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Yamim Nora'im (Days of Awe)
The High Holy Days and Fall Festivals 2025/5786
 Live, in person and also streamed at www.cbinorthfield.org
 or on You Tube (Google "Beth Israel Northfield You Tube")

Selichot: A Service of Spiritual Preparation:

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Coffee, Cake and Conversation, 7:00 PM

Havdalah and Candle-lit evening service, 8:00 PM



Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Monday, September 22

All-Ages Intergenerational Family Service, 5:30 PM

Rosh Hashanah Day: Tuesday, September 23

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service, 10:00 AM

Rosh Hashanah Youth Program and Service, 10:00 AM

Tashlich at Huntington Avenue Beach, Margate, 3:30 PM



Second Day Rosh Hashanah: Wednesday, September 24

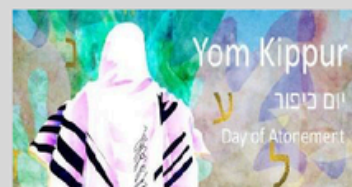
Second Day Rosh Hashanah Service, 10:00 AM



Yom Kippur

Kol Nidrei/Erev Yom Kippur: Wednesday, October 1

Kol Nidrei Service, 7:30 PM



Yom Kippur: Thursday, October 2

Yom Kippur Morning Service, 10:00 AM

Yom Kippur Youth Program and Service, 10:00 AM

Yom Kippur Afternoon Service, 3:30 PM

Yizkor Memorial Service, 4:30 PM

Ne'ilah Concluding Service follows Yizkor



Sukkot

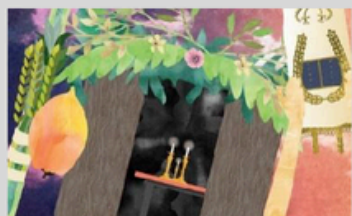
Erev Sukkot: Monday evening, October 6

Erev Sukkot Service Under the Sukkah, 5:30 PM

Walking Taco Family Fun follows the service

First Day of Sukkot: Tuesday, October 7

Sukkot Festival Morning Service, 10:30 AM



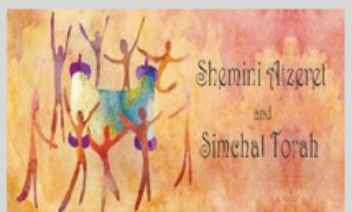
Simchat Torah

Erev Simchat Torah: Monday, October 13

Erev Simchat Torah Service, 5:30 PM

Simchat Torah/Sh'mini Atzeret: Tuesday, October 14

Festival Morning and Yizkor Memorial Service, 10:30 AM



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YAMIM NORA'IM (DAYS OF AWE) 5786/2025

THE HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES

conducted by Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach and
Cantorial Soloist Spencer Reichman

SELICHOTSaturday, September 13 at 7:00 PM

The climax of the Hebrew month of Elul comes during the service of Selichot, an exercise in spiritual preparation for the Days of Awe. Traditionally held at midnight on the Saturday night/Sunday before Rosh Hashanah, Jews around the world gather together for what is, truly, the first of the High Holy Day services, a brief but intense experience during which the music and liturgy of the season are used for the first time. The service is filled with drama and awe, as in the dark of the night we begin to bare our souls, and plead for forgiveness.

In the twilight of the year, we begin our observance at Beth Israel on Saturday, September 13 at 8:00 PM with Coffee, Cake and Conversation. We then enter the darkened Sanctuary at 8:00 PM as our teens, dressed in white, carry the newly redressed Torah scrolls to the ark and lead us in Havdalah, the candle-lit ceremony separating Shabbat from the rest of the week. The actual Selichot Service follows Havdalah. The evening should end by 9:30 PM. Please join us for this very powerful service.



Childcare and Children's Program at Beth Israel

Children are welcome at Beth Israel, at all services and on all occasions. For their enrichment and enjoyment, as well as, perhaps, as a support to their parents and older siblings, we provide concurrent children's programming and services during the mornings of Rosh Hashanah (First Day) and Yom Kippur. For our planning and allocation of resources, it is helpful to know who is coming; please contact the synagogue at 609-641-3600 three days before each holiday to reserve places for your children!

