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2024 High Holiday and Membership Guide

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Dear :

In this booklet you will find a number of items which we hope will facilitate your Holiday 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 an egalitarian Conservative Synagogue as a house of assembly, study and prayer in an inclusive 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.
- ❖ Create an inclusive environment where the non-Jewish spouse, domestic partner or dependent child under the age of 25 are eligible for membership.
- 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.





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Holiday Messages



Rabbi Weisblum

Dear :

A sensation of renewal is in the air as we are wishing each other a Happy, Sweet New Year. We watch the season change; the weather is cooler and the air crisp. The trees shed their leaves in multiple fall's hues gracefully carrying us forward, into the New Year.

Consulting our calendar we carefully plan out our family gatherings, meals and more. Some of us reflect on their past year's resolutions and their outcome and draft new expectations for the approaching year. Others believe in mind over matter, through prayers and meditations your wishes will materialize.

A major part of ushering in the New Year, are the High

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Our President

Dear :

Over the past few years, I have written about why Jewish holidays and their celebrations are important and in a general sense what the holidays are celebrating. During my terms as President, I have not only learned a great deal about these holidays, I have begun to understand their importance in and to my life. I realized what it really means to be Jewish. I now truly believe and feel that these holy days are marked by deep spiritual introspection and the tradition of seeking forgiveness from G-d and fellow human beings.

In the face of antisemitism, these holy days take on additional significance. The High Holy Days are an opportunity to reaffirm the values of Judaism, such as

peace, justice, and kindness, in the face of adversity. They serve as a reminder of the importance of standing up against antisemitism and supporting one another through times of challenge.

I recently read an article in **My Jewish Learning** which made me understand, in these dark days of antisemitism, that these Jewish Holidays emphasizes to us all that we must take

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From the Rabbi (Continued from page 3)

Holiday Services. There is no denying that the spirit of G-D is ubiquitously present. Our special prayers and the overwhelming blasts of the Shofar enhance our spiritual experience, often brining emotional tears into our eyes. The Days of Awe make us tremble as we think about the Judgement Day, deep soul searching, gratitude for the past along with prayers of hope for a bright future. Being grateful for our many benedictions, and simultaneously looking back with humility upon our mistakes.

We proclaim loudly, "Repentance, Prayer and Charity change the evil decree!" We act upon these words. We repent for our wrong doings towards the almighty and to those we harmed in the past, knowingly or unknowingly. It's time to forgive ourselves as well, admitting our failures and promising to do better. We pray for peace and tranquility in the world, in Israel, for our loved ones and ourselves. We pray for health, prosperity and more. We promise to do more acts of kindness and help in repairing the fragile world surrounding us. The Book of Life is open and G-D listens to our cry.

The past few years brought turbulent events to individuals and to the entire world. We faced the unknown in many circumstances often feeling helpless and lost. No one knows G-D's master plan, but we pray for His merciful attribute. The High Holidays are favorable times by the Almighty to ask for His compassion and mercy, and His will to inscribe us for an excellent and serene year.

With faith, some dressed in white clothing signifying purity, we stand together and as individuals before G-D and pray. "As long as the candle is burning, it is still possible to work and to repair." (The legendary Rabbi Israel Salanter Zt"l), it's never too late to repent and now as the Gates of Heaven open it's our golden opportunity!

As another gesture towards our repentance, we enter the future by going to a streaming body of water and symbolically casting away our sins.

As your spiritual leader, I feel privileged to be part of Congregation Beth Tikvah. A community that is exalted with kind people who act unselfishly to influence, benefit and improve the wellbeing of society at large. Through these deeds we elevate ourselves morally and spiritually, bringing the entire world closer to an everlasting harmony.

As we are literally dip our apple into the sweet honey, we pray that the Jewish New Year of 5785 will be the same. I would like to wish you and your loved ones that the Almighty inscribes you in the Book of Life, and bless you with a healthy, happy, sweet, thriving, tranquil, full of love and togetherness year. May we merit to see complete redemption and peace for Israel and the world. Amen!

Shanah Tovah!

Rabbi Moshe P. Weisblum, Ph.D.

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collective responsibility for our lives and for the activities of the community of which we are a part. The Article goes on to state that although we realize that we did not create the world into which we are born, we nevertheless have responsibility for what it is like as long as we participate in it. While the struggle to change ourselves and our world may be long and painful, it is our struggle. No one else can do it for us. To the extent that we have failed to do all that we could to make ourselves or our community all that we ought to be, we ask G-d and each other for forgiveness and we now commit ourselves to acting differently this coming year. The article goes on to discuss how the recounting of the "al chet" can relate to the present world we live in.

Throughout my adolescent and adult years I have tried to understand how the recounting of the ("al chet"), a list of sins for which we take communal responsibility, relates to me in the present world. *My Jewish Learning* Article sheds light on my question. It states that in recent years, there have been many efforts to create liturgical confessions that reflect contemporary issues. The following interpretation of this familiar Yom Kippur confession attempts to link liturgy and the real world. The following modern-day variations was reprinted with permission from <u>Tikkun.org</u>.

Below are just a few of the list of modern-day sins that link the confessional to the modern world we live in:

- For all our sins, may the Force that makes forgiveness possible forgive us, pardon us, and make atonement possible.
- ☼ For the sins we have committed before you and in our communities by being so preoccupied with ourselves that we ignore the large problems of the world in which we live.
- And for the sins we have committed by being so directed toward outward realities that we have ignored our spiritual development.
- And for the sins of dulling our outrage at the continuation of poverty, oppression, and violence in this world.
- And for the sins of not doing enough to alleviate homelessness, poverty, and world hunger.
- For the sins of accepting a world in which the "bottom line" is money and power, and not fighting for a new bottom line of love and caring.
- And for the sins of being cynical about the possibility of building a world based on love.
- And for the sins of spreading negative stories about people we know.
- And for the sins of not giving our leaders, rabbis, educators, artists, and child caregivers the emotional and material support they need to continue to do the work that we depend on them to do.

For these sins we ask God and each other to give us the strength to forgive ourselves and each other.

- ❖ For the sins we have committed by not forgiving our parents for the wrongs they committed when we were children.
- And for the sins of having too little compassion or too little respect for our parents or for our children.

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- And for the sins of not learning from and giving adequate respect and care to our elders and to our teachers.
- ☼ For the sins of being jealous and trying to possess and control those whom we love.
- ☼ And for the sins of being judgmental of others and ourselves.
- ☼ For the sins of withholding love and support.
- ♦ And for the sins of doubting our ability to love and get love from others.
- ☼ For the sins of insisting that everything we do has a payoff.
- ❖ For the sins of not recognizing the beauty within ourselves.
- ♠ And for the sins of not recognizing the beauty that surrounds us.
- And for the sins of being manipulative or hurting others to protect our own egos.

Ve-al kulam Eloha selichot selach lanu, mechal lanu, kaper lanu.

- For all our sins, may the Force that makes forgiveness possible forgive us, pardon us, and make atonement possible.
- For the sins we have committed by not publicly supporting the Jewish people and Israel when they are being treated or criticized unfairly.
- ☼ For the sins of being critical of Jewish life from a distance rather than from a personal involvement or commitment,
- And for the sins of not spending more time engaged in learning the Jewish tradition and studying Jewish history, literature, and holy texts.
- ❖ For the sins of giving up on Judaism because it didn't satisfy our highest spiritual and ethical values, rather than engaging in the process of spiritually renewing our tradition.
- ☼ For the sins of not having compassion for one another.
- ☆ And for not taking care of one another.
- And for the sins of self-absorption, allowing us to be insulated from the loneliness and needs of people around us.
- ❖ For the sins of focusing only on our sins and not our strengths and beauties.

Ve-al kulam Eloha selichot, selach lanu, mechal lanu, kaper lanu.

For all these sins, Lord of Forgiveness, forgive us, pardon us, grant us atonement.

I am sure many of us can relate to several of these modern-day sins.

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 5785 bring peace to Israel and to the world and to each of us and our families much health, happiness and peace of mind.

Shanah Tovah!

Gail R. Jeby-Levy

Congregation Beth Tikvah Welcomes Cantor Lipa Glantz as our High Holy Day Cantor



We are extremely pleased to welcome Cantor Lipa Glantz as our High Holiday Cantor.

Cantor Lipa Glantz was born and raised in Israel to a family steeped in Jewish musical tradition for generations. After his military service Cantor Glantz graduated from Tel Aviv Israel Cantorial school, one of the most prominent cantorial schools in the world, in 1989. He currently resides in Israel with his wife Liat, and their five children.

Cantor Glantz has appeared in many performing platforms worldwide and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in Jewish liturgy and music including serving almost 2 decades in Congregations in Canada. His first appointment was serving as cantor at the Great Synagogue of Hadera. It was then that he accepted a call to the prestigious Beth Zion synagogue in Montreal where he served as senior cantor with distinction for 10 years. He also served as

an IDF-paid Cantor for 18 years and the commander and soloist of the IDF Rabbinical choir.

