

HIGH HOLY DAYS AT CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL

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Dear Fellow Congregants,

As Congregation B'nai Israel prepares for in-person High Holy Days Services this year, we are acutely aware of the need to keep our congregation safe—especially during a time when extremists know that many congregants will be attending services. At the same time, we are committed to being the welcoming congregation we have always been, including on the High Holy Days.

For these reasons, the CBI Board of Trustees has approved the implementation of the following security policies for the upcoming High Holy Days:

High Holy Days security passes will be mailed to all members of Congregation B'nai Israel, with each family to receive one pass for each person included in that family unit. Each person must present a High Holy Days security pass to gain admittance to any or all High Holy Days services.

Security passes will also be issued upon request to guests, including guests of our members, by contacting the Temple office and requesting the appropriate number of additional security passes. For each additional security pass, please identify the family member or guest by name and provide contact information. (Contact the Temple office at TempleSecretary@bnai-israel.us or 501.225.9700.)

If requested by end of business on Friday, September 8, the additional security passes will be mailed to the home address of the person making the request. For additional security passes requested between Friday, September 8, 2023, and Monday, September 11, 2023, at noon, there will be a “Will Call” desk in the Temple’s front lobby area, where those security passes may be picked up upon presentation of a photo ID.

Even those who do not request a security pass by the September 11, 2023, deadline may be welcomed! Those arriving at Temple for High Holy Days services without a security pass will be directed to a desk in the Temple’s front lobby area, where a security pass may be obtained after presenting a photo ID, which will be photographed, and by providing a telephone number and email contact information in writing on a form that will be available at the desk.

Please note: Even members who arrive without a security pass will be asked to present a photo ID to receive a replacement security pass. There will be no exceptions.

Thank you for your patience and flexibility as we endeavor to maintain our sacred assembly.

May your entire family be inscribed in the **Book of Life** for a happy, healthy, and peaceful new year –5784.

L'Shanah Tovah,

Annabelle Imber Tuck

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President

Please join the Congregation for a Rosh Hashanah Gala Oneg Shabbat Dessert Reception following Rosh Hashanah Services on Friday, September 15.

All are cordially invited to share in the sweetness of the new year with the B'nai Israel Family.



Wishes for a Shanah Tova to you and yours—a healthy and happy New Year!
Rabbi Barry Block, Eileen Hamilton, Bridget McLemore, Richard Harris, Milton Boyd,
and Cheryl Brown.

ROSH HASHANAH 5784-2023

Saturday, September 9

7:30pm – Selichot Program and Service–

Program for Adults and Teens: Viewing and discussion of *The Clergy Monologues*, a video developed by The Central Conference of American Rabbis' Task Force on the Experience of Women in the Rabbinate. Discussion of gender discrimination and harassment in the workplace led by Rabbi Mary Zamore, Executive Director, Women's Rabbinic Network.

9pm – Selichot, Havdalah, and Selichot Service, led by Rabbi Block, Temple musicians, and LaFTY members. *This year's service will include prayers prepared by our T'shuvah Task Force specifically to respond to misconduct and discomfort at Congregation B'nai Israel.*

Friday, September 15 – Rosh Hashanah Eve

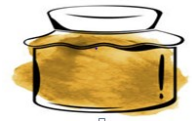
8pm – Rosh Hashanah Eve Worship and Gala Oneg Rosh Hashanah

Sermon: “Avinu Malkeinu: A Metaphor with Meaning?”

Richard Estelita, Cantorial Soloist, joined at special moments by
Jana Cohen, David Bauman, and Josiah Wheeler

Diana Brandon, Piano

Merrick Fagan, Shofar



Saturday, September 16 – Rosh Hashanah Day

10am – Rosh Hashanah Morning Worship

Sermon: “The Book of Life: Can We Believe?”

Music: David Bauman, Jana Cohen, Richard Estelita, Teddy Ferguson, and Russ Parish,
Diana Brandon, Piano

Merrick Fagan, Shofar

4pm – Reverse Tashlich program and service for children, youth, and all ages.

(This event includes the Children's Service for Rosh Hashanah.)

STANDING ON THEIR SHOULDERS TO FEATURE RABBI IRA E. SANDERS AND IRENE SAMUEL



Written and produced by Meg Goldenberg Marion
Annual cemetery visit facilitated by Rabbi Barry Block
Sunday, September 24, 9:30 am – 11:30am
at Oakland Jewish Cemetery

You won't want to miss this opportunity to meet Temple members from our past, as professional actors deftly bring them to life at Oakland Jewish Cemetery. This popular program will showcase Rabbi Ira E. Sanders and Irene Samuel, both of blessed memory.

Afterwards, Rabbi Block will lead a brief memorial service, and you will have the opportunity to visit loved ones' gravesites, a High Holy Day tradition.

“Standing on Their Shoulders” will constitute Religious School for all students and their faculty and *madrichim*, on this Sunday. Religious School students should arrive at cemetery promptly at 9:30am. Adults, including Religious School parents, are most eagerly invited to join us.

