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High Holiday Services Information

We hope all of you are enjoying this summer in good health and with the opportunity to share it with those you love. Here is an update on the plans for the fast-approaching High Holidays.

We are thrilled to announce that our community will be able to gather in a combination of in-person and virtual events, with live streaming available to anyone who wishes to worship from home. Because the safety of all is our primary concern, there will be limitations on all in-person events. Practices such as masking and socially-distanced seating indoors for all as well as masks and social distancing outdoors for anyone who, for whatever reason, is at the time not fully vaccinated will be in effect. Total numbers allowed will follow up-to-date CDC and state guidelines. Protocols notwithstanding, the happy news is we will all have the opportunity, if we choose, to be together at the synagogue for some portion of the High Holiday services.

You will not be receiving paper tickets this year. Rather, members will be able to access their tickets online. A complete schedule of services is attached to this letter. Please note the following important dates and register for your preferred events on our website.

- August 2nd, 9:00 am: Registration opens to members only. Watch your email for an advance registration code to unlock tickets.
- August 16th, 12:01 am: Registration opens for non-members, including family of members.
- August 23rd 11:59 pm: Registration closes.

Everyone must register for all events online except those without access to the internet. If we know you do not have a computer, tablet or smartphone, we will be mailing everything you need by mail. If you have any questions, please contact Maria at (860)-243-3576.

Due to space limitations, on August 2nd, you may register for two of the following three in-person services: Rosh Hashanah Day 1 (morning), Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidre), and Yom Kippur (morning). You may register for the third on August 16th if space is available. Registration for in-person Rosh Hashanah Day 2 (morning) and Ne'ilah services is unrestricted. All reservations will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

We look forward to greeting as many of you as possible in person this year. Enjoy the remainder of the summer and look for more communications and mailings in preparation for the holidays.

Rabbi Debra Cantor and Jon Tress, Religious Committee Chair

See page 3 of this bulletin for the High Holiday Services Schedule.



BTS High Holiday Services Schedule

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, September 6

Erev Rosh Hashanah

6:30-7:00 pm (Zoom) — Welcoming in a Sweet New Year Together!

Tuesday, September 7

First Day of Rosh Hashanah

10:00 am-12:15 pm (inside at BTS and live-streaming) – Morning Service, Torah Reading & Sermon

2:00 – 3:00 pm – (outdoors, weather permitting) Tashlich and Sounding the Shofar

Wednesday, September 8

Second Day of Rosh Hashanah

10:00 am-12:15 pm (inside at BTS and live-streaming) – Morning Service and Torah Reading

2:00-3:00 pm (Zoom) – Community Text Study/Discussion with Rabbi Cantor

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, September 15

Erev Yom Kippur

6:30-8:30 pm (inside at BTS and live-streaming) – Kol Nidre, Sermon and Evening Service

Thursday, September 16

Yom Kippur Day

10:00 am-12:15 pm (inside at BTS and live-streaming) – Morning Service and Torah Reading

2:00-3:00 pm (Zoom) – Yizkor/Remembering Together

4:30-5:30 pm – Jonah/Mincha (Zoom)

6:30-7:45 pm (inside at BTS and live-streaming) – Ne'ilah (Shofar and Havdalah outdoors, weather permitting)

Friends of Yiddish

Sunday, August 8th at 10:30 am



Friends of Yiddish is an informal, mostly English, bilingual drop-in social group which meets to hear a guest speaker or discussion & maybe absorb a Yiddish word or two.

This Friends of Yiddish event will be held in person in the social hall at B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom, 180 Still Road, Bloomfield, rain or shine. RSVP by emailing Barbara Katzman at barbaralenore@yahoo.com.



In-Person Event Guidelines

- Vaccinated individuals are not required to wear masks or observe social distancing at outdoor programs.
- When in the synagogue, everyone must wear masks and maintain social distancing.
- Those who are unvaccinated for any reason must wear masks and maintain distance at all times, both outside and in the building.
- There will be no eating or drinking at indoor group events.

