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2020/5781 High Holy Days Online Information Visit our page www.beth-israel.org

Here you will find:

High Holy Days Preview
Livestreaming Information
Prayer Book Availability
Service Times and Resources
& everything you will need for this
year's online High Holy Days



SAVE THE DATES for the Online High Holy Days!

Erev Rosh Hashanah Friday, September 18

Rosh Hashanah Saturday, September 19

Memorial Service Sunday, September 20

Erev Yom Kippur Sunday, September 27

Yom Kippur Monday, September 28

L'Shanah Tovah 5781 Renewing Hope for the New Year 5781

AUGUST 2020



We desperately want to see you face-to-face and embrace you warmly to say, "Shanah Tovah." This High Holy Days 2020/5781, our clergy will miss our familiar walks to the bimah that take us through the aisles where you're gathering at your seats. We prefer to see familiar friends and new families, to see how everyone has grown, and to acknowledge those who are no longer with us. It's all part of the cycle of renewal on the High Holy Days that we anticipate every year.

Thankfully, online by livestream, the prayers and their sounds will be familiar, even though they will likely take on new meaning for us. We might struggle more with the profound questions, "Who shall live and who shall die; Who shall live to see ripe age and who shall not." These words were never trivial; and, we believed that we could alter our fate as the prayer assures us, "But repentance, prayer, and charity temper judgment's severe decree." Now, these questions make us tremble because the numbers of deaths and cases of COVID-19 are staggering. Nobody has been unaffected by the personal loss of a loved one or the news of those who have suffered. The value Jews place on life is antithetical to irreverent reactions to the threat around us. Though repentance, prayer and charity can temper judgment's severe decree, so can a mask, social distancing and handwashing, which directly protect our life and the lives of others. I've stood in the cemetery too many times since March, to conclude otherwise.

Though the pandemic persists in varying degrees, our clergy's optimism for the New Year remains high. Judaism affirms that every soul is precious and every life is worthy of its Creator. Our prayers on the High Holy Days re-orient us to God's way in our life; and our commitment to greater deeds re-orient us to each other. How we'll contribute to the well-being of our neighbor and the stranger among us with sincerity, empathy, and opportunity, are profound measures of who we are. Likewise, we demand the same in return as we defend ourselves against raging anti-Semitism. The prophet Micah put it succinctly, "Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with God."

This New Year, our faith's hope for humanity rests in a promise we make to God and to each other. Let's begin anew with a restored will that we can change our trajectory towards greater health, shared prosperity, and enduring peace. L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu, May you be inscribed in the Book of Life for a Sweet New Year.

David Lyon

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Rabbi Lyon on the Radio

Rabbi David Lyon can be heard on Sunday mornings at 6:45 a.m. on KODA, Sunny 99.1 FM radio.

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REMINDER

Many area hospitals no longer notify us when a congregant is hospitalized. If you would like our clergy or the Inclusion and Caring Committee members to visit you or a loved one in the hospital, please contact the Temple 713-771-6221

PLEASE NOTE

For all payments, the new return address for Beth Israel is:

Congregation Beth Israel DEPT. P.O. Box 4851 Houston, TX 77210-4851

Senior Rabbi
Head of The Shlenker School
Immediate Past President

Welcome **New Members**

Maria & Michael Ainbinder

Amy & Kevin Goodman

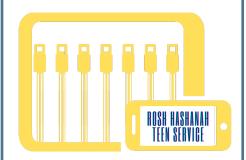
Mitchell Loeb

Grace Molho-Sideris

Beth & Michael Schneider

Marilyn Shulman

Christine & Paul Wasserman



Calling all Teens!

We would love your help and participation in our High Holy Days Online worship service this year.

If you would like to participate or have innovative ideas,

please email Rabbi Sataloff at asataloff@beth-israel.org for more details!

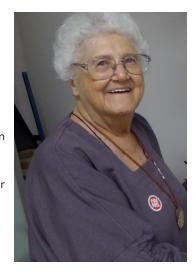
Cheers to Millicent "Mimi" Goldschmidt

Mimi is a micro-biologist and professor emerita in the Department of Diagnostic and Biomedical Sciences in the School of Dentistry at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. She was also an adjunct professor in the Department of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics at the McGovern Medical School at the University of Texas Health

Science Center at Houston. This month, Mimi was just accepted as a Fellow to the Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society for distinguished scholarship, service to science and society, and for paving the road for women in STEM.