Remember to bring sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses. Water will be provided. **This program will be postponed or held on Zoom in the event of rain.**

YOM KIPPUR 5784-2023

Sunday, September 24—Kol Nidre

9:30am – “Standing on their Shoulders” program and *Kever Avot* Cemetery Memorial Service at Oakland Jewish Cemetery

An encounter with Rabbi Ira Sanders and Irene Samuel, all of blessed memory. Written and Produced by Meg Goldenberg Marion

8pm – *Kol Nidre* Service

Sermon: “Our Obligation to the Future”

Richard Estelita, Cantorial Soloist, with Kol Nidre chanted by David Bauman, Jana Cohen, and Richard Estelita, and additional vocal participation by Jana Cohen and Josiah Wheeler

Cello: Stephen Feldman, cellist, Arkansas Symphony Orchestra

Monday, September 25 – Yom Kippur Day

9am – Yom Kippur Children’s Service

10am – Yom Kippur Morning Worship

Sermon: “We’re All in This Together”

Music: David Bauman, Jana Cohen, Richard Estelita, Russ Parish, Josiah Wheeler, and Teddy Ferguson

Kathy Cooper, Piano

12:15pm – “My Jewish Journey” Symposium

Speakers: Sunny Baker, Tim Kessler, Robert Oliva, and Sheri Simon

Special music provided by Andrew Irvin, Dora Paley Ronnel Concertmaster, Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, and Kathy Cooper

1:30pm – Yom Kippur Study

Poetry of Protest and Dissent: Offerings from times of crisis in the life of the State of Israel, compiled by Rachel Korazim

3:30 pm—Yom Kippur Afternoon Torah Service

4:15pm – *Yizkor*/Memorial Service

Sermonette: “The Mitzvah of Attending a Funeral”

Music: David Bauman, Jana Cohen, Richard Estelita, Russ Parish, and Josiah Wheeler.

Violin: Andrew Irvin, Dora Paley Ronnel Concertmaster, Arkansas Symphony Orchestra

Diana Brandon, Piano

5:30pm – *Neila*/Concluding Service

Music: David Bauman, Jana Cohen, Richard Estelita, Russ Parish, and Josiah Wheeler.

Diana Brandon, Piano

Merrick Fagan, Shofar

6:30pm – Break-the-Fast

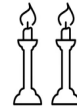
CHILD CARE will be available for children ages 1—8 for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Morning Worship as well as for the Yom Kippur *Yizkor* and *Neilah* Service by advance reservation. Reservations will be accepted until September 13 for Rosh Hashanah and September 24 for Yom Kippur. Reservations can be made by calling the office: 501.225.9700. Walks in will only be accommodated if enough staff is available.

BLESSINGS FOR HOME

SHABBAT AND ROSH HASHANAH CANDLE BLESSINGS

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ, בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל [שַׁבָּת וְשֶׁל] יוֹם טוֹב

Baruch atah, Adonai, Eloheinu Melech haolam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav, v'tzivilik ner [shel Shabbat v'shel Yom Tov



vanu l'had-

Blessed are You, our God, Ruler of the world, who sanctifies us with mitzvot and calls upon us to kindle the lights of (Shabbat and) the Festival day.

BLESSING FOR APPLE AND HONEY

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יי, אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא פְּרֵי הָעֵץ.
Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech ha-olam, borei p'ri ha-eitz.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the Universe, Creator of the fruit of the tree.



Happy Rosh Hashanah!

SHEHECHEYANU

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהַחַיִּינוּ וְקִיַּמְנוּ וְהִגִּיעְנוּ לְזִמְן הַזֶּה.
Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech haolam, shehecheyanu, v'kiy'manu, v'higiyanu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Sovereign of all, who has kept us alive, sustained us, and brought us to this

YOM KIPPUR CANDLE BLESSING—the blessing and kindling of the Yom Kippur lights is at the end of the pre-fast dinner to signify the beginning of the Holy Days and the fast for those who are fasting.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה, יי אֱלֹהֵינוּ, מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל יוֹם הַכִּיפּוּרִים.

Baruch atah Adonai, Eloheinu melech haolam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik neur shel yom hakippurim.

We praise you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who hallows us with mitzvot, and commands us to kindle the light of Yom Kippur.

Need to borrow a High Holiday Prayer book to worship at home? Call the office to reserve your copies. Pick up will begin on September 11. A signed borrowing sheet will be required from all who borrow. All borrowed books must be returned the week following Yom Kippur. One can purchase a *Mishnan HaNefesh* either in print or as an ebook, at www.ccarpress.org.

PEACE ACROSS FAITHS
Action for Peace in Our "Natural" State
Monday, September 18, 2023
6 pm - 8 pm

Learn different faiths and non-faith perspectives on peace. Join us to share a meal, celebrate International Day of Peace and kick-off Arkansas Peace Week together!

VENUE: Madina Institute,
12123 Kanis Road, Little Rock, AR 72212

For more information, please visit: arkansaspeaceweek.com

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