KEVER AVOT Graveside Memorial Service

Kever Avot Service.....Sunday, September 21

Beth Israel Cemetery, 6804 Black Horse Pike, Egg Harbor Township.....1:00 PM

It is customary to visit graves of loved ones in the period leading up to or in between the High Holy Days – or to visit a cemetery in the community in which you live, as a catalyst for remembering those buried far away. This year, once again, we will offer such a memorial service at our synagogue cemetery. Even if your own loved ones are buried elsewhere, come and connect with the history and stories of generations who shaped Beth Israel into the community it is today. And take a moment, if you choose to do so, to share memories of those who are in your heart.



ROSH HASHANAH

EREV ROSH HASHANAHMonday, September 22

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service.....5:30 PM

The Jewish calendar year turns with the setting of the sun on Erev Rosh Hashanah. We welcome the new year of 5786 with hope and prayer at this time of challenge and change.

ROSH HASHANAHTuesday, September 23

Congregational Morning Service.....10:00 AM

Youth Program and Children's Service.....10:00 AM

We come together for a Family Experience, with story and song, in an upbeat spirit, the sound of the shofar, and the taste of apples and honey. The Family Service will be led by Director of Education Cookie Feldman. **Pre-registration is important so that we may arrange for adequate staff.**

Shofar Choir and Tashlich: Symbolic Casting Away of Sin

Huntington Avenue Beach, Margate, NJ.....3:30 PM

We gather on the sand for a Shofar celebration for kids, followed by the ancient rite of Tashlich, the symbolic casting off of our sins into a body of water.

BYOB - bring your own bread (or bread crumbs) to throw into the sea.

SECOND DAY ROSH HASHANAH.....Wednesday, September 24

Informal Service and Brunch, Wolff Chapel and Weis Foyer.....10:00 AM

An informal service and exploration of High Holy Day traditions in the Wolff Chapel, followed by a New Year's Brunch. Come as you are and bring friends for the service. The brunch following the service is \$10/person. RSVP for the brunch to bethisrael@cbnorthfield.org or 609-641-3600 by Thursday, September 18.



SHABBAT SHUVAH (The Sabbath of Repentance)

Parashat Vayeilech (Deuteronomy 31:1-30)

The Shabbat in between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is one of the most significant occasions in Jewish life: the liturgy contains references to and wording from the High Holy Days in a way which is unique to this Shabbat.

EREV SHABBAT.....Friday, September 26

Special Service for Shabbat Shuvah.....5:30 PM

SHABBAT SHUVAH.....Saturday, September 27

Torah Study.....9:15 AM

Special Shabbat Morning Service for Shabbat Shuvah.....10:30 AM



YOM KIPPUR

EAT PRAY LOVE

EREV YOM KIPPUR.....Wednesday, October 1

Kol Nidrei/Erev Yom Kippur Service.....7:30 PM

The lights are dim, the scrolls are white, and the haunting sound of Kol Nidrei echoes in the Engelberg Sanctuary. Once more, Atonement Day has come. We come together and face ourselves in a way which only this day can evoke.

YOM KIPPUR DAY.....Thursday, October 2

Congregational Morning Service.....10:00 AM

President's Annual Remarks to the Congregation: Linda Karp.

Youth Program and Children's Service.....10:00 AM

We come together for a Family Experience, with story and song, the sound of the shofar, and the taste of apples and honey. The Family Service will be led by Director of Education Cookie Feldman. **Pre-registration is important so that we may arrange for adequate staff.**

Jewish Journeys.....1:00 PM

Community members share personal stories of their Jewish and spiritual journeys.
Details To Be Determined. Wolff Chapel.

Speaker and Afternoon Program.....2:00 PM

We are joined, once again, for a special presentation by Irvin Moreno-Roderiguez, Director of the Sara and Sam Schoffer Holocaust Resource Center at Stockton University.



Yom Kippur Afternoon Service.....3:30 PM

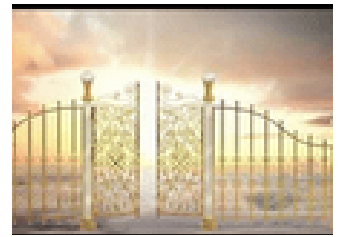
Join us for poetic and musical reconstruction of the traditional Yom Kippur Mincha (Afternoon) Service - including the Avodah ritual of expiation performed by the High Priest of Old, Martyrs of Jewish history and recent memory, the Holiness Code of Leviticus ("Love Your Neighbor as Yourself"), and the Book of Jonah.