We are so pleased that her many years of hard work have paid off!

Mazel Tov Mimi!



It is with great pleasure that Congregation Beth Israel announces the Election of its new President, Roslyn Fuchs Haikin

In addition to her service on Beth Israel's Board of Trustees and as an officer on the Executive Committee, Roslyn has served on the Board of The Shlenker School, co-chaired Beth Israel's 150th Anniversary Celebration, and co-chaired Beth Israel's 160th "Be A Blessing" Celebration. Roslyn's leadership on the 160th anniversary celebration was an exceptional year-long effort of engagement and education that resulted in the scribing of a new "People's Torah" and raised the funds needed to retire the Temple's debt. In addition, Roslyn is co-chairing Beth Israel's latest capital campaign effort, "Our Home, Our Future," to ensure the congregation can provide for aging infrastructure, expanded cemetery space, and other vital future needs.

"Congregation Beth Israel is very fortunate to have Roslyn Haikin serve as its next president," remarks outgoing Beth Israel Board President Irving Stern. "Roslyn's tenacious passion, wisdom, leadership, and track record at Beth Israel, and for so many other Jewish community causes make her an ideal choice for leading our congregation during these COVID19-challenged times."

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

2020 Ensign Jerry Bailes **Award**



Abby Seigle

2020 Rabbi Samuel Karffz'l Scholarship



Rachel Levine

2020 Lyon Cohen Merit Scholarship



Jeffrey Leiber





Continuity in a World of Change

Dear Beth Israel Friends,

The High Holy Days are nearing with anticipation that the Jewish New Year 5781, will reset our expectations for good health, prosperity, and peace. We'll all meet for livestream worship services online from our beautiful Beth Israel sanctuary.

In early September, you'll receive online High Holy Day information about access to prayer books, livestream links, technology tips, and our entire High Holy Days schedule, including children's worship, teen worship, Yom Kippur Symposium, and Yom Kippur afternoon alternatives. Soon, you'll also be able to call our "Honey Help-Line" to make online access easy and sweet. Now, please reach Liza Hirsch, for any assistance at 713-771-6221 ext. 339 or HighHolyDays@beth-israel.org

L'Shanah Tovah u'Metukah, May it be for us all a good and sweet New Year 5781,

Rabbi David Lyon

Save the Date High Holy Days Online

Erev Rosh Hashanah, Friday, September 18

6:30 p.m. Worship Service

Rosh Hashanah, Saturday, September 19

9:30 a.m. Children's Service 10:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 2:00 p.m. Teen Service

> Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre Sunday, September 27

8:00 p.m. Worship Service

Yom Kippur, Monday, September 28

9:30 a.m. Children's Service
11:30 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service
2:00 p.m. Yom Kippur Symposium
3:00 p.m. Afternoon Service & Alternative Insights
4:00 p.m. Yizkor & Neilah/Concluding Service



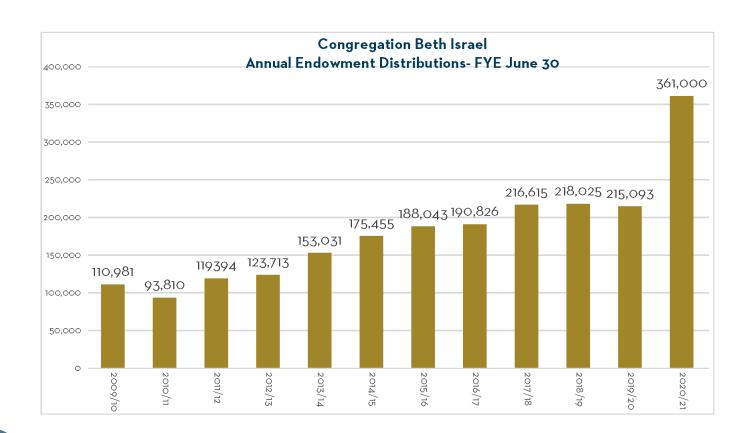
Congregation Beth Israel has established the Ner Tamid Society, which is a group of dedicated Beth Israel families who provide legacy gifts to ensure the future of our Temple. Just as the Ner Tamid is eternal, gifts to the Ner Tamid Society will be placed in the Beth Israel Endowment Fund for perpetuity, thus ensuring that Congregation Beth Israel will thrive for many generations. By planning a gift to Congregation Beth Israel's Endowment, you will ensure a vibrant, dedicated and committed tomorrow for Houston's Reform Jewish community!