These guidelines are subject to change at any time based on CDC recommendations, our state's rates of infection, new variants and other factors.

The cover photo of Captain Jack's Wharf in Provincetown, the photo of Pow Wow Pink Wildberry coneflowers in her garden on this page and the photo of a foggy Head of the Meadow Beach in Truro, MA, on page 9 are courtesy of Shari J. Cantor.

Who's Who at BTS: Janna Gross

Janna, a retired occupational therapist, lives in West Simsbury with her husband, Jeffrey Gross, the Chair of the Department of Anesthesiology at UConn Health. She and Jeff have two children, Benjamin, Vice President for Research and Scholarship at the Linda Hall Library in Kansas City, Missouri, and Andrea, a research physician at the National Institute for Health. Janna is the Past President of BTS and has served on numerous BTS committees. Currently, she is the chair of the Reopening Committee and the Lifelong Learning Committee.

You have an interesting Jewish background. Can you tell us more about that?

Being Jewish was important to our family, but while we were members of a synagogue, service attendance was relegated to simchas, such as Bar or Bat Mitzvahs and weddings. Dedicated to supporting Israel, my parents were actively involved in Labor Zionist movement. Jewish education was a priority in our household. My two sisters and I were strongly encouraged to continue our Jewish education beyond Hebrew School. In addition to having degrees in physics, biology, science and education, all three of us received degrees from Gratz College, which specializes in Jewish studies.

And then there was summer camp. Each summer we went to a Jewish overnight camp for two months. And not just any summer camp. Camp Galil was based on a kibbutz and each day's schedule included an hour of communal work as well as learning Hebrew language and discussion groups about social issues. We had the usual camp activities too, of course; sports, swimming, arts and crafts, etc. I may have been trepidatious at the beginning of each season; once I got there I loved Camp Galil!

I've heard rumors about you skipping your senior year in high school. Who would have guessed that you were such a rebel?

I wasn't really much of a rebel. I still obeyed my parents, attended Jewish high school AND attended the Philadelphia High School for Girls, which was the academic magnet.

I did surprise my parents in in the middle of my junior year. The guidance counselor offered me entrance to a special program to let me skip my last year of high school with an early admission to Temple University. Without informing my parents, I accepted, and they found out about it as a fait accompli. The good news was I got admitted to the special program. The bad news was they had to start paying college tuition a year early!

While at Gratz College you studied many things including Jewish ethnomusicology. How did that come about?

Some courses always interest us more than others. At Gratz, Talmud was, perhaps, my favorite subject, until I took my first class in the Jewish ethnomusicology department. I became fascinated by the opportunity to listen and learn about many different types of

Jewish music, as well as the various sources of our *nusach*, Torah trope and prayer melodies. (And given the choice between taking Hebrew classes or music classes, music won out hands down.) Due to my lack of formal musical training, I didn't participate in the final performance measure. I was fine with not having an official major. Taking the classes and learning about the music was reward enough.

So you had a degree from Gratz in a totally unrelated field. How did you end up becoming an occupational therapist?

While I was at Gratz College taking courses for my BHL, I also attended Temple University in order to obtain a secular degree. My college interests were broad and I had several concentrations. In looking for a practical career I was considering several options when I realized that occupational therapy was a field which allowed me to merge many of my interests. I completed my education and fieldwork at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Allied Medical Professions. As an occupational therapist, I worked with people to improve their abilities to participate in everyday life in multiple subspecialties including inpatient psychiatric hospitals, short and long-term rehabilitation settings and home health. I even became a lactation consultant working with new parents and training other health care professionals.

Some of us think of you as the Crocheting Queen of BTS. How did you get into crocheting and how many kippot do you think you've crocheted over the years?

I remember learning to crochet sometime mid-elementary school. After learning the basics, I was "hooked" and started making all kinds of things, some with better results than others. The summer when I was fifteen years old, I was in Israel studying at an ulpan and it was there that I got a smaller hook and fine cotton thread and made my first kippah. Since then, I have made many, many kippot. I've crocheted them for weddings and other special events as well. I enjoy the process. As for how many I've crocheted, I'm afraid I never counted and will have to leave the readers in the dark on this.