The versatility and repertoire of Cantor Glantz is extensive and he is blessed to possess a powerful, unique, lyric tenor voice. His voice is unusual in quality and range, brilliant in tone, and rich in emotional warmth and expression. He has delighted audiences all over the world performing on stage with some of the world's greatest cantors, symphonies and choirs.

Cantor Glantz is thrilled and honored to serve as cantor for Yom Tov this year at Congregation Beth Tikvah and we are equally honored and excited to have him here with us for our upcoming high holidays.

May you and those you love be inscribed and SEALED in the Book of Life for a year of Health, Happiness and Peace.

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.

2024 - Schedule of High Holiday Services - 5785

רוֹבְאָבוֹת - Kever Avot

1 Elul 5784 - 29 Elul 5784

Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2024 through Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2024

Selichot סְלִיחוֹת

Ma'ariv and Havdalah	Saturday, Sept. 28	7:15 PM	Sanctuary
Congregation Meeting	Saturday, Sept. 28	8:00 PM	Sanctuary
Collation	Saturday, Sept. 28	8:45 PM	Ballroom
Selichot Services	Saturday, Sept. 28	9:00 PM	Sanctuary

Rosh Hashanah

EREV ROSH HASHANAH	Wednesday, Oct. 2	6:30 PM	Ballroom *
Day 1 - MORNING SERVICES Family Service	Thursday, Oct. 3	10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Ballroom * Sanctuary
Day 1 - EVENING SERVICES	Thursday, Oct. 3	7:00 PM	Ballroom *
Day 2 - MORNING SERVICES Family Service	Friday, Oct. 4	10:00 AM 11:30 AM	Ballroom * Sanctuary
Day 2 - EVENING SERVICES	Friday, Oct. 4	8:00 PM	Ballroom *

רּבְּה שׁוּבְה Shabbat Shuvah

- Tashlich Sunday, Oct. 6	10:00 AM	Wantagh Park Boat Ramp
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The entrance to Wantagh Park is on the south side of Merrick Road, just west of the Wantagh Parkway. The boat ramp is at the south end of the park.

ר בְּלֹ נְדְרֵר – Kol Nidre

MINCHA	Friday, Oct.11	6:00 PM	Ballroom *
KOL NIDRE	Friday, Oct.11	6:20 PM	Ballroom *

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^{*} Live Streaming will be available for disabled members

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יוֹם כְּפוּר - Yom Kippur

MORNING SERVICES	Saturday, Oct. 12	10:00 AM	Ballroom *
YIZKOR:	during services		
Family Service	Saturday, Oct. 12	11:30 AM	Sanctuary
Community Yizkor Service	Saturday, Oct. 12	2:00 PM	Sanctuary
MINCHA	Saturday, Oct. 12	4:30 PM	Ballroom *
NE'ILAH	Saturday, Oct. 12	5:45 PM	Ballroom *
MA'ARIV / HAVDALLAH	Saturday, Oct. 12	6:59 PM	Ballroom *

הוֹבוֹת - Sukkot

EREV SUKKOT	Wednesday, Oct. 1	6 6:00 PM	Sanctuary *
Day 1 - MORNING SERVICES	Thursday, Oct.17	10:00 AM	Sanctuary *
Day 1 - EVENING SERVICES	Thursday, Oct.17	6:00 PM	Sanctuary *
Day 2 - MORNING SERVICES	Friday, Oct.18	10:00 AM	Sanctuary *
Day 2 - EVENING SERVICES Erev Hoshana Rabba	, -	8:00 PM	Sanctuary *

רּבְּה - Hoshana Rabbah

Shacharit	Wednesday, Oct. 23 10:00 AM	Sanctuary *
Mincha / Ma'ariv	6:00 PM	Sanctuary *

אַלֶּינְיּ עְצֶּבֶּרָת Shemini Atzeret

Shacharit	Thursday, Oct. 24	10:00 AM	Sanctuary *
YIZKOR	duri	ing services	•
Erev Simchat Torah -	MINCHA / MA'ARIV	6:00 PM	Sanctuary *

הוֹרֶה הוֹרֶה - Simchat Torah

Shacharit	Friday, October 25	10:00 AM	Sanctuary *
Mincha / Ma'ariv	Friday, October 25	8:00 PM	Sanctuary *

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	Checklist of High Holy Day Tasks:	
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	☐ Membership Renewal and Holiday Ticket Order Form	
_	☐ Yizkor Book Listing Order Form	
	☐ Make a donation to the Kol Nidre Appeal	
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_	☐ High Holy Day Greeting Card Order Form	_
	□ Order Lulav and Etrog	
	□ Religious School Registration Form	
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_	☐ Religious School Parent's Orientation Meeting	
_	Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2024 6:30 PM	
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_	☐ Men's Club Membership Application	
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	☐ Membership Application	
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	□ Leagrams	
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	☐ ORDER GIFT CARDS BEFORE YOU START YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING	! <u>-</u>





Book of Remembrance



The last date for submitting listings for this year's

Yizkor Book of Remembrance is August 16th.

Notices for the annual Book of Remembrance have been mailed. Please return your completed form and payment for the Yizkor Book as soon as possible. If you did not receive the Yizkor mailing, or have any questions, please call Rich Slutzah at 516.826.7518

The Kol Nidre Appeal

This has been a difficult year not just for members of our Synagogue, but for the Jewish people as a whole. In every generation, the Synagogue has always been the focal point where we all come together as a community. This holds true not just during times of difficulty but during times of joy as well. Now, as 5784 draws to a close, we are reaching out to you with our annual Kol Nidre Appeal.

CBT is a special place where we can come together not only during the High Holidays but on Shabbat where we have a nice turnout on both Friday evening and Shabbat morning. We provide minyans during the week for those who wish to attend "just because" and for those who might need to recite Kaddish. We host special events such as a Chanukah Party, Purim Ball, Community Pesach Seder, Lag B'Omer celebration and numerous community events.

The Synagogue is not your synagogue or my synagogue – Congregation Beth Tikvah is OUR collective Jewish home, and just like each of your homes, we require the resources to pay our utility bills, office staff and Rabbi, maintain the integrity and safety of our building, and times being what they are, provide security services to ensure our personal safety. It is ONLY with your financial support that we can not only provide everyone with the services and programs which we currently enjoy but to expand our programs in the coming year.

So, please, open your checkbook and when you do so, look back at your Kol Nidre donation for 5784 and THEN, open your heart and resolve to give more in 5785. May you and your loved ones be inscribed AND sealed in the Book of Life for a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous 5785.

L' Shanah Tovah לְשׁנָה טוֹבָה

Leonard Cohen, Freya Novack and Linda Katz

Kol Nidre Appeal Committee

THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

ווו - אֱלוּל 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."



ר אָבוֹת - Kever Avot

(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, from the start of Elul, the Hebrew month preceding the High Holy Days, until Yom Kippur, people are encouraged to do whatever they can to bestow G-d's mercy for a sweet new year. Because of the merit of our beloved deceased ancestors, we ask G-d to help the living and give them a favorable decree for the new year.

Rosh Hashanah is also a time to plan for the future. "By thinking of the legacy of those who came before us, we consider the legacy we want to leave."

Other customs include placing stones on the grave to mark the visit, which some believe dates back to ancient times when piles of stones were used to indicate burial sites. Giving tzedakah on behalf of the deceased is also customary since Jewish tradition teaches that those dwelling in G-d's presence cannot perform this mitzvah.

Selichot - פּלִיחוֹת

Selichot are a collage of Torah verses and poetically written Hebrew works in which we ask G\(\text{M}\)d to forgive us on a personal and communal level. An oft repeated phrase is the "Thirteen 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. 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.

One of our important beliefs is that G-d wishes us to turn away from sin and helps us to do so. The High Holy Days focus almost exclusively on this idea, which is called "teshuvah," a word that means "turning away from sin."

The word "sin" can refer to many different things. We sin when we break G-d's laws. We sin when we hurt others. We sin when we do things that hurt ourselves. During the High Holy Days we have many opportunities to demonstrate to G-d that we have made sincere efforts to change our behavior from that which is hurtful or wrong to that which is constructive and healing. We also have many opportunities to reflect on our behavior and ask for G-d's help to lead better lives.

We begin to prepare spiritually for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur by attending a special service called "Selichot" (forgiveness). The Selichot service is designed to help us direct our hearts and minds to the process of teshuvah.

At the Selichot service, we begin to examine our deeds of the past year, seeking forgiveness from G-d, and promising to improve our behavior in the New Year. Some of the prayers and music for the Selichot service are taken from the services for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This provides a musical transition between the "old year" and the New Year.

Selichot begins after Shabbat is over 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.

There is also a custom of holding Selichot services close to midnight, which is related to the belief that the Gates of Heaven open the widest at midnight. Therefore, it is believed, G-d will hear our prayers most clearly at this time of night.

ראש קּשְׁנְה - Rosh Hashanah

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.

הבות שובה - Shabbat Shuvah

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 - תשליך



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.

Join us for a community Tashlich Service on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to wash away our sins and bring in a Happy New Year.