The primary responsibility of the Congregation Beth Israel Endowment Fund (CBIEF) is to manage existing endowment funds and raise funds in compliance with the Bylaws of the corporation organized under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. Each year, the Endowment Fund Board approves distributions to Beth Israel to support religious education, programming, cemetery maintenance, library, scholarships along with other needs

For 2020/2021, CBIEF directors approved a distribution of \$361,000. The primary effort of the CBIEF board is to increase participation through the Ner Tamid Legacy Society and we are thankful to those families who have generously supported Ner Tamid and who have signed our Book of Life during past ceremonies. The Book of Life, along with a collection of member testemonial videos, is proudly on display in the Ner Tamid Exhibit Space adjacent to Margolis Gallery which is open by appointment. To make an appointment, please contact Laura Kaplan at LKaplan@beth-israel.org

Endowment Board Members

Joseph Chesnick, Jr., Chair Ken Chapman Ricky Haikin Bobby Lapin Barry Lewis Craig Lieberman Rodney Margolis David Neuberger Phyllis Selber Betty Tapick Cyvia Wolff



LODGE GALIL OF THE HEBREW ORDER OF DAVID INTERNATIONAL PROVIDES 8 ADDITIONAL CEMETERY MARKERS TO CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL MEMORIAL GARDEN

Just as they did last Fall, the Galil Lodge of the Hebrew Order of David International (HOD) has graciously provided an additional eight markers to our cemetery located on Antoine. This local branch of HOD is continuing with their goal of providing 160 markers for local unmarked Jewish graves.

On August 2, Rabbi Aaron Sataloff officiated at the unveiling of the eight markers. In his remarks, he thanked the HOD members in attendance for their ultimate selfless mitzvah.

Working in partnership with Gaitz Memorials and Ramirez Cemetery Services, who are providing their services and materials at a discounted rate, HOD will continue in their mission. Our cemetery will be fortunate to receive eight more markers in the near future, bringing the total we will have received to

If you are interested in more information or wish to make a donation to support this meaningful project, please visit their website www.hodgalil.org/
GravestoneProject. You may also contact our Cemetery Director, Kathy Parven at KParven@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221 ext. 310 for more information.





Reminder Cemetery hours are as follows:

Beth Israel Cemetery "West Dallas" 1207 West Dallas Houston, TX 77019 Sunday Only: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Congregation Beth Israel Memorial Garden 1101 Antoine Drive Houston, TX 77055 Open Dawn to Dusk Everyday

LIBRARY NEWS

READERS GROUP

The Beth Israel Readers Group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. Congregants and friends are welcome to join this convivial group online this fall

SEPTEMBER 16: On Division by Goldie Goldbloom. The discussion will be facilitated by our own Marilyn Sonnenberg.

OCTOBER 21: The Boy: a Holocaust Story by Dan Porat. Wayne Dorris has offered to lead this discussion. Copies of this book are available at the Temple Library.

NOVEMBER 18: CBI Readers Group discusses the ERJCC Community Read. Title to be Announced.

READERS GROUP RECENT ONLINE GATHERINGS

Rabbi Ellie Steinman joined us in March to discuss "Inheritance" by Dani Shapiro. In May, Rabbi Adrienne Scott led a discussion of "Here All Along" by Sarah Hurwitz.



In July we had a wonderful discussion with David Dow, author of "Confessions of an Innocent Man".

Watch for Zoom information in eNews.

New Books Still Arriving at the Schachtel Library

Judy Weidman will be in the library Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call if you are coming by or would like to have a book set aside.

Now is a great time to catch up with recent publications. Here's a sampling of new titles that have been added to our collection. Call Judy to reserve your copy. 713 820-6410.