Yom Kippur Yizkor Memorial and Ne'ilah Concluding Services.....4:30 PM

The **Yizkor Memorial Service** (at which we distribute our annual *Book of Remembrance*) begins at 4:30 PM. This service is open to all. **Please remain in the Engelberg Sanctuary through the conclusion of Ne'ilah.**



The **Ne'ilah Concluding Service** begins immediately upon the completion of the *Yizkor* prayers.



The final sounding of the shofar will take place sometime near 6:15 PM. Anyone wishing to blow the shofar should bring one to the sanctuary for the final *Tekiah Gedolah*.



SUKKOT and SIMCHAT TORAH

SUKKAH BUILDING.....Saturday, October 4

Sukkah Building, Snacks and Havdalah at the home of Rabbi Feshbach.....4:30 PM

We invite all 7th-12th grade students and families to the home of Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Julie Novick for a Sukkah building program, during which we will learn how to quickly and easily assemble a beautiful wood-framed Sukkah. Bring a drill and join us for snacks and Havdalah! **RSVP to 609-641-3600 or bethisrael@cbnorthfield.org by Monday, September 30.**



EREV SUKKOT.....Monday, October 6

Erev Sukkot Family Service Under the Sukkah.....5:30 PM

Join us for a festive Festival service as we wave the lulav, smell the etrog and celebrate the "original" Thanksgiving! Led by Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Cantor Marshall Portnoy.

Walking Taco Family Fun.....following services

Following services we come together under the Sukkah for a creative Walking Taco holiday dinner; Dinner: \$10/person or \$36/family. **RSVP for dinner to bethisrael@cbnorthfield.org or 609-641-3600 by Friday, October 3.**

FIRST DAY OF SUKKOT.....Tuesday, October 7

Sukkot Festival Morning Service, Beth Israel Wolff Chapel.....10:30 AM

EREV SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT.....Friday, October 10

Special Outdoor Service Under the Sukkah.....5:30 PM

BYO Picnic Dinner.....following services

SHABBAT CHOL HAMOED SUKKOT.....Saturday, October 11

Special Study Session: An Exploration of Ecclesiastes.....9:00 AM

Shabbat B'Yachad: Joint Reform Shabbat Morning Service with Shirat HaYam, Beth Israel Wolff Chapel.....10:00 AM

Kiddush Luncheon in the Ashner Auditorium.....following services

RSVP for lunch to bethisrael@cbnorthfield.org or 609-641-3600 by Wednesday, October 8.



EREV SIMCHAT TORAH.....Monday, October 13

“Pre-Neg” Hors D’oerves and Candy Apple Family Experience.....5:00 PM

Erev Simchat Torah Service5:30 PM

The end touches the beginning; the ancient words are new again. Come celebrate the cycle of Torah as we unroll the scroll, hear the very last and the very first verses of the Torah, march with flags and dance with the scrolls throughout the synagogue. ***L'dor vaDor: From***

Generation to Generation - special gifts for the two youngest people present!

New this year: we are *only* including the Torah service, not a full evening service.

This should lead to a more streamlined and focused experience for families!

Special Oneg Desserts follow the service.

SH'MINI ATZERET/SIMCHAT TORAH.....Tuesday, October 14

Simchat Torah Festival and Yizkor Memorial Service, Wolff Chapel.....10:30 AM

The unique joy of Simchat Torah and festive celebration of the season, along with the remembrance of the past, through the traditional memorial prayers of Yizkor.

Thank you to our many Beth Israel youth and Religious School students who will be helping during these Days of Awe, especially those in 7th grade and older, who will be chanting and reading blessings and Haftarah portions on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

We are blessed to be joined by Olga Radovic as our accompanist for the High Holy Day Season. Thank you to Heather Shields, Lee Mamolen and Talia Feshbach for their vocal support during these High Holy Days, as well as Wayne Hu, who was our accompanist for Selichot services. We also welcome the return of Tony Pirillo (cello).