ר לְמֵי תְּשׁוּבָּה - 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 G-d. 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.

- בֶּלֹ נְּדְרֵרׁ 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."

רוֹם כְּפוּר · Yom Kippur

According to tradition, G-d 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.

הוֹשׁוֹם - Sukkot

The festival of Sukkot 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 Sukkot 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.





רּבְּה - Hoshana Raba

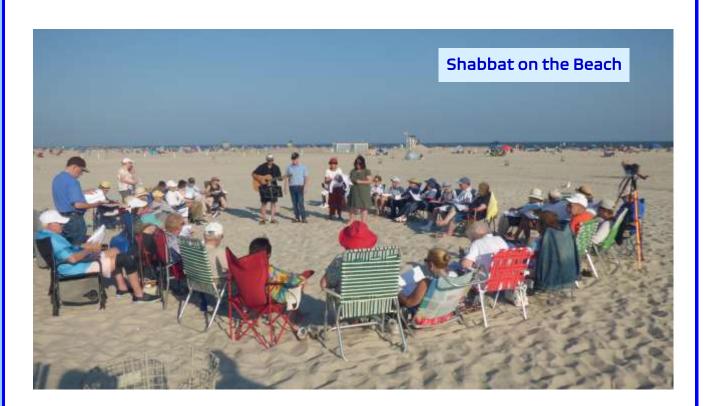
The seventh day of Sukkot, (21st day of Tishrei) is known as **Hoshana Rabbah**. This day is marked by a special synagogue service, the Hoshana Rabbah, in which seven circuits are made by the worshippers with their lulav and etrog, while the congregation recites *Hoshanot*. A hoshanah is a series of seven liturgical poems calling upon G-d 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.

האָלֶּינְיּ עְּצֶּׁנֶרְת - Shemini Atzeret

The eighth and ninth days of the Sukkot Festival are called Shemini Atzeret. Its purpose is to conclude the Festival of Sukkot. 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.

Simchat Torah - שִׂמְתַת תּוֹרָה

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 Sukkot 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 Sukkot. 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.

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 no later than **OCTOBER 14**.

Please make check payable to Congregation Beth Tikvah.

Name:	
Number of sets:	
Amount enclosed:	

FAMILY SERVICES

Rosh Hashanah	. Thursday,October 3, 2024	11:30 AM
	Friday, October 4, 2024	11:30 AM
Yom Kippur	Saturday, October 12, 2024	11:30 AM
Location:	. Sanctuary	

- ☼ The services will be run by our Junior Congregation Leaders with assistance from the Educational Vice President and members of the Religious School PTA.
- ☼ The service is open to our religious school families and their parents and congregants and their guests under the age of 12.
- Candy and Shofars will be distributed to the students as they leave the building.

COMMUNITY YIZKOR SERVICE

Date:	.Saturday, October 12	2, 2024	2:00 PM
Location:	.Sanctuary		

Congregation Beth Tikvah has traditionally offered a Yizkor Service open to our community as a mitzvah and a wonderful community gesture and we are pleased to be able to again offer this service.

ERUV TAVSHILLIN - Wednesday, October 2nd and 16th

When a festival occurs on a Friday special arrangements must be made to prepare food for Shabbat. Ordinarily it is forbidden to cook or bake for Shabbat during a Festival, just as it is forbidden to so on Shabbat. If the preparation is begun before the festival, however, it may be continued by cooking for Shabbat during the Festival. The berakhah and declaration found below are recited over some foods which have been cooked or baked for Shabbat. (This is done on Wednesday evening, before candle lighting). The food is then set aside, to be eaten on Shabbat and further preparation for Shabbat may be made during the Festival.

The following prayers are to be recited prior to sunset on Wednesday, October 2^{nd} and 16^{th} :

Barukh attah adonai eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al mitzvat eruv.

Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the universe whose mitzvot add holiness to our lives and gave us the mitzvah concerning the eruv.

By means of this mixture (eruv) we are permitted to bake, cook, warm, kindle lights, and make all necessary preparations during the Festival (yom tov) for Shabbat, we and all who live in this place. בָרוּך אַתָּה ה׳ אֶלֹקִינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אַשֶּׁר קִדשָׁנוּ בִּמִצִוֹתֵיו וְצִוַנוּ עֵל מִצְוַת ערוב

בָּעֵרוּב הַנֶּה יְהָא בֻתַּר לָנוּ לֶאֶפּוֹת וּלְבַשֵּׁל וּלְהַמְּסִין. וּלְהַדְלִיק נֵר. וְלַעֲשׁוֹת בָּל צְּרָבֵינוּ סִיוֹם מוֹב לְשַׁבָּת. לַנוּ וּלִכַל יִשִּׂרָאֵל הַדַרִים בַּעִיר הַוֹאת.

MEMBERSHIP

At Congregation Beth Tikvah, we offer innovative programming coupled with Shabbat and holiday services and celebrations. Our CBT Band, founded and led by Rabbi Weisblum, performs at our parties, Bar-B-Ques and other special events, adding an energy that amazes all who attend! The more events that our members participate in, the more they feel part of our warm and welcoming congregation.

As our new Membership year begins, we invite all who are seeking this warm and welcoming community to join us. At CBT, we offer something for everyone-deeply meaningful religious services and joyous celebrations, family services, Shabbat dinners, Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Weisblum, Sisterhood, Men's Club, Chavurah, Lectures, Juliets and so much more.

Our CBT Religious School serves children throughout Southeast Nassau County and parts of Suffolk County. Our religious school staff provides Hebrew learning, Jewish culture, special holiday events and craft programs. Individual Bar/Bat Mitzvah is readily available.

Please tell your family, friends and neighbors about out CBT community. In times of need and in times of joy, Rabbi Weisblum, the Administration and our congregational family strive to provide a warm and welcoming spirit to all who walk through our doors.

Lois Schifman, Membership Vice President



It is a special honor to receive the last aliyah of the Book of Deuteronomy; the person receiving that alivah is called the *Hatan Torah* (the groom of the Torah) (or Kallat Torah (the bride of the Torah) in synagogues that allow women to receive an aliyah). Likewise, it is a special honor to receive the first aliyah of the Book of Genesis; that person is called *Hatan B'reishit* (the groom of Genesis) (or Kallat B'reishit (the bride of Genesis)).

Synagogue Operations

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 28, 2024 General Meeting (Selichot)

Sunday, January 26, 2025 ✡ General Meeting

* Sunday, March 30, 2025 **Election of Nominating Committee** Sunday, April 27, 2025 Budget Meeting and presentation of

slate of officers

Sunday, May 18, 2025 Congregation Election Meeting

2024-2025 Congregation Leadership

Do you have a question or suggestion about any aspect of our congregation? Are you interested in a particular program or activity? Would you like to suggest a new program or activity? Would you like to contribute your time and energy to helping improve our congregation by volunteering to serve on one of our many committees? Call the office (785-2445) or drop a note to any of the officers listed below. We'd love to hear from you after all this is YOUR synagogue and we value your input and participation.

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JODY WALD

Chavurah Co-Presidents SHERRY COHEN LINDA KATZ

The Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is the 'legislature' of our congregation. It approves the budget before it is sent to the congregation and passes various motions directing the Administration's actions and programs. It consists of 18 trustees, 6 of who are elected each year for a three year term, all Past Presidents who are still members in good standing, the Presidents of the three arms and all of the elected officers. The following is a list of this year's Board of Trustees:

Chairperson LARRY SLUTSKY

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Shabbat Services

The Shabbat morning service 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 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 Minyans

The morning and evening Minyans provide the opportunity to fulfill traditional religious obligations and have been our tradition for over fifty years. Besides providing 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 and we hope that once life returns to a more normal state we will be able to resume the minyans on a regular basis. Currently morning and evening minyans will continue to be held on ZOOM.

Check Beth Tikvah Times, Shabbat Shalom and watch for our regular emails and phone calls for the latest updates.

SUNDAY MORNING VIRTUAL MINYANS9:00 AM

ZOOM Meeting ID: 963 992 760 Password: 437487

Phone Number for Dial-in: 646-876-9923

WEEKDAY VIRTUAL SERVICES USING ZOOM:

Phone Number for Dial-in: 646-876-9923

MONDAY AND THURSDAY MORNINGS......8:00 AM

ZOOM Meeting ID: 469 531 660 Password: 021384

MONDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS 8:00 PM

ZOOM Meeting ID: 871 949 931 Password: 029277

Special Friday Night Services

As a congregation we are proud of the fact that many of the groups within our 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 Shabbat	September 13, 2024
✡	Murray Zwerling Men's Club Shabbat	November 1, 2024
✡	Ira Shuchman Men's Club Shabbat	March 21, 2025
\$	Ellen Lassman Sisterhood Shabbat	April 4, 2025
✡	Joint Arms Shabbat	April 12, 2025
✡	Jerry Friedman Membership Dinner & Shabbat	May 9, 2025
✡	Board of Trustees Shabbat	May 23, 2025
\$	Installation Shabbat	June 13, 2025

American Sign Language Interpreting

Our congregant, Judith Yablon, has volunteered to offer her American Sign Language Interpreting expertise during Saturday morning services. Judith will be providing this service on the 3rd Saturday of each Month.