WRITERS' CAFÉ

CALLING ALL LOCAL WRITERS!

We invite you to Sign up for our new WRITERS' CAFE.

(May be remote if Covid-19 continues)

You will join other local authors to

Share Support

Workshop

Brainstorm

Contact:

Miriam Friedman, Chair of Adult Education drmaris930@aol.com; 832-623-3070

Judy Weidman, Librarian jweidman@beth-israel.org or 713-820-6410.

Please indicate your: Name, Email, Phone and Preferences for: Day, Time, and Weekly or Bimonthly schedule.

Remember you can access the library catalog any time to browse for new titles! Go to www.beth-israel.org and click MIRIAM BROWNING JLC, then click on LIBRARY to access. The Library Catalog is available online 24 hours a day! Requests for reservations can be sent to Judy at jweidman@beth-israel.org, or direct phone at 713-820-6410.

Adult Education Committee invites you to join them for Online Learning!

Torah Study - Every week the same part of the Torah is read and studied by Jews around the world. At the end of the last chapter of Deuteronomy, the reading immediately returns to the beginning and familiar stories of Genesis. Every Shabbat morning, our rabbis and educator lead discussions on the deeper insights from Torah and find ways to make them relevant to us today. Sessions are held online at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday mornings. For more information and to be part of this special group, contact David M. Scott, RJE at DScott@bethisrael.org

Basic Judaism - Brush up on your knowledge of Judaism! If you slept through Hebrew School when you were younger, now is the time to rekindle your relationship to your faith. All sessions will take place online on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. starting September 8th. Sessions will focus on the deeper meanings of our holidays, the Jewish calendar, insights into various life cycles, the importance of Shabbat, and all the different sources that make us the "People of the Book!" Sessions are taught throughout the semester by Rabbi Lyon, Rabbi Scott, Rabbi Sataloff, Cantor Trompeter, and David Scott. For registration fee and details, contact Stephanie Robertson at SRobertson@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221 ext. 313.

Adult Hebrew (Basic) - Ever wanted to follow along in the Hebrew during services, but can't make out the words? Join veteran Hebrew teacher, Debbie Uzick on Tuesday nights for our Basic Adult Hebrew class. Sessions are held online on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. For registration fee and details, contact Stephanie Robertson at SRobertson@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221 ext. 313.

Adult Hebrew (Advanced) - If you can follow along with the Hebrew in our prayerbook and you want to learn more, we also offer an Adult Hebrew class that focuses on Hebrew

grammar, modern vocabulary, and pronunciation. Israeliborn Hebrew teacher, Keren Daniel, leads sessions online on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. For registration fee and details, contact Stephanie Robertson at SRobertson@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221 ext. 313.

Adult B'nei Mitzvah – It's never too late to become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah! Our online Adult B'nei Mitzvah class meets on Sunday mornings with B'nei Mitzvah tutor, Debbie Uzick. Currently in its final year for this class, the ceremony is planned for Spring 2021. For more information, please contact Cantor Trompeter at Strompeter@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221 ext. 604

Talmud Study- Ever wondered what is contained in all the different books of the Talmud? Our history dates back thousands of years, and the Talmud is filled with beautiful insights, teachings, and pearls of wisdom. Come explore the tradition of Talmud Study with a relaxed and engaging group. Ask questions, listen to the discussion, and make your way through the sea of Talmud. Online sessions are held on Wednesday from 12-1 p.m. beginning on August 26th and are led by David Scott, RJE. There is no cost to participate and all beginners are welcome. For more information, contact Stephanie Robertson at SRobertson@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221 ext. 313.

Mussar Learning - The 800 year-old tradition of a Jewish ethical practice known as Mussar has become widely known and accessible to Jewish adults. A personal path awaits you as you explore the Jewish ways of becoming more patient, more compassionate, less angry, and less frustrated - especially with our world today. Mussar faciltators in our congregation have been trained by the Mussar Institute and invite you to join in small groups online to learn and explore together. For fees and registration information, contact contact Stephanie Robertson at SRobertson@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221 ext. 313.