September-October: Full List of Services

September

Parashat Ki Tetzei ***Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19***

5 Erev Shabbat Family Style Service, 5:30 PM
Fri

6 Shabbat Morning Torah Study, 9:15 AM
Sat "The Pursuit of Justice"

First Day of Religious School

7 Religious School begins, 9:00 AM
Sun

Ki Tavo ***Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8***

12 Erev Shabbat Service: Welcome Back Shabbat
Fri Engelberg Sanctuary 5:30 PM
with Religious School participation

13 Shabbat Morning Study, 9:15 AM
Sat

Selichot

13 Selichot Reception, 7:00 PM
Sat Havdalah and the Service of Selichot,
Engelberg Sanctuary, 8:00 PM
See pages 3 above, and 23 below.

Parashat Nitzavim ***Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20***

19 Erev Shabbat Service, 5:30 PM
Fri "Preparing Your Heart for the High Holy Days"

20 Shabbat Morning Torah Study, 9:15 AM
Sat "It Is Not In the Heavens"

Kever Avot Graveside Memorial Services

21 Traditional Graveside Service in Memory of
Sun Loved Ones We Have Lost, Beth Israel
Cemetery, 6804 Black Horse Pike, 1:00 PM

Rosh Hashanah

22 Erev Rosh Hashanah Service, 5:30 PM
Mon

23 Rosh Hashanah Morning Service, 10:00 AM*
Tue Rosh Hashanah Young Children's Program
and Service, 10:00 AM
Shofar Choir and Tashlich (Casting Away of Sin),
Huntington Avenue Beach, Margate, 3:30 PM
BYOB (Bring Your Own Bread to throw)

24 Second Day Rosh Hashanah
Fri Informal Service, Wolff Chapel, 10:00 AM
Brunch, Weis Lobby, following the service

*Tickets required; please contact us!

Shabbat Shuvah (The Shabbat of Repentance)

Parashat Vayeilech ***Deuteronomy 31:1-30***

26 Erev Shabbat Shuvah Service, 5:30 PM
Fri including special prayers for Shabbat Shuvah.

27 Shabbat Morning Study, including the special
Sat Haftarah portions for Shabbat Shuvah, 9:15 AM
Special Shabbat Morning Service for
Shabbat Shuvah, Wolff Chapel, 10:30 AM

28 Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class Exploratory Meeting
Sun Wolff Chapel, 11:00 AM

September-October: Full List of Services (continued)

October

Yom Kippur

- 1 Kol Nidrei/Erev Yom Kippur Service, 7:30 PM*
Wed
- 2 Yom Kippur Morning Service, 10:00 AM*
Yom Kippur Children's Program/Svc, 10:00 AM
Jewish Journeys, 1:00 PM
Special Program, 2:00 PM
Yom Kippur Afternoon Service, 3:30 PM
Yizkor Memorial Service, 4:30 PM
Ne'ilah Concluding Service follows

*Tickets required; please contact us!

Parashat Ha'azinu **Deuteronomy 32:1-52**

- 3 Erev Shabbat Family-Style Service,
Fri Wolff Chapel, 5:30 PM
 - 4 Shabbat Morning Study, 9:15 AM
Sat "Listening and Hearing"
- Sukkah Building and Havdalah at the home of Rabbi Feshbach and Julie Novick for 7th-12th Grade students and families, 4:30 PM

Sukkot

- 6 Erev Sukkot Service,
Mon Under the Sukkah, 5:30 PM
Wakling Taco Family Fun following services
Dinner: \$10/person or \$36/family.
RSVP by Friday, October 3.
- 7 Sukkot Festival Morning Service,
Tue Wolff Chapel, 10:30 AM

Shabbat Chol HaMoed Sukkot

(The Intermediate Sabbath of Sukkot)

Exodus 33:12-34:26

- 10 Outdoor Service (weather permitting) for
Fri Erev Shabbat Chol HaMoed Sukkot, 5:30 PM
BYO Picnic Dinner follows the service
- 11 Special Shabbat Morning Study:
Sat The Book of Kohelet (Ecclesiastes), 9:00 AM
Shabbat B'Yachad: Joint Reform Shabbat
Morning Service with Shirat Hayam, at
Beth Israel, Wolff Chapel, 10:00 AM
Kiddush Luncheon follows the service.
RSVP for lunch to bethisrael@cbnorthfield.org
or 609-641-3600 by Wednesday, October 8.