Shabbat Parsha Discussion Saturdays, 9:00 AM

The Shabbat Parsha Discussion meets every <u>Shabbat morning at 9:00 AM</u>. Start your Shabbat Services a little earlier with a cup of coffee or tea and a lively in-depth discussion of the parsha using ancient and modern commentaries.

Holiday Parsha Discussion Holidays, 9:00 AM

The Holiday Parsha Discussion meets on most holiday mornings at 9:00 AM. Start your Holiday Services a little earlier with a cup of coffee or tea (except on Yom Kippur, of course!) and a lively in-depth discussion of the parsha using ancient and modern commentaries.

Junior Congregation See School Calendar..... Oct - June

On a monthly basis (October through June) students of our Religious School hold their own special Shabbat Service and then join the main service for the concluding prayers. See the religious school calendar later in this document for specific dates and times.

Welcome Back Shabbat Friday, September 13, 2024 .. 6:00 PM





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Welcome Back

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

Annual Welcome Back Shabbat Dinner

Share your summer adventures and join your congregational family for a delicious Shabbat dinner as we welcome in a new membership year. Shabbat services will follow at 8:00 PM. Our evening will culminate with an Oneg Shabbat after services.

Details to follow in Shabbat Shalom and Beth Tikvah Times.





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.

Until the pandemic put halt to many public gatherings, the Clergy Council sponsored a Community Thanksgiving eve service each year at one of the member congregations. The service was last held at Congregation Beth Tikvah on November 22, 2017, The Council is planning to hold this year's service on Sunday, November 24th at Congregation Beth Tikvah.

Participating Houses of Worship

Christ Lutheran Church
Congregation Beth Tikvah
East Meadow - Beth El Jewish Center
St. Frances de Chantel
Temple B'nai Torah
United Presbyterian of Levittown
Wantagh Memorial Congregational Church

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:

- ☆ September 28, 2024
- ☼ November 30, 2024

- ★ February 22, 2025
- ★ March 29, 2025
- **♦** April 26, 2025
- ★ May 31, 2025
- **⇒** June 28, 2025
- **♦** July 26, 2025
- **♦** August 30, 2025

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

Israel Bond Breakfast Sunday, February 9, 2025 9:45 AM



The annual Israel Bond Breakfast has been a tradition at our synagogue, and its predecessor congregations, for many years, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars. Each year the breakfast honors a notable member of our congregation. Last year's honoree was our President, Gail Jeby-Levy and the individual(s) being honored this year will be announced as the date approaches. The morning features a bagel breakfast and a presentation by a representative of the JNF on a topic of current interest.

Shabbat Across America Friday, March 7, 2025 6:00 PM



On the first Friday evening in March, hundreds of synagogues across the country and Canada participate in a tradition the unites Jews from around the world - SHABBAT! Join us as we help celebrate this special Shabbat with a traditional Shabbat dinner and program followed by a special service.

Jerry Friedman Membership Shabbat Friday, May 9, 2025 6:00 PM

On Friday evening, May 10th, 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 and 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 at 8:00 PM. An Oneg Shabbat will follow services.

Installation ShabbatFriday, June 13, 20257:30 PM

The installation of new officers for the 2025-2026 calendar year will be held on Friday evening, June 14th 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 our incoming synagogue leadership. Where did the year go?

Tehillim Services



Tehillim or Psalms, have been recited by Jews for thousands of years. These ancient prayers open our hearts and bring renewal and strength to our daily lives. We at CBT in conjunction with Bikur Cholim have formed a Tehillim Circle. The power of this group is that it utilizes the collective strengths of those who are saying the psalms together. Join us and bring the names of those persons to be included in our prayers. At the end of the recitations we say a Mi Sheberach (a special prayer for the sick). If you can't make it, call the office with the person's name and their mother's name and we will include the person's name in our communal listing.

Tehillm Services will be held on request. If you are interested in participating in this special and moving service please contact Fran Rosenberg at 516.781.4032.

Holiday Services

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

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

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

\Diamond	Yom Kippur	Saturday, October 12, 2024
\$	Sukkot (Shemini Atzeret)	Thursday, October 24, 2024
\$	Pesach	Sunday, April 20, 2025
*	Shavout	Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Holiday Events

The holidays are more than just religious services, they provide opportunities for being together as a large community, for preserving traditions and making new ones. CBT holds special holiday programs for many of the holidays throughout the year.



Sukkot FestivalSunday, October 20, 2024......1:00 PM

The Congregation and Religious School join with the CBT Band for an afternoon of music, fun and food to celebrate the holiday of Sukkot.

Sisterhood Pizza in the Hut.... Monday, October 21, 2024 6:00 PM

Every Sukkot, we have a fun filled evening dinner in the sukkah. The menu varies each year and this year's menu choice is Pizza. (Depending on weather this event may be moved to Tuesday or Wednesday, or if necessary into the ballroom)

Tu B'Shevat Seder..... Saturday, February 15, 2025 Noon



Named for the 15th day of the month of Shevat, which falls on Thursday, February 13th, this festival is known as the New Year of the Trees or the Trees' Birthday.

A beautiful tradition for celebrating Tu B'Shevat is to have a Tu B'Shevat Seder. In the 16th century, Kabbalists, the Jewish mystics, created this seder with songs, readings, wine and fruits. Like the Passover Seder, this one uses experiential learning, four cups of wine, and special foods. Each cup of wine represents different aspects of the fruit tree and of ourselves. As the seder progresses, we change the color of the wine in the cups (like the changing of the

seasons) - from the whiteness of winter to the fullness of spring. The color gets more and more red and we look forward to the fully red wine of the Passover Seder. Join us for our own unique Tu B'Shevat Seder following Shabbat Services on Saturday, February 15, 2025.

Purim

Megillah Reading .	Thurs, March 13, 2025	6:00 PM
Megillah Reading .	Friday, March 14, 2025	8:00 AM
Purim Celebration	Sunday, March 23, 2025	1:30 PM



Join us as we celebrate the festival of Purim with the traditional reading of the Megillah. Come in your best costume, and don't forget your grogger. Join the celebration after services and enjoy some traditional Hamantaschen and other treats. And don't forget - entertainment by the CBT Band!

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.

Community Passover SederSun., April 13, 2025 6:00 PM

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. Mark the date on you calendar and watch for details.

Commemorations

Kristallnacht

Kristallnacht, or the Night of Broken Glass, was a pogrom against Jews carried out by the Nazi Party forces along with German civilians on 9 - 10 November 1938. The German authorities looked on without intervening. The name Kristallnacht ("Crystal Night") comes from the shards of broken glass that littered the streets after the windows of Jewish-owned stores, buildings and synagogues were smashed.

Yom Ha'ShoahThursday, April 24, 2025

Yom HaShoah, or Holocaust Remembrance Day, is observed as Israel's day of commemoration for the approximately six million Jews and five million others who perished in the Holocaust as a result of the actions carried out by Nazi Germany and its accessories, and for the Jewish resistance in that period.

Yom Ha'Zikaron 1025

Yom Hazikaron is the national remembrance day observed in Israel for all Israeli military personnel who lost their lives in the struggle that led to the establishment of the State of Israel and for those who have been killed subsequently while on active duty in Israel's armed forces. It was enacted into law in 1963. While Yom Hazikaron has been traditionally dedicated to fallen soldiers, the commemoration has also been extended to civilian victims of terrorism.

Yom Ha'atzmaut Thursday, May 1, 2025



Is a celebration of Israel's Birthday. Israel's Independence Day is celebrated on the fifth day of the month of Iyar, which is the Hebrew date of the formal establishment of the State of Israel, when members of the "provisional government" read and signed a Declaration of Independence in Tel Aviv. The original date corresponded to May 14, 1948.



Lag B'Omer Friday, May 16, 2025 Lag B'Omer Celebration.... Wed. May, 21, 2025 4:30 PM

Celebrate Lag B'Omer with a semi-traditional bon fire (fire pit) in the parking lot, roast frankfurters and marshmallows. Sing songs, play games and have a good time.



ShavuothonTuesday, June 11, 2024 8:00 PM

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 (a little earlier and a little shorter), we get together, a little earlier and a lot shorter, 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 Shavuothon you can give a presentation, or just come to learn.

IN TIMES OF NEED - IN TIMES OF JOY

For over fifty years, the Farmingdale and Wantagh Jewish Centers, The Israel Community Center and Temple Beth-El have prided themselves on their ability to provide a full range of services to their members and the community. This tradition continues under the auspices of Congregation Beth Tikvah.

Bikur 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-dlv attributes 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.