Want to Join the Committee? Please contact Miriam Friedman, PhD at drmaris930@aol.com or 832-623-3070

The Social Jusice Committee wants everyone to Vote!

The Social Justice Committee's (formerly known as ABIDE) mission is to promote social justice work done with other communities.

We are part of RAC-TX, which stands for the Religious Action Center (of the Union for Reform Judaism) in Texas.

Our current goal, shared with RAC-TX, is to work for civic engagement, especially focused voter registration, information, and engagement for the Fall elections.

We're betting all of you at Beth Israel are registered and planning to vote!

We hope you'll join us in making sure everyone who wants to update their registration, vote absentee or vote by mail, receives the right form to do so.

We will also be offering our support to other religious institutions to share our voting resources.

This past Spring we presented two ADL online sessions to Beth Israel: "Antisemitism in the Time of Coronavirus" and "Words to Action: Standing Up to Antisemitism."

Our Gun Safety Campaign will be continuing as well.

To contribute your time and energy to work on this issue, and/or voter engagement, please contact Lisa Stone or Dena Makrs, Co-Chairs.

We're all in unusual circumstances now and we can work through The Social Jusice Committee to help make things better in the future for everyone.



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Order One of Congregation Beth Israel's Famous Pull-a-Part Cakes!

You run to grab a piece of our Pull-a-Part Cake after services, and now you can order your very own 12" cake to share with your family and friends. Treat yourself or give this mouth-watering favorite as a gift. Bring a Pull-a-Part when you are invited to a social distance dinner party (a crowd pleaser), mail one to your child or grandchild, or give one to your mother-in-law (good for extra relationship points).

What's more, proceeds from the sale of these cakes will benefit the Facility Use/Enhancement Committee budget which will help replace glassware, silverware, and other items the Congregation uses for events. There is a limit of 5 per order. Please place your order 10 working days in advance.

Make checks payable to Congregation Beth Israel.

To order, fill out the form below and mail with your check to: Pull-a-Parts, Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 N. Braeswood Blvd., Houston, TX 77096-2901.

For questions, please contact Marsha Gilbert at 713-771-6221 ext. 336 or mgilbert@beth-israel.org.

Pull-a-Part Cake	Price	Number	Total	
With nuts	\$40.00		\$	
Without nuts	\$35.00		\$	
		Total of order:	\$	
Pick up: Day:		Time:		_
Name:				_
Phone Number:		Email	:	

Families Matter!

We are in the process of updating our membership database and would appreciate your assistance in providing us with your family information

Marsha Gilbert, Special Events & Catering Manager, is working on an extensive project of building congregational family relationships, a family tree if you will, to be added to the Beth Israel data base.

Please complete the form below and email to Marsha Gilbert at MGilbert@beth-israel.org

Questions? Please contact Marsha at 713-771-6221 ext. 336

Member 1 Name:	
Member 2 Name:	
Member 1 Cell-Phone:	
Member 2 Cell-Phone:	
Anniversary Date Day/Mo/Yr:	
Children & Birth Dates:	
Grandchildren:	
Great-Grandchildren:	
Mother:	
Mother-In-Law:	
Father:	
Father-In-Law:	
Sisters:	
Sisters-In-Law:	
Brothers:	
Brothers-In-Law:	
Daughters-In-Law:	
Sons-In-Law:	
Aunts:	
Uncles:	
Nieces: —	
Nephews:	
Cousins	



Duff Goldman is a chef and artist known for his dazzling, creative approach to food and his awesome stories describing the simple science of baking. Duff starred on the hit Food Network show "Ace of Cakes", set in his bakery, Charm City Cakes

He now has cake studios in Baltimore and Los Angeles and Duff's Cake Mix (a do-it-yourself cake decorating studio) in several locations in the Los Angeles area. You can watch Duff bake and decorate on Food Network's "Duff Takes the Cake" and mentor bakers on "Kids Baking Championship." He is also a regular judge on Holiday Baking Championship and Spring Baking Championship.

Duff is also a New York Times best-selling author and his latest cookbook, Super Good Baking for Kids, will be available starting September 29, 2020 but you can pre-order it online now. Duff believes we can discover our inner creativity and celebrate with each other through the fun of baking!