Simchat Torah

- 13 "Pre-Neg" Oneg: Hors D'oeuvres and
Mon Candy Apple Family Expedience, 5:00 PM
Erev Simchat Torah Service, 5:30 PM
The Torah, the Whole Torah and nothing but
the Torah! Unroll and dance with the scrolls!
- 14 Simchat Torah/Shmini Atzeret,
Tue Festival Morning and Yizkor Memorial Service,
Wolff Chapel, 10:30 AM

Parashat Bereishit **Genesis 1:1-6:8**

- 17 Erev Shabbat Service, Wolff Chapel, 5:30 PM
Fri
- 18 Shabbat Morning Study, 9:15 AM
Sat

Parashat Noach **Genesis 6:9-11:32**

- 24 Erev Shabbat Service, Wolff Chapel, 5:30 PM
Fr
- 25 Shabbat Morning Study, 9:15 AM
Sat

Yesterday and Tomorrow

Message from Rabbi Michael L. Feshbach



Recently I was asked to give three answers to security questions, to set up one online account or another. The final question took me a moment. What is your favorite song? There were many I could come up with, but I wanted a single word, and something I could remember. What came into my head, then, was "Yesterday." And, then, I recalled the plot of a movie of the same name from a few years back.

We begin with Jack Malick, a stylistically-challenged kind of clueless decidedly unsuccessful aspiring British singer-songwriter of Indian descent, played by the (by contrast) quite talented actor Himesh Patel. After a few opening scenes, Malick decides to give up on his dreams. He is ready to retire from the music world.

But then he is in an accident while riding his bike. He flies through the air, and hits his head.

On being picked up by his manager, he throws off a line from an old Beatles song. She reacts as if the lyric was brilliant – and new. He gives her a puzzled look, mentions the Beatles, and is greeted with: "who?"

Confused, he goes straight to Google. On entering the term "Beatles," the results focus only on insects.

And then things get interesting. Malick, of course, cannot resist the temptation... He scrambles to write down as many Beatles songs as he can from memory (since there are no records, and no record of any of the lyrics in this world where the Beatles never existed). He begins playing the songs.

At first people react with ongoing indifference. But then, since this is a movie, things take off. His career explodes. And Jack Malick, passing the songs off as his own creations, reintroduces the Beatles to a world which knew them not.

And this, of course, made me think about the High Holy Days.

There is an initially obvious connection. Is this a sin, what he did? If so, how would he go about repenting? The movie does address that, but that is not what I meant.

No, for me the question is: let's say you have something truly great. It could be an idea, a product – or something inside you, even a character trait, part of who you are. It is something that clicked, that flourished, that worked really well, that had a tremendous impact on the world.

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Now, change the circumstances, the opportunities, the back story. This piece of greatness... will it still work? Does it still succeed? Does it have the same impact?

The question I am trying to ask is this: is quality inherent, something which will emerge in different settings? Or is everything shaped and bound and inextricably linked to and constrained by chance and circumstance?

How is that a question for the High Holy Days? This is a season of looking around, and looking inside. What have we done, and where are we going? And who are we, really, wherever we may be at the moment?

This last, then, is perhaps the key spiritual question of the season: who are we, at our core, no matter where we are? What traits, what qualities stay true, and shine through, no matter the situation or circumstances? What is it about ourselves that we want to keep? And what do we want to let go?

May this be a time, for all of us, of being in touch with quality of life and the qualities of our lives. May we distinguish between what is lasting, and what is passing. May we write our own words, sing our own songs... and may we take our yesterdays, and make them into the tomorrows we want.

And, like signing up for all those online accounts, maybe the other point of the season has to do with all those questions. And the ways we prove we are not a robot (ironically, of course, generated, asked and screened by robots). What are the right questions? What are our answers? And how can we, truly, be more secure?

Julie, Benjamin, Daniel and Talia join me in wishing all of you a wonderful, happy and healthy new year of 5786.

L'shana Tova Tikateivu,
May we be written for a good year,

Michael L. Feshbach
Rabbi



High Holy Day Greetings

Message from Linda Karp, President



We are so lucky to live at the Shore. We can enjoy the beauty of the ocean, and all that this area has to offer. The days are now getting shorter and cooler. Autumn is in the air. We have gotten past those 96-degree, humid days of summer and now we welcome Fall. This means the High Holidays are almost here.