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 questions or need assistance with:

- ☆ Marriage
- ⇔ Bris
- ⇔ Bar/Bat Mitzvah

Eldercare Resources

If you or someone you care about is an older adult, you should know about the Eldercare Locator, a service of the Administration on Aging of the U.S. Administration for Community Living. This government agency connects older adults and their caregivers with a variety of information and resources. Contact information:

Phone: 800 677 1116

(Mon-Fri 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM ET)

Website: www.eldercare.gov

Member Support and Discussion Group

In collaboration with the Mid-Island Y-JCC we have formed a support/discussion group for our members that meets at CBT, under the auspices of a social worker from the Y. This group offers the opportunity to discuss life events concerns in a confidential, caring environment with and among others who may be currently experiencing similar events in their lives or may have done so in the past.

If you wish to participate, call the office at (516) 785-2445.

Adult Education A Combination of Food, Education and Religion What More Could You Want?

Shabbat Parsha Discussion

Saturdays 9:00 AM

Is this Adult Education, a Religious Program, or a little of both? The Shabbat Parsha Discussion Group meets every <u>Shabbat morning starting at 9:00 AM</u>. So start your Shabbat Services a little earlier with a light breakfast and a lively in-depth discussion of the parsha using ancient and modern commentaries.

Holiday Parsha Discussion Holidays, 9:00 AM

The Holiday Parsha Discussion meets on most holiday mornings at 9:00 AM. Start your Holiday Services a little earlier with a cup of coffee or tea (except on Yom Kippur, of course!) and a lively in-depth discussion of the parsha using ancient and modern commentaries.

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Weisblum

"Lunch and Learn" is one of our most popular events, attracting many congregants who enjoy the interesting topics and the opportunity to participate with thoughts and questions. Featuring a delicious catered dairy lunch, Lunch and Learn generally meets every month or so on the third Friday.



- □ "A Day in the Life of Biblical Israel"
- □ The Truth About the Torah's Authenticity
- ❖ Israel's Perennial Struggle for Peace

Dates and topics for this year's sessions will be announced during the year.

The cost for each Lunch and Learn session is \$ 18.00 for members and \$ 20.00 for non-members. Reservations are required.



The Arthur Schwartz Memorial Library

The Arthur Schwartz Memorial Library provides reading pleasure for Congregation members. The recently renovated room, just outside the main office 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 congregants' background in Judaic studies and offer a variety of books for leisure time enjoyment.

The area features a table and chairs for small discussions or just relaxing.

The CBT Lecture Series



What started as a way of learning 'together' during the pandemic via zoom lectures on a wide variety of topics has evolved into a regular congregation program. Tune in your computers, iphones, tablets and catch these lively, interactive discussions and lectures. Date and topics will be announced throughout the year in Beth Tikvah Times and Shabbat Shalom..

(PS: If you have ideas about possible programs or are interested in sponsoring a program please contact the office.)

Some topics from recent years included:

- ☆ "I'm Having What She's Having"
- ☆ "From Carson to Oprah to Stephen Colbert"
- ☆ "Historical Society Yom Hashoah Movie"

Dates and topics for this year's sessions will be announced during the year.

EDUCATION THE CBT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL



Education Vice President Harvey Rabinowitz

Our program is much more than a "Hebrew School" and strives to give our students a well rounded education that includes Judaic traditions, culture and language, and offers:

- ☆ Classes from K through 7th grade
- ★ Learn to read, write and speak Hebrew
- ☼ Research the history and heritage of Judaism
- ☆ Regular Junior Congregation Services
- ★ Study lessons for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs
- ☼ Individualized instruction and extra help are offered
- ☼ Programs and activities for the whole family

Our school is small enough to provide personalized education to our students, yet is large enough to offer a full

program of Hebrew language, Judaic culture and traditions.

We have planned many exciting activities for this coming year and hope all our parents and congregants join us with the children for some of these events. Congregants and parents are always welcome as guest speakers, helpers, learners, or just on-lookers. We expect to see our students at holiday and Shabbat services throughout this coming year. May we go from strength to strength!

For more information or to register, please contact:

Harvey Rabinowitz, Education Vice President at 516.785.2445 or hrr356@gmail.com.

Follow us on social media:

Please join our Facebook Group at CBT Hebrew School

Like our page Facebook Page: CBT Hebrew School & PTA

Follow us on twitter: @cbthebrew

Follow us on Instagram: #cbthebrewschool3710

Religious School Parents Orientation Meeting

......Thursday, Sept. 5, 2024 6:30 PM

PTA Meetings

The PTA is a vital part of our Religious School organization. Meetings are held periodically throughout the school year and advance notice of meeting dates will be sent to all parents.



Congregation Beth Tikvah Registration for Religious School Now Open

- FIRST YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP DUES AND RELIGIOUS SCHOOL COSTS (FOR NEW K-2 STUDENTS) WAIVED
- HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS INCLUDED WITH MEMBERSHIP
- Religious School Classes Offered from Kindergarten through 7" Grade
- Direct instruction by our Rabbi including personalized Bar/Bat Mitzvah training
- Individualized Instruction available
- Musical activities in conjunction with our CBT Band
- · Small class size
- · Reasonable cost
- Experienced and engaging staff
- · Welcoming to all families





For More Information: Congregation Beth Tikvah

3710 Woodbine Avenue, Wantagh NY 11793-3099
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www.congbt.org

Dr. Moshe P. Weisblum, Rabbi

Gail Jeby-Levy, President

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)

THE CBT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, continued

Religious School Instructors

Our team of Religious School instructors are dedicated to providing our students with a comprehensive, well rounded Jewish education.



Rabbi Moshe P. Weisblum



Dalia Ross Coordinator / Lead Teacher

Junior Congregation Leaders



Drs. Robin Stein and Meredith Bernstein

THE CBT RELIGIOUS SCHOOL, continued





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- Baking ChallahBaking Matzah for Passover



2024 - 2025 Religious School Calendar

Month	Date	Notes	Time
September	Thurs., 05 Mon., 09	Parents Orientation Meeting First day of classes	6:30 PM
	Wed., 11 Sat., 14 Mon., 16	Junior Congregation	
	Wed., 18 Fri., 20 Mon., 23 Wed., 25	Junior Congregation	
	Sat., 28 Mon., 30	Junior Congregation	10:30 AM
October	Thurs., 03 Fri., 04 Mon., 07 Wed., 09	Jr Cong - Rosh Hashanah Jr Cong - Rosh Hashanah	11:30 AM 11:30 AM
	Sat., 12 Mon., 14	Jr Cong - Yom Kippur	11:30 AM
	Fri., 18 Sat., 19 Sun., 20 Mon., 21	Junior Congregation Bat Mitzvah of Cassidy Khrinenko Sukkot Festival	1:00 PM
November	Mon., 28 Wed., 30 Sat., 02	Junior Congregation	10:30 AM
	Mon., 04 Wed., 06		
	Fri., 08 Sat., 09 Mon., 11 Wed., 13 Mon., 18	Junior Congregation Bar Mitzvah of Zachery Bazini	
December	Wed., 20 Sat., Nov. 23 Mon., 25 Mon., 02 Wed., 04 Mon., 09	Bar Mitzvah of Avery Grantis	
	Wed., 11 Sat., 14	Junior Congregation	10:30 AM
	Mon., 16 Wed., 18 Sat., 28	Last Class before Winter Recess Chanukah Party and Candle Lightir	ng

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The CBT Religious School Calendar, (Continued from page 39)

Month	Date	Notes	Time
January	Mon., 06 Wed., 08	Regular Classes Resume	
	Sat., 11 Mon., 13 Wed., 15 Mon., 20 Wed., 22	Junior Congregation	10:30 AM
February	Sat., 25 Mon., 27 Mon., 03	Junior Congregation	10:30 AM
	Wed., 05 Sat., 08 Mon., 10 Wed., 12 Mon., 24	Junior Congregation	10:30 AM
March	Wed., 26 Fri., 28 Mon., 03 Wed., 05	Junior Congregation	
	Sat., 08 Mon., 10	Junior Congregation	10:30 AM
	Wed., 12 Sun., 16 Mon., 17 Wed., 19	Purim Celebration	1:30 PM
April	Wed., 19 Sat., 22 Mon., 24 Wed., 26 Mon., 31 Wed., 02	Junior Congregation	10:30 AM
, .p	Sat., 05 Mon., 07	Junior Congregation	10:30 AM
	Wed., 09 Mon., 21 Wed., 23	Model Seder	4:15 PM
	Sat., 26 Mon., 28 Wed., 30	Junior Congregation	10:30 AM
May	Mon., 05 Wed., 07 Sat., 10 Mon., 12 Wed., 14	Junior Congregation	10:30 AM
	Fri., 16	Junior Congregation	
	Mon., 19 Wed., 21 Wed., 28	Lag B'Omer Celebration	4:30 PM

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The CBT Religious School Calendar, (Continued from page 40)

Month	Date	Notes	Time
June	Mon., 02 Wed., 04 Sat., 07	Junior Congregation	10:30 AM
June	Mon., 09 Wed., 11 Mon., 16 Wed., 18	Last Class	
	Fri., 20	Confirmation Program	6:00 PM

Notes:

Monday classes are from 4:15 PM to 5:30 PM Wednesday classes are from 4:15 PM to 6:30 PM

High Holiday Services

Religious school students and their families are invited to family services during the high holidays. Our Junior Congregation leaders will lead an abbreviated service designed especially for our students using a special version of the Machzor. Services will be held in the sanctuary on the dates and times indicated in the calendar.