Congregation Beth Israel, in parternship with the Wolff-Toomim Education Fund of the Beth Israel Endowment Fund, invites you to join us for this special Selichot online program on Saturday, September 12, 2020.

How do we come "full circle" and renew ourselves in the middle of a pandemic? What can our High Holy Days teach us as we return again to a new beginning?

The secret may lie in the round challah we eat during this special time!

Starting at 7 p.m., come explore special insights with Celebrity Baker Duff Goldman, Creator of Food Network's, "Ace of Cakes," about Jewish identity, how food influences our Jewish Culture, and meaningful ways to engage our families and our community in the upcoming year.

Then at 8 p.m., Beth Israel's own Marsha Gilbert will lead a round challah demonstration. Challah baking ingredients and instructions will be sent to you in advance, so you can participate along with us!

The evening will conclude at 8:30 p.m. with a Selichot service led by our Rabbis and Cantor via livestream from the Gordon Chapel.

This event is open to all and there is no cost to attend! Please register with Stephanie Robertson at SRobertson@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221-ext. 313

For the Teens!

September 3, 4 p.m. - Round Challah Bake Off
All teens are invited to meet together and learn how
to make a round challah for Rosh Hashanah. All
students who submit a photo of their round challah
will then have it judged by Duff Goldman online on
Saturday night, September 12. Prizes will be
awarded to the winners! For questions, details, and
to submit your round challa please contact
Jennifer Quick at jquick@beth-israel.org
Please RSVP by September 1st.

Teens must be present on both September 3 and September 12 to win, gift card prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Rescheduled!



MONTHLY MIDRASH

Facilitated by David Scott, RJE dscott@beth-israel.org

12 P.M. TO 1 P.M. Thursdays via Zoom

EXPLORE DIFFERENT SECTIONS AND STORIES OF RABBINIC LITERATURE DATING BACK THOUSANDS OF YEARS.

Each session will also relate to a modern issue or topic. Guest speakers on each topic will join us for further reflection and discussion.

SESSIONS BEGIN ON AUGUST 20

Contact: Stephanie Robertson at SRobertson@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221 ext. 313.





MBJLC Ready to Kick Off the New Year!

MBJLC kicks off on August 30 with a Parking Lot Parade on Saturday, August 30 starting at 9;30 a.m. Meet your educators and pick up supplies for the New Year! For questions, please contact Stephanie Robertson at SRobertson@beth-israel.org Mid-Week Hebrew will proceed online on Wednesdays and Thursday afternoons from 4:30 p.m-6:00 p.m. Sunday mornings will proceed online until at least October 18. If you would like to assist as a volunteer with the religious school either in Hebrew or Judaics, please contact Stephanie Robertson at SRobertson@beth=israel.org or 713-711-6221 ext. 313.

Save the Date!

August 19- Wacky Wednesdays end with a Zoom Magic Show featuring David M. Scott, R.J.E.! We've had so much fun over the summer engaging children in 3rd through 7th grade with online social programming. We are planning on continuing Wacky Wednesdays throughout the year. If you have ideas or suggestions of what your children or grandchildren might enjoy doing, please contact Kerri Zerlin, Youth Coordinator, at KZerlin@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221 ext. 312

August 22- Our first Shabbat Playdate of the year will take place online at 10 a.m for all families with children 6 and under. A brief service, story time, and an activity with your little ones will help your Shabbat morning start! Questions and RSVP to Kerri Zerlin. [Future Shabbat Playdates: September 26, October 17, November 21, and December 19.



Launches on September 23 at 7 p.m. in our parking lot for all 8th-12th grade students!

This is our post-B'nei Mitzvah program and is the only pluralistic teen engagement experiential learning program of its kind in the entire country! Kehillah High will begin its sixth year in Houston with students from congregations throughout the community coming together each week for self-selected learning opportunities and meaningful content. Taught by our clergy, educators, and lay leaders from across the community, teenagers will be better able to incorporate Judaism in their own lives in different and meaningful ways. All 10th graders are invited to participate in our Confirmation classes taught by all Beth Israel clergy throughout the year with a special service and honor on our bimah in late Spring 2021. All post-Confirmation students are eligible to attend the inaugural Kehillah High teen Israel experience next June 2021.