Each year I always remember the words of Rabbi Weis:
“The holidays are not early, they are not late, they are right on time.”

As we approach these High Holidays, I look back at the past year at Beth Israel and smile for all that we accomplished. The year ahead promises to be even better. Each year, at the High Holidays, we are able to evaluate our past year and look to the future to see what we can improve.

We can ask ourselves how can we make Beth Israel even better?
The answer is simple: YOU can become involved. Attend Shabbat Services, serve on a committee, participate in our programs and activities, join our monthly book group, support our fundraisers.

Beth Israel is here for you, and we need and appreciate you. Being part of a synagogue allows you to be part of a larger community of your people. You have a spiritual connection and a sense of supportive community for life cycle events. Being part of a community teaches future generations that being Jewish matters.

During our Services, Rabbi Feshbach will again share the Bimah with Spencer Reichman, a Cantorial Soloist. Together they will help us experience the beauty and importance of the Days of Awe. Together we will all hear the sounds of the shofar.

Thank you to our clergy, our professional staff, our officers, our Board of Trustees, and our volunteers. Each of you plays an important part in our success.

I look forward to greeting you and your families at our High Holiday Services.
On behalf of myself, my husband Howard, and the rest of my family, I wish each of you a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year. May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life.

Shana Tova,
Linda

Memories Old and New

**Message from Susan Sokalsky,
Executive Director**



Shana Tova.

Once again, the New Year is upon us. Early or late, they are always on time. Our minds tell us to look forward with great hope for a new year that is fulfilling for us and our families.

Our hearts, however, bring us memories of holidays gone by; the traditions we grew up with and the new traditions created when we began our own families. When Michael and I sit around our Yontif table and we share our memories, our boys always say "OK Mom, we already know the Aunt Cecil story". I always tie off one cupboard during Passover. That is where our chametz stays, always using a red ribbon. One year it was blue, and the boys were upset. That wasn't their memory.

This year, take the time to create new family memories. I hope that you will include Beth Israel in these activities. We have many inclusive programs for your entire family during the holidays.

Our lives today are filled each day with new information, AI and social media. We are connected, yet apart. Connect with your Temple family. We share many memories together. Collectively, let's make some new ones.

Shana Tova,

Susan



Message from Cookie Feldman, Director of Education



This has been an incredibly busy but fast summer. It seems like I was just enjoying July, when suddenly August appeared and brought the promise of September. New beginnings, new classes, new teachers, new programs and always hopes of success. One would think that after the many years I have sat at this desk, I would feel a bit bored or tired of all the newness. But somehow it just excites me and makes me anxious as if it were my first school opening. Yes, I am the person that does not sleep very well on the Saturday before the first Sunday school. There are always new faces to greet and more children to get to know.

This year we **begin Sunday School on September 7**. We are excited to welcome back Stephania Albert (preschool), Beth Van Sykle (kindergarten), Sindy Baker (grades 1 & 2), Felicia Niven (grades 3 & 4) Julie Novick (grade 5), and Lea Glina (grade 6). A new addition this year is Jonathan Davis (grade 7). We are using a new curriculum called Shalom Learning this year that focuses on Jewish values and holidays. We are also including Sunday morning Tefillah with Rabbi Feshbach which helps our students become more familiar with prayers and the Siddur.

Along with our dedicated teaching staff, we also have a group of high school students, *madrichim*, teaching assistants who work on Sunday mornings. This year we welcome Ella Barnett, Jules Pattillo, Oriellah Caplan, Tyler Wood, Noa Lichtenwalner, Lauren Albert and Bailey Lefsky. These young people bring joy and smiles to our Sunday School as well as their own special expertise.

Beth Israel recently purchased new *Siddurim* for our family services. We are incredibly grateful to the Brickman/Gross Continuing Educational Fund for providing the resources to make this happen. We will have special Shabbat services, Shabbat No'ar, using these *Siddurim* that are very child friendly. It will be a wonderful way for all our members, both young and those not so young, to welcome Shabbat. I hope you will join us on **Friday, September 12th** as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year using our new Siddurim. Our children will be participating, and we will have a special Oneg following services.