Junior Congregation

On a monthly basis (September through June, with some exceptions) students of our Religious School hold their own special Friday evening or Saturday morning Shabbat Service and then join the main service for the concluding prayers.

Special Events

The Religious School combines the teaching of the Hebrew language, Jewish Holidays and customs. Some of the special events planned include:

\Diamond	Welcome Back Reception	to be Announced
\Diamond	Chanukah Candle Lighting	Saturday, December 28, 2024
\Diamond	Sukkot Festival	Sunday, October 20, 2024
\Diamond	Purim Celebration	Sunday, March 16, 2025
*	Model Seder	Wednesday, April 9, 2025
*	Lag B'Omer Celebration	Wednesday. May 21, 2025
*	Blintzes at Shavuot	to be Announced

Fundraising

Fundraising is a year-round requirement of our synagogue. Our dues only cover about 40% of our total operating expenses, the rest had to come from fundraising activities.

We try to offer a wide variety of fundraising - from year round programs such as gift certificates to a once a year event such as the journal celebration. In between are a wide variety of programs and events. We hope that you will find many FUNdraising programs that interest you and that you will participate in them.

If you have any ideas for additional programs please contact me.

Len Cohen, Fundraising Vice President

Virtual Bingo Saturday, January 25, 2025 7:00 PM



Virtual Bingo is another pandemic inspired program which began as a way of socializing during the pandemic but is now a popular ongoing program.

Although prizes are small (\$10 and \$20 dollar gift cards) the fun is large, so power up those electronic devices, order your cards, get those bingo markers ready - and of course - don't forget the snacks.



Holiday Greetings

We all like to send holiday greetings to our fellow congregants, family members and friends. But the time needed to buy and fill out cards - and the postage!! We have a solution. Participate in the CBT Holiday Gift Card programs for Rosh Hashanah and Purim.

Send card personalized cards to all congregant families. Personalized cards can also be sent to non-congregants at a cost of \$ 2.00 each.



THE CBT GIFT CARD PROGRAM **SOMETHING FOR YOU AND YOUR SYNAGOGUE TOO!**



Gift Cards are an easy way to pay for all your shopping essentials, and also make GREAT GIFTS and can save you lots of running around. EVERYONE **LOVES THEM!**

THE BEST PART - GIFT CARDS ARE AN EASY WAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CBT AT ABSOLUTELY NO COST TO YOU!

The Gift Card Program is one of our EASIEST and most profitable Fund Raising Programs. Gift cards are enormously popular and are readily available for nearly every major retailer. Purchasing Gift Cards from the synagogue provides CBT with a steady stream of income. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THIS COMES AT NO COST TO YOU!

Gift cards are not only easy and convenient to use, they also make GREAT GIFTS. Simply buy the cards for retailers you normally frequent and the SYNAGOGUE MAKES MONEY while YOU receive 100% of the value you purchased.

BETTER CALL SOL! Sol Zweben is ready with Gift Cards to meet your needs. To place an order or if you have any questions, please contact Sol Zweben:

> Phone: 516-795-5499 or E-mail: Sol.Zweben@artintel.net

Gift Cards from Supermarkets and Butcher Shops are generally available any time. Cards from other retailers can be special ordered. Please allow 2 – 3 weeks for delivery of these cards.

SUPERMARKETS **BUTCHER SHOPS**

King Kullen Shop Rite Stop & Shop North Shore Farms Nassau Kosher Meats - East Meadow

DRUG STORES BEAUTY SUPPLIES Bath and Body Works

CVS

Walgreen's Rite-Aid

DEPARTMENT AND SPECIALTY STORES

Amazon.com AMC Theatres Auto Zone Best Buv

The Container Store

Dick's Sporting Goods

Home Depot Home Goods

Kohl's Lowe's Macy's Marshall's Staples

Tanger Outlets Target TJ Maxx Walmart

RESTAURANTS

Applebee's

The Cheesecake Factory

Chili's

East Bay Diner

Dunkin' Donuts

Nautilus Diner Olive Garden Outback

Ruby Tuesday Smashburger

Are You Retired?

Do You Have an IRA?

(Individual Retirement Account)

Does Your IRA have an RMD?

(Required Minimum Distribution)

Does Your RMD Have a QCD To CBT?

(Qualified Charitable Distribution to Congregation Beth Tikvah)

HUH?

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity, as described in the QCD provision in the Internal Revenue Code. Amounts distributed as a QCD can be counted toward satisfying your RMD for the year, up to \$100,000. The QCD is excluded from your taxable income. This is not the case with a regular withdrawal from an IRA, even if you use the money to make a charitable contribution later on. If you take a withdrawal, the funds would be counted as taxable income even if you later offset that income with the charitable contribution deduction.

Why is this distinction important? If you take the RMD as income, instead of as a QCD, your RMD will count as taxable income. This additional taxable income may push you into a higher tax bracket and may also reduce your eligibility for certain tax credits and deductions. To eliminate or reduce the impact of RMD income, charitably inclined investors may want to consider making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). For example, your taxable income helps determine the amount of your Social Security benefits that are subject to taxes. Keeping your taxable income level lower may also help reduce your potential exposure to the Medicare surtax.

Talk to your accountant or financial planner. Help yourself while helping Congregation Beth Tikvah.

Symphonic Pops in Concert..... to be announced



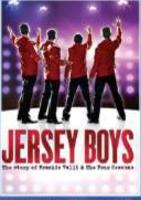
If you've ever stopped by the synagogue on a Wednesday morning you'll hear some exciting music reverberating through the entire building. The Symphonic Pops Orchestra (formerly the 'Senior Pops') uses our social hall for their weekly practice sessions and once a year presents their annual concert to

show off their musical expertise. Watch for details.













THE ARGYLE THEATRE PRESENTS
THE 2024/25 SEASON

Season Tickets on Sale Tipus

NOV 71"- JAN 51" 2025

JAN 23"- ATR 6" 2025

APR 24"- JUNE 15" 2025

JULY 10"- AUG 31" 2025

Do you enjoy Broadway quality theater but don't necessarily enjoy going into the City? CBT has the perfect answer for you. The Argyle Theater in scenic nearby Babylon Village has announced its schedule for the upcoming year and CBT has two ways you can enjoy the experience of a Broadway show close to home.

Throughout the year, CBT selects dates for each show and we obtain a select number of seats as fundraising events that can be purchased by CBT members at special pricing.

For those who cannot attend on our select dates, or those who wish to see a show a second time, CBT members can always purchase tickets to any show on any date and will receive a special discounted price by using the code "CBT."

Thanks to our own Mark Perlman and his son Dylan for their support of Congregation Beth Tikvah!



Journal Celebration...... Sunday, June 22, 2025

Who will be this year's Honoree? What type of Celebration will we have? Will it be a breakfast, lunch, brunch or dinner? Meat or dairy? You will find answers to those questions as the year comes to a close with our Annual Journal Celebration on Sunday, June 22nd



amazon.com



Welcome to the CBT amazon.com referral program!

Do you like to shop? Everybody likes to shop! How about shopping and supporting Congregation Beth Tikvah at the same time!

By shopping on amazon.com using the link on the CBT Website, CBT earns a referral fee for each item purchased, amazon.com's low prices still apply. You pay nothing extra for using this link. Use your credit cards and still earn points and miles! You can shop and support Congregation Beth Tikvah!

Here's how it works: Go to our website (www.congbt.org) and click on the amazon.com page in the index on the right side.

Here's what you will see:



You can enter amazon.com a few different ways:

- 1. Click on the top box and choose which product types you would like to find and click Go. Or
- Put an item in the Keyword box and click Go.
- Click on the Black amazon.com box on the bottom.

🏬 Shop as you normally would. It's easy! CBT gets a referral fee from mazon.com for every item you buy! If you have any questions, please leave a message with the CBT office for me and I will be in touch to help.

Tell your friends and family!

Happy Shopping!!

Len Cohen Fundraising Vice President

CBT Clothing Drive

Do you have things around the house that you would like to get rid of but have been putting off for some time? Now you can unclutter your home and do a mitzvah at the same time..

The CBT clothing bin just inside the entrance to the parking lot is open for business!



You can donate:

All clothing Furniture
Shoes/belts Books
Pocketbooks Car Seats
All housewares including: Strollers
Small appliances Bowling balls

Pots and pans Glasses

Cutlery
Picture frames
Sheets and blankets

And even toys

All items donated get sold to bulk buyers, as well as

given to outreach programs for

underprivileged people.

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.

Order forms are available in the office or in copies of Beth Tikvah Times



Trees for Israel. Trees for life.

In Israel right now, many hectares of trees are being destroyed as a result of the war. The planting of trees has been largely responsible for the reclamation of desert, making much of Israel an agricultural powerhouse. It is **VITAL** that we replace trees lost due to fires from missile strikes in all areas of Israel.

