

At about midday on August 3, 1954 an Air Force F-84 Thunderjet fighter plane crashed into a residential neighborhood on Denver Road in Wantagh. In addition to the pilot, one civilian on the ground was killed and five were injured. The various members of the local clergy gathered at the site to offer theirs prayers and assistance and out of this tragedy came the Wantagh Clergy Council. Rabbi Mordecai Rubin, Z"L, of the Wantagh Jewish Center was installed as its first President.

The organization continues its functions today and will hold its annual Interfaith Service on the night before Thanksgiving. Each year the service is held at a different House of Worship in the community. Services will be held on Wednesday evening, November 27th. Check Beth Tikvah Times for the location of this year's service.

Yom Hashoah Program

The conservative and reform Rabbis and congregations in our area will join together in a commemorative program in remembrance of the Shoah, or Holocaust.

This year the Yom Hashoah Program will be held on Monday, April 20, 2020
The Doris Kramer Pre-School

The educational program for our children starts with the Doris Kramer Pre-School.

The Doris Kramer Pre-School has offered the best in early childhood education for over 35 years. The warm, loving staff, uses a variety of techniques to ensure that every child has a positive and successful experience at school.

At the Doris Kramer Pre-School, our goal is twofold. We strive to develop an interest and joy in learning and to acquire an identity with the Jewish heritage and customs. Our dedicated and qualified teachers help your child learn to share with others and to get along in a group situation. The major activity of young children is play and it is the basic tool of learning. At our pre-school, the most advanced methods of creative play are used.

Our curriculum includes reading readiness, math readiness, science experiences, language arts, computer aided instruction, cultural arts, as well as field trips, arts and crafts and music. We pride ourselves for offering many different aspects of mindfulness to encourage kindness and self-esteem. Activities such as yoga, meditation and breathing techniques help to reinforce this concept. It also promotes tolerance and anti-bullying for our little ones to hold onto throughout their lives. Shabbat and the Jewish holidays are included as an important part of our curriculum. Learning takes place at many levels with no academic pressure.

Toddlers (2 years +) - Parents and children can adjust to separation at a relaxed pace. The children will build on socialization skills as well as learning to follow directions and rules. Age appropriate table toys help to develop small motor skills and hand eye coordination. Activities are designed to improve communication skills and encourage creativity.

This program provides an excellent opportunity for the young child to progress at their own pace while developing self-esteem and an interest in learning.

Nursery and Pre-K - Our 3s and 4s enjoy a wide variety of activities to ensure their emotional, academic, social and physical growth. Age appropriate activities will develop pre-reading and pre-math skills. Computers in the classroom allow skill building in a most enjoyable way. Cooking, cultural arts, and field trips are all part of an enriching curriculum. Celebrations of holidays and Shabbat add to the joy of the pre-school experience.

Summer Gan meets daily for eight weeks. The program is an excellent introduction to camp life for preschoolers through first grade. The camp provides a full program of creative play, arts and crafts, ceramics, music, cooking, and water play.

Doris Kramer, Z”L

About forty years ago a young mother came to the Wantagh Jewish Center to inquire about joining the synagogue. As she sat on the front steps with her young children, Rabbi Rubin approached her and began a conversation. When the discussion led to the fact that she was a teacher, Rabbi Rubin asked her if she would be interested in starting a preschool at the shul. And so that young mother named Doris Kramer found a few children at Wantagh Park and the preschool began. The rest is history. When Doris retired, the congregation named the school "The Doris Kramer Preschool" in her honor.
The Solomon Feld Religious School

This year Congregation Beth Tikvah is proud to reinstitute our Hebrew School under the dedicated leadership of Rabbi Moshe P. Weisblum, Ph.D. and Lois Gelman Schwalb.

The mission of our Hebrew School is to create a place where children receive traditional Hebrew and Jewish education, so that the next generation of Jewish leaders will be grounded in the values and traditions of the Jewish faith and heritage.

Educational Philosophy

We intend to provide an educational alternative for parents who wish to pass on the traditions and importance of Judaism to their children. We want to help families tap into Hebrew and Jewish education to ensure that the next generation will grow up richly enjoying, understanding and practicing the Jewish traditions.

We want to provide the opportunity to learn and appreciate Hebrew, Jewish history, prayers, and rituals. Through the use of the Synagogue’s resources and a unique curriculum taught by our own Rabbi Moshe P. Weisblum, Ph.D., Miss Lois and other instructors, we believe we can provide a rich, cultural enrichment for families to enjoy together.

As an extension of Congregation Beth Tikvah, the school also reaches out to those Jewish families who are not involved with a congregation and may not have a strong background in Judaism, but who are looking for practical ways to instill their faith and culture into the lives of their children.

Vision

Our vision is to attract younger families to our congregation by providing the support and tools necessary to encourage and supplement the Hebrew and Jewish education of the children of the community. Regardless of religious background or level of observance, students at our Hebrew School will acquire a broad-based knowledge of Judaism in an appealing and enriching environment. Our teachers will not merely give out facts, but will relate to the children individually and take genuine interest in their personal success. Ultimately, students will learn and will have fun as they gain insight into their faith and heritage.

Curriculum

The curriculum will promote the Jewish values of charity, love and kindness, compassion, love of Torah, love of Jewish traditions, and being connected to G-d. It will emphasize the study of the Hebrew language, including reading, writing and vocabulary, Torah studies, and Jewish history. The curriculum will be enhanced by arts & crafts projects tied to holiday celebrations, including skits, songs, model Seders, making items for the Sukkah, and creating a Menorah. Each class will follow a grade-appropriate textbook and teachers will follow carefully constructed lesson plans.

Solomon Feld, Z”L

Sol Feld served as the Wantagh Jewish Center’s Educational Director for twenty-two years. After retiring as Principal of the Religious School in 1997, Sol became the Ritual Director of the Wantagh Jewish Center, running the morning minyans, reading Torah, leading the Megillah reading, teaching adult education classes and encouraging others to be more proficient in Hebrew skills to enhance our services.

The Year in Review

From the Succah setup to Shavuot and every holiday and event in between CBT has something for everyone. These photos represent a glimpse of the events that occur throughout the year at Congregation Beth Tikvah. How many of them can you identify? How many of them did you attend? Most importantly, how many of them involve FOOD! Hope to see you at our future events.

Thanks to Gita and Irving Freed for doing such a great job chronicling our many activities and for these great pictures.
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Services Throughout the Year - 5780

**Daily**

**Shacharit**

Mon, Thurs ......................... 8:00 AM
Rosh Hodesh .......................... 8:00 AM
Sun & Legal Holidays ............... 9:00 AM

**Mincha - Ma’ariv**

Saturday ......................... Following Kiddush
Monday - Thursday (Ma’ariv) ..... 8:00 PM

**Shabbat**

**Friday Evening**

Monthly Family Kabbalat Services 6:30 PM
All Friday night services .............. 8:00 PM
(Except Holidays and other special days,
see Beth Tikvah Times for details)

**Shabbat Morning**

Shabbat Breakfast Club .............. 8:45 AM
Services .................................... 9:15 AM