As we begin again, it is time to welcome the High Holidays. There will be concurrent programming during services for children ages 3 to grade 4. We will also offer High Holiday services for those children signed up as well as those in grades 5 & 6. Our 8th grade students will be helping Ms. Felicia, and me lead the service. There will also be a special Shofar song and practice session before Taslich on the beach at Huntington Ave, Margate at 3:30 for our youngest children. Please bring your tots to get plastic shofars and sing songs!

So many things happening at Beth Israel this year. I look forward to sharing all these days with you and your family.

From my family to yours, best wishes for a sweet and healthy New Year.
Cookie

Join us at Beth Israel for

the mystical, magical, candle-lit

Service of Selichot

Beth Israel

Saturday, September 13, 2025

7:00 PM

Forgive

We come together at
at 7:00 PM for refreshments.

At 8:00 PM we enter the darkened Sanctuary
as our teens bring in the white-robed scrolls,
lead us in Havdalah, and,
to the sound of the shofar,
we begin the actual, powerful
Service of Selichot



The 8:00 PM service will also be streamed online at
www.cbinorthfield.org and on our You Tube Channel

Calling all congregants
and members of the community:

High Holy Day Food Drive

Jewish Family Service Food Bank Needs Us Now!

The JFS Food Bank is in urgent need of food. Their pantry is bare.

**Fill a bag and return it to the Temple as you arrive
for Kol Nidre Services or Yom Kippur Services.**

If you are watching virtually, please consider dropping a bag
directly to JFS at 601 N. Jerome Avenue in Margate,
or here at Beth Israel.

All foods donated must be canned or boxed items,
non-perishable and unopened.

The following are suggested items:

Peanut Butter
Juice Boxes
BBQ Sauce
Ketchup
Mustard
Mayonnaise
Prepared Pasta
Apple Sauce
Canned Fruit

Tuna - pouches preferred
Crackers (saltines, in sleeves)
Canned Soups
Jam and Jelly
Hand-held Can Openers
Diapers
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Baby Wipes


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**Let us do our part
to make sure
that people
do not go hungry!**

Welcome Back Shabbat!

Friday, September 12, 2025

Joyful, upbeat Shabbat Service, 5:30 PM
with religious school class participation

**Elaborate Oneg Shabbat
follows services**

A special thank you to the Brickman/
Gross Special Purpose Fund for the
purchase of special new prayerbooks
we will introduce at this service!



It's Never Too Late!!

**Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Class
forming at Beth Israel**

**Sunday, September 28,
11:00 AM**



Didn't have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at age thirteen? Are you from a non-observant home where none of children went to Hebrew School? Are you a woman from a family where only the boys received a Jewish education? Were you not Jewish growing up? Or did you have a Bar Mitzvah when you were young, but are approaching the age of 83 (and, since some say that "counting begins again" at age 70, you would be turning 13 all over again)?

There are many reasons leading adult Jews to go through this relatively modern ritual of an "adult" Bar or Bat Mitzvah. At Beth Israel we have a long tradition of welcoming those who want to explore this process, no matter their current level of Hebrew, and working with our adult learners to shape their Jewish studies to follow the leads of their own interests.

Think an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah might be for you?

**Let us know you are thinking of this and that you might be interested, by contacting
Nancy Moore at Nancy.moore@cbnorthfield.org, or 609-641-3600.**

**Come to an Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah Exploratory Meeting
in Rabbi Feshbach's study on Sunday, September 28, 11:00 AM**

Sukkot and Simchat Torah

Coming just days after Yom Kippur, the week-long holiday of Sukkot (The Feast of Booths), and the semi-linked, semi-independent observance of Shmini Atzeret/Simchat Torah are often "lost" on our calendars. But these Jewish Festivals are also occasions for coming together, and for celebration.

To mark Sukkot and Simchat Torah this year
we come together for

Sukkah Building Family Experience Saturday, October 4, 2025

Build a Sukkah from Scratch

Teens (7th-12th Grade) and families,
and any others interested, at the home of
Rabbi Michael Feshbach and Julie Novick, 4:30-6 PM

Drinks and Dairy Snacks

Bring a drill if you can!