You may register online through your member portal. For details, please contact Jennifer Quick, MBJLC Assistant Principal at jquick@beth-israel.org or Danielle Alexander, Kehillah High Director at dalexander@kehillahhouston.org

One our most successful teen programs associated with Kehillah High is our Teen Leadership program called Madrichim. Students who register for Kehillah High may select Madrichim as an optional session that meets on Sunday mornings during MBJLC. Sessions include educator training and applicable skills for classroom management. Practical experience as the "student-teacher" in the classroom is also included. Teens will also learn about Jewish leadership and social justice issues. For questions and to sign up, please contact Jennifer Quick at JQuick@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221 ext. 307.



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MBJLC Mishpacha: Investing in our Congregational Families



MBJLC Launches MBJLC Mishpacha: Investing in Our Congregational Families!

Congregation Beth Israel and the Miriam Browning Jewish Learning Center are excited to anounce our new religious school program for 2020-2021.

MBJLC Mishpacha is open to all Temple families this year at no cost! All Children (including 8th-12th grade teens in Kehillah High) are invited, whether they attend The Shlenker School, Emery Weiner, or any other schools. We have planned new and exciting programs for all age groups. Together we will cement our Jewish Identity, learn fun facts, celebrate the Holidays, and enjoy seeing our friends.

When we can return to campus safely, we will ensure social distancing and hold sessions in person indoors and outdoors across our campus. Your family's Sunday morning experience will be different from online secular school as you join your friends and our experienced and talented Jewish educators.

Here is what you can look forward to:
A "campified" learning environment infused with Jewish lessons and experiences.

- Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur family-centered learning to prepare your family for our online Temple-wide services.
- Jewish holiday programming including a Sukkot "Escape Game" with prizes and interactive family activities.
- Multi-faceted approach to accommodate learning needs of every child.
- · Values-centered lessons focused on Hebrew prayers and their meanings.
- Group-based Hebrew learning to establish fluency in reading Hebrew and be better prepared for B'nei Mitzvah.
- A variety of special interest electives (Chugim).

To sign up for **MBJLC Mishpacha** or for more information, visit the MBJLC page on the Temple website or contact Stephanie Robertson at srobertson@beth-israel.org, (713) 271-7369.

nominal "program costs" may be requested







2020 Calendar

Our monthly Kids' Meals program is on hiatus as e navigate through the COVID-19 virus.

We will announce our next Kids' Meals sandwich making days when we are ready to safely open the building.

Questions? Contact Marsha Gilbert mgilbert@beth-israel.org 713-771-6221, ext. 336



REMINDER!

Co-Existence: Remnants of Morocco's Past

Open to the public by appointment only.

Masks required

To book a viewing time, please contact Laura Kaplan at LKaplan@beth-israel.org

Exhibit Chair: Karen Bookstaff Gallery Chairs: Shirley Lavine and Tanya Strum







Although we are not together, we can still meet up virtually. It has been a strange time for us all and we are going to keep our distance in order to keep everyone safe.

September 13, 11 a.m. —Israel Tour/Membership Kickoff What better way to welcome the New Year, and renew your Sisterhood membership than with a tour of Israel. Grab your favorite brunch beverage and snack, sit back in your comfy clothes, and enjoy the tour of some of the most sacred places in all of Israel. there is no charge for renewing members, \$10.00 to non renewing members. Please RSVP by September 10 to sisterhood@beth-israel.org Membership forms can be found on the Beth Israel website under the Sisterhood webpage.

October 7, 7 p.m. —Papercutting Class by Jeanette Kevin Oren The class includes a five-minute video tour of her art studio, an overview of Jewish papercutting, and a "Make your Own Papercut" project. The workshop is one hour. After you register, you will receive the Zoom link, password, PDF of the projects, and supply list. The cost for this event is \$18.00. Please RSVP to sisterhood@beth-israel.org

November 5, 7p.m.—WRJ Southwest District Virtual Convention Simply because we are not able to meet in person, does not mean we cannot still "get together" with our southwest sisters. Join ladies from our district for 3 days of learning and sisterhood. Attendance is free. Found on the Sisterhood webpage.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

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