Planting a tree in Israel is a wonderful way to honor your family and friends, celebrate a special occasion, or to honor the memory of a loved one.

Your recipient will receive a personalized tree certificate to acknowledge your thoughtful gift and Israel will receive the gift of life.

The cost per tree is \$18.00. Please call Louise Goldberg at 516.735.6008 for details and to place your order.



JULIETS -Just Us Long Islanders Enjoying Themselves



THURSDAYS - NOON - 4:00 PM

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) 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.

Individually factory packaged snacks will be served (such as chips, pretzels, cookies, etc.) along with coffee, tea and tap water. You may bring unopened bottled water but no outside food OR drinks OR thermoses are permitted.

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

For any information, please contact Doris Joltin at Doris. Joltin everion.net or leave a message in the office.



MAKING A DONATION TO CBT

Many of you have inquired as to the procedure for making a donation to the synagogue, to the Rabbi's discretionary fund or to any specific fund. When making a donation please follow one of the three procedures below:

- 1. Bring a check to the Synagogue, specifying the purpose of the donation. The building is open daily 9;00 AM to 4:30 PM.
- 2. You can mail a check to the Synagogue (3710 Woodbine Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793) with a note specifying the purpose of the donation.
- 3. You can e-mail Nina (Finance@congbt.org) and state that you want the donation to be charged to your account please specify the purpose of the donation in the e-mail.

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.
- ❖ 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.

- **▼** 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 Oneg Shabbat or Saturday Kiddush 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 fundraising programs, please contact the office.

TZEDAKAH - HELPING THOSE IN NEED



The Hatzilu Rescue Organization

The Hatzilu Rescue Organization was formed over 50 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 a food drive at Kol Nidre and 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 is most known for its three campaigns to feed needy Jewish families in Nassau County.

Hatzilu at Kol Nidre - Operation Isaiah

Each year Hatzilu holds 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 Kol Nidre 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.

Chanukah Fund Drive

Each year Hatzilu conducts its annual David Baron Chanukah fund drive at our synagogue.

The Annual David Baron Passover Fund Drive

The Annual David Baron Passover Fund Drive to help feed the Jewish Poor in Nassau County is held each year prior to Passover.

Donations can be left in the synagogue office or mailed to Hatzilu at the Plainview Y.

Please make your checks payable to "HATZILU".

Thank you in advance for your donation. Your support is needed now more than ever.

Sisterhood



Ada Marcus Sisterhood President

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 as well as community mitzvah projects.

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!

Membership Dinner......Wed., November 6, 2024......6:30 PM

Sisterhood has a year of varied and exciting events beginning with the Annual Paid-up Membership Dinner on Wed., 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.

Board Meetings

The Sisterhood Board meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month to plan events, etc. Scheduled dates for the coming year are:

- ☆ September 25,2024
- ☆ November 20,2024

- **⇔** April 30, 2025

General Meetings

The general membership meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Most meetings have a special program or activity associated with them. Scheduled dates for the coming year

- ★ September 4, 2024
- October 23, 2024 Pizza in the Hut
- ☼ November 6, 2024 Paid up Dinner
- **⇔** December 11, 2024

- ★ March 5, 2025
- ☆ April 2, 2025
- **A May 7, 2025** ★ May 7, 2025



Pizza in the Hut!
The Fashion Show!
Social Action!
Paint Night!
Women's Seder!
More fun activities!
We have the activities,
but Sisterhood needs
YOU!

Join us for the 2024 - 2025 Season!

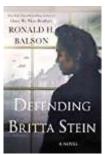
Dues for CBT members: \$55 - Dues for open members: \$60

Make checks payable to "Cong. Beth Tikvah Sisterhood" and mail along with the tear-off below to:

Congregation Beth Tikvah 3710 Woodbine Avenue Wantagh NY 11793 Attn: Regina Leaf/Membership

NAME			
ADDRESS			
TELEPHONE NO:		CELL NO:	
EMAIL:			
Dues entitle you to atter Wednesday, November	•	Nembership Dinne	r scheduled for
Please check one, I woul	d love to help wi	th:	
	bership \Box	Programming Other	☐ Fundraising

Book Discussion Sunday Mornings 10:00 AM



These Sunday morning sessions draw many members of Sisterhood to discuss their opinions on the book of choice. Tentative dates for this year's sessions are:

September 8, 2024 October 27, 2024 December 8, 2024 February 2, 2025 March 16, 2025 May 4, 2025 June 22, 2025



Chanukah Wednesday, December 11, 2024 6:00 PM

The ladies of Sisterhood will celebrate Chanukah in lieu of our general meeting. Latkes and lost of fun activities will be planned.

Ellen Lassman Sisterhood ShabbatFriday, April 4, 2025 8:00 PM

Join the ladies of Sisterhood as they lead the Friday evening Shabbat service and dedicate the evening in memory of Ellen Lassman.



Ellen Lassman was born in Berlin, Germany and came to the United States before World War II. She married Dr. Sy Lassman and moved to Wantagh. The Lassmans became one of the founding families of Wantagh Jewish Center. She considered the Wantagh Jewish Center to be her second family. When the temple needed assistance, she always answered the call. She served as Fund Raising Vice President, Financial Vice President, Administrative Vice President, and Sisterhood President. She loved Israel, and helped organize Wantagh's trip to Israel in 1999. Ellen and Sy Lassman were Journal honorees. Ellen was a force to be reckoned with. She attended weekly services and sat in the first row, wearing one of her collection of fabulous hats.



Fashion Show...... Wed., May 7, 2025..................6:30 PM

The annual Sisterhood Fashion always includes fabulous fashions, rockin' raffles and a delicious dinner. A fun filled evening for all the ladies of Sisterhood, their families and friends.

Helen Cytryn Torah Fund Evening Wed., June 4, 20256:30 PM

On Wed., 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.



LEAGRAMS HIGH HOLIDAY FLASH SALE

Birthday and Anniversary Greetings January to December 2025

Back for its third successful year!

Send beautiful full color celebration cards to all of your fellow congregants.

Sign up between September 1 thru October 18 for the price of only \$72 for the entire calendar year of 2025.

*This price includes BOTH birthday and anniversary greetings for the entire Congregation. *

EARLY BIRD SALE: Sign up between October 19 and December 1 for \$90

REGULAR PRICE: Sign up after December 1 for \$108

You also have the option to be listed on Leagrams by paying an individual fee of \$1 per name. Monthly flyer in CBT Times.

Yes - I want wish m	Return the information requested below with your check y fellow congregants a Happy Anniversary and a Happy Birthday and I want to save money
	hed please find my check for \$72 FLASH SALE (October 18 deadline)
Attached	d please find my check for \$90 EARLY BIRD SALE (December 1 deadline)
Attach	ed please find my check for \$108 REGULAR PRICE (after December 1)
Please	make check payable to "Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood."
SEND ALL OF	RDERS AND CHECKS TO: Karen Seltzer, 1A Chelmsford Drive, Glen Head, NY 11545.
NAME to appear o	n card:
Phone:	Email:
I have enclosed a c	theck for
Any questions	contact Karen Seltzer at 516-817-4356 (phone or text) or karengseltzer@gmail.com

Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood

HONEY FUNDRAISER

What better way to wish family, friends and business associates a "Sweet and Healthy New Year" than sending a jar of honey?

For more information please contact: Karen Seltzer 516-817-4356 CBThoney@gmail.com This 8-ounce jar of delicious
kosher honey arrives in time for
the Rosh Hashanah holiday,
decorated with a colorful label,
and includes a personalized card
reading "Shana Tova—Wishing
you a Healthy and Happy New
Year." This card also lets the
recipients know that a donation
has been made in their honor to
Congregation Beth Tikvah
Sisterhood.

Your cost is \$14.00 per jar which includes shipping and handling within the United States. To order honey go to https://orthoney.com/FWJ, click the honey link and follow the step-by-step instructions.

Order by August 8, 2024 to avoid an \$8.00 per jar shipping fee.

SISTERHOOD CALENDAR

Need a Jewish calendar that not only shows holidays and candle lighting times, but also shul events and helps support our synagogue? Look no further- we have the answer – our annual Sisterhood Calendar fundraiser!

You can put in your greeting to the entire congregation for only \$21.00, same as last year! We hope that you will be able to support our efforts this year. The deadline for your message, along with your check, is **July 31, 2024**.

Please enclose your message and a check made out to: "Congregation Beth Tikvah Sisterhood" **and mail to:**

Gita Freed 3647 Centerview Avenue Wantagh NY 11793 *Attention: Sisterhood Calendar*





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Men's Club



Jody Wald

L'Shanah Tovah. My family and I wish all of you, a very Happy and Healthy New Year. Why not start out the new year by joining the Men's Club of CBT. In the Men's Club, you will find a group of guys who are looking to help the shul and have some fun, as we make new friends.

Among the Men's Club activities are a monthly bowling league, 2 annual paid up membership dinners, as well as leading 2 Friday night Shabbat Services during the year. Other activities include but are not limited to: a golf night, fishing trip, movie nights, an Islander game, guest speakers and new for this year is trip to see the Long Island Ducks on Jewish Heritage night.