For the address and other details,
RSVP to bethisrael@cbinorthfield.org
or 609-541-3600 by Monday, September 30

Erev Sukkot Monday, October 6, 2025

**Erev Sukkot Family Service
and Special Tot Program, 5:30 PM**

Walking Tacos Family Fun follows services

Cost: \$10/person or \$36/family; RSVP to
bethisrael@cbinorthfield.org or 609-641-3600
by Friday, October 3

First Day of Sukkot Tuesday, October 7, 2025

**Sukkot Festival Morning Service,
Wolff Chapel, 10:30 AM**



Erev Simchat Torah Monday, October 13, 2025

Hors D'oeuvres and Candy Apple
Family Experience, 5:00 PM

Erev Simchat Torah Service,
including dancing with the scrolls, 5:30 PM

***L'dor vaDor: From Generation to
Generation - special gifts for the two
youngest people present!***

**New this year: we are only including
the Torah service, not a full Evening
Service, to allow a more focused
experience for our families!**

**This service will not be streamed!
Please come in person so that
we have enough people
to unroll the scroll!**

Simchat Torah and Shmini Atzeret Tuesday, October 14, 2025

Simchat Torah Festival Morning Service,
including Yizkor Memorial Prayers
for loved ones we have lost
Wolff Chapel, 10:30 AM

THIRD ANNUAL
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followed by a Kiddush Luncheon

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

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Service led by

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LIVESTREAM
AND ZOOM AVAILABLE
RSVP for Kiddish Luncheon
to bethisrael@cbnorthfield.org
or 609-641-3600 by
Wednesday, October 8



Save the Date:

Beth Israel Fall Thrift Sale

Sunday, November 2

Monday, November 3

**Help needed for setup
and in other ways
beginning on October 26**

Please contact Susan Sokalsky
at 609-641-3600 or susan.sokalsky@cbnorthfield.org
if you can help!

Antisemitism in the U.S.: What the Research Shows & Actions We Can Take Tuesday, October 28th, 7 PM

**Abbey Krain,
Senior Associate Regional Director, ADL Philadelphia**



We will learn about the ADL's work, the current state of antisemitism, how we are personally impacted and what we can do to combat this hatred.

ADL is the leading anti-hate organization in the world. Founded in 1913, its mission is “to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all.” Today, ADL continues to fight all forms of antisemitism and bias, using innovation and partnerships to drive impact. A global leader in combating antisemitism, countering extremism and battling bigotry wherever and whenever it happens, ADL works to protect democracy and ensure a just and inclusive society for all.

Abbey Krain began her role as the Senior Associate Regional Director at ADL Philadelphia in July of 2023. She is a passionate Jewish communal professional and spent the majority of her career as a synagogue executive director. Abbey has had the opportunity to work in reform, conservative, orthodox, secular and different Jewish cultural environments. Abbey graduated from Brandeis University with a B.A. in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies and has her MSW from Washington University in St. Louis. Abbey loves to talk about college (her twins graduated in May of 2024 and her youngest is in his junior year), books, gardening and her citrus trees (which include grapefruit, lemon, mandarin orange and etrog).

JPlace Book Group

Join us for a lively discussion.
Conversations always evolve into interesting
and diverse views on life issues.

Wednesday, September 17, 2025
1:00 PM

***The Dressmakers of
Prospect Heights,***
by Kitty Zeldis

A haunting meditation on the bonds between mothers and daughters. Zeldis offers a fascinating look into historic New York City and New Orleans, and her skill as a storyteller is matched by her compassion for her characters. What a beautiful read.”—

Fiona Davis, New York Times bestselling author of
The Magnolia Palace



As the Torah Turns: A psycho-spiritual approach

The Torah is not just about “then” and them.”
It is also about us, and now. Come see how some of the
great Chasidic masters used psychology and spirituality
to apply old words in new ways - and how we can do this too!

Wednesday Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Feshbach
October 29, November 5, 12 and 19, 1:00 PM

We share the news of...



A hearty mazal tov :

Sharon Simon and Brad Simon on the marriage of their son **Max** to **Juliette Nancy** and **Scott Mitnick**, along with grandparents **Paula and Joe Mitnick**, **Steve and Marge Gosin** and **Elaine Shusman** on the engagement of their son **Michael** to **Seena Ludwig**
Melissa Rosenblum on becoming President of Jewish Family Service

"There are stars up above..."

We mourn the loss of...

JOSEPH DROR
Father of Oranit Caplan





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a beautiful place to explore your spirituality,
lift your spirits, and celebrate the infinite value
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