Men's Club President The Men's Club also participates in events to support the shul including; setting up for the High Holidays, constructing the

Sukkah, hosting the Hannukah party, holding the Passover wine sale and mailing memorial candles to commemorate Yom Hashoah so that we shall never forget.

L'Shanah Tova

Jody Wald Men's Club President

Board Meetings

organization function can without coordinated planning and leadership. The Executive committee of the Men's Club. consisting of all former presidents of the Men's Club and the current board of the Men's Club, meets monthly throughout the year to plan events. The Board usually meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Dates for the coming year are:

- ☆ Tuesday, August 6, 2024

- ★ Tuesday, November 12, 2024

- ☆ Tuesday, February 4, 2025
- ☆ Tuesday, April 1, 2025

General Meetings

You would think there would be a of general meetings throughout the year, but with a calendar full of special events and activities who needs more meetings. Just come on down and have some fun.

Actually, general meetings will be held throughout the year on dates to be determined.

Join CBT Men's Club

Support an active arm of the Shul by expanding your involvement in Shul life.

Whether it be religious or social, the CBT Men's Club has it all.

Dues: \$50 for 2024-2025





- Membership Dinner on July 22
- Once a month Bowling Leagues
- Setting up for the High Holidays
- · Putting up the Sukkah for the Shul
- Organizing and Running Annual CBT Chanukah Party
- Passover Wine Sale
- Leading two Special Friday Night Shabbats
- Movie Night
- Golf Night
- · Night at the Gym
- Fishing Trip
- · Other interesting and fun events

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Men's Club Paid-Up Membership Dinner

- Monday, July 22 @ 6pm
- CBT Social Hall. If weather is nice, we will be in the Temple parking lot
- Dinner catered by



- Dinner will be your choice of one of the following MEALBOXES and will also include beverages and dessert.
- Roast Beef, Corned Beef, Pastrami, Turkey Breast, Veggie Box
 - RSVP to either:

Jody Wald: JTW258@gmail.com Aaron Landman: arnel1918@gmail.com by July 16 and include the choice for your meal box. We will send you a verification of your choice.

Captree Fishing Trip

Presented by CBT's Men's Club Sunday, August 25th 9:00am-1:00PM—meet at the dock at 8:15AM

Families and Friends are welcome!

The Captain Whittaker is 65 feet, sailing out of Captree for over 40 years. Fishing for Fluke, it cruises and fishes in the calmer waters of the Great South Bay and Captree Inlet and doesn't go in the Atlantic Ocean.

- Paid RSVP to the office by 7/30- Attn: Ab (Fishing Trip)
- Spots are limited, first come, first serve (Rain or Shine)
- Cost: Age 62 or older \$52, Age 62-13: \$55, 12 and under \$30.
 - Checks to Congregation Beth Tikvah's Men's Club
 - Provide each person's name and age with the payment



Bowling League

This wild group of men meet once a month on Sunday mornings at Wantagh Lanes (Wantagh Ave., south of Jerusalem Ave.) for an exciting morning of fun, friendship and bowling. If you, or someone you know, is interested in joining a team please contact Stu Spector as soon as possible. Date for this year's sessions were still being finalized as this guide went to print.



Ballroom Holiday Setup Date & Time To be Announced

The Men's Club work crew descends on the Ballroom to setup the chairs and Machzors for the High Holy Day services.

Succah ConstructionSunday, October 13 7:00 AM



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. 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.

Succah Take DownSunday, October 27 7:00 AM

What goes up, must come down, so come back two weeks later and help dissemble the Succah and store it for next year. Another opportunity to perform a mitzvah!!!

Membership Dinners Wednesday July 22, 2024 6:00 PM Tuesday, November 19, 2024 6:00 PM

The two annual membership dinner is always a highlight of the programming year and offers members an opportunity to spend a relaxing evening socializing with each other, and of course, eating. So if one membership dinner is a good thing, two must be even better! Mark your calendars.

DUES ARE DUE - SEND IN YOUR PAYMENT FOR DUES AND WORLD SERIES RAFFLES NOW!

BE AN ACTIVE PART OF MEN'S CLUB.



Men's Club Shabbat

Men's Club members lead the Friday evening Shabbat Service from Shalom Aleichem to Yigdal. Be sure to catch the Past Presidents in their rendition of Shalom Aleichem and end the evening with a lavish Oneg in the Ballroom.

The Men's Club Shabbat Services offer an opportunity for the Men's Club members to come together in celebration of Shabbat and also to remember two individuals who made major contributions to Men's Club: Murray Zwerling and Ira Schuchman.

Murray Zwerling Shabbat Friday, December 1 8:00 PM Ira Shuchman Shabbat Friday, March 8, 2025. 8:00 PM

Ira and Sandy, with their two children Max and Rebecca, joined the former Wantagh Jewish Center in 2000. Ira immediately became involved with the Men's Club, serving on the Board of Directors and eventually becoming President. He participated in the bowling league and fostered a spirit of brotherhood by sending birthday wishes to it's members via the internet. Additionally, Ira served the congregation as Fund Raising Vice President.

A teacher in the New York City School System, he was an avid sports "nut" who rooted particularly for the New York Mets. Ira left us way too early, in 2013. However, in the short time he was with us he certainly left an indelible mark which is why we honor him by naming this Shabbat in his memory.



Chanukah Party...... Sat., December 28, 2024...... 6:00 PM



This annual event has now evolved into a major congregation celebration organized and run by the Men's Club on behalf of the administration. It is open to the entire congregation and is a highlight of the winter season. It is always a guaranteed fun filled evening for young and old alike, plenty of food, games, raffles and entertainment by the CBT Band.

A Night at the Movies Date to be Announced



Join your fellow Men's Club members for a night at the movies. Check the listings for the Bellmore Playhouse, 525 Bedford Ave. and come on down. Members get free admission and items from the snack bar.

Annual Passover Wine Sale Dates to be Announced



Each year the Men's Club offers an extensive variety of imported and domestic Kosher for Passover wines for your Seder and year round. Watch for this year's list and sale dates.

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:

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 and hopes to restart their schedule as soon as possible.

Chavurah





Sherry Cohen and Linda Katz Chavurah Co-Presidents

L'Shanah Tovah from the Charuvettes.

Chavurah provides an opportunity for members, both couples and singles, 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. This year your Charuvettes - Sherry Cohen and Linda Katz are planning some fun events and we hope that you all can join us. Full details will appear in Beth Tikvah Times and Shabbat Shalom as each event draws closer

Please come to our events. Chavurah can only be as strong as its membership is active. Please join us. Without you, there is no "us". We hope you will attend our events and have an enjoyable year with Chavurah. If you have any suggestions for future programs please let us know.

Sherry Cohen and Linda Katz

Concerts in the Park.....Tuesday July 2
Tuesday July 30, 2024

On Tuesday July 2, Chavurah met at John Burns Park in Massapequa to attend a concert by the Neil Diamond Experience. On July 30 we will attend a concert in Burns Park by Mike Delguidice and Big Shot, a Billy Joel Tribute band. This will be our third time seeing Big Shot and it should be a beautiful evening. Bring Dinner, Drinks, Jackets and Chairs. See details on the next page.

Picnic in the Park......Sunday Sept 8, 2024......Noon

On Sunday Sept 8 we will meet at Wantagh Park at noon, near the pool area. Bring lunch, drinks and chairs. We will meet with our old friends and make new ones.

Chavurah Goes to Lunch Sunday March 2, 2025

Over the past few years Chavurah has dined at many of the finest kosher restaurants in Nassau County, This year's selection, menu and cost will be announced as the date draws closer.

Memorial Day Get Together Sunday, May 25, 2025 11:00 AM

Last year we spent Memorial Day at Sherry Cohen's beautiful back yard. Her house is on the bay and we got to watch the boats going by. Bring dinner, drinks, chairs, sunscreen and hats. Time is 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Mini Golf at Eisenhower Park. Sunday June 29, 2025

Everyone is invited to join us. Price and information will follow as the date draws closer.

Save the Date & Join Chavurah for A Music Under the Stars Concert

<u>Tuesday, July 30:</u> Starring Mike DelGuidice

(currently on tour with Billy Joel)



- * Place: John Burns Town Park, in Massapequa
- * Time: 5:30pm, Concert starts at 8pm
- * Bring chairs and dinner
- *Go to the front of the stage and call Linda Katz (516) 729-8168 and she will direct you to the seating area for Chavurah.





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
- ☆ 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.



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The synagogue building is opened and staffed daily from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Items may be dropped off or picked up by ringing the bell at the back door.
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Services Throughout the Year

Daily

Shacharit

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

Mincha - Ma'ariv

Saturday	Following	Kidd	ush
Monday & Th	ursday	8:00	PM

Shabbat

Friday Evening

Friday night services 8:00 PM
(Except Holidays and other special
days, see Beth Tikvah Times or
Shabbat Shalom for details)

Shabbat Morning

Parsha Discussion	9:00 AM
Services	10:00 AM