Congregation B'nai Sholom Cemetery

The Congregation B'nai Sholom Cemetery will be open on the following days for visitation for Fall 2021:

Sunday, August 22nd	14th	Elul
Sunday, August 29th	21st	Elul
Sunday, September 5th	28th	Elul Labor Day Weekend
Sunday, September 6th	29th	Elul Labor Day
Sunday, September 12th	6th	Tishrei (Memorial Service / Noon)
Sunday, September 19th	13th	Tishrei

Information concerning the memorial service will be available in the September bulletin.

Weather Permitting, The Gates Will Be Open From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Should you desire to visit at other times, there is a walk-in entrance to the right of the gate.

B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom Cemeteries

Both the Hartford and the Windsor BTS cemeteries will be open daily through the month of September.

For safety purposes, it would be prudent to make your visits to the Congregation B'nai Sholom Cemetery or any of the B'nai Tikvoh-Sholom Cemeteries in the company of others.



Friday, August 20th at 7:00 pm
Outdoors Kabbalat Shabbat Services

JOIN US FOR

BIRTHDAY SHABBAT

Let's say happy birthday to everyone who is celebrating this month!

PLEASE NOTE: Advance registration is now required for all online BTS events, including services and study. With just one registration for any recurring event, you'll automatically be signed up for each week's meeting. You'll also receive emails 15-30 minutes in advance to remind you to sign in and provide you with everything you need to participate. If you do not have a computer, tablet or smartphone, contact Maria during office hours (Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm) and she will provide you with the information to dial in.

SERVICES

Please see in person event guidelines on page 5 of this bulletin.

Weeknight Minyan

Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm

Minyanim that are followed by an event will use the Zoom connection information of that event.

Only one registration is necessary to attend this and all other weeknight minyans.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/TvYx9y4/BTSWednesdayMinyan>.

Welcome Shabbat with Rabbi Cantor on Zoom

Friday, August 6th, 13th and 27th, at 7:00 pm

Rabbi Cantor will be away on Friday, August 13th, but Welcome Shabbat will still take place.

We'll gather online (or by phone) to gently make the transition from the stresses of the week into Shabbat. We'll sing some Shabbat melodies, share words of Torah, recite a prayer for healing and Mourner's *Kaddish*, and then make *kiddush*. BYOB (Bring your own wine and *kiddush* cup.)

Only one registration is necessary to attend this and all other Welcome Shabbat services.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/D2vxQx2/BTSFridayNightShabbat>.

Outdoor Kabbalat Shabbat & Birthday Shabbat

Friday, August 20th at 7:00 pm

Services will take place inside BTS if the weather is inclement.

We'll gather together at BTS to celebrate Shabbat and June birthdays. There will be cupcakes! No registration necessary.

Shabbat Morning Deep Dive: Torah Reading & Lively Text Study On Zoom

Saturday, August 14th and 21st at 11:00 am

Rabbi Cantor will be away on Saturday, August 14th, but Shabbat Morning Deep Dive will still take place.

Engage in Rabbi Cantor's interactive Shabbat Torah study right in your living room (or kitchen, or office!) Each week, after a short Torah reading, we'll delve into a section of the portion together, and conclude by reciting *Kaddish* and *kiddush*. Bring your own wine!

Pick up your free copies of the Torah/Pentateuch in the outer lobby of the *shul* to keep at home.

Only one registration is necessary to attend this and all other Shabbat Morning Deep Dive Services.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/vlF3Orb/BTSShabbatDeepDive>.

Shabbat Morning Services Inside at BTS

Saturday, August 7th and 28th at 10:00 am

Join Rabbi Cantor at BTS for Shabbat morning services and an engaging interactive exploration of the Torah portion and its relationship to our lives today. Please see in person event guidelines on page 5 of this bulletin.

Selichot Services at Beth El Temple

Saturday, August 28th at 9:00 pm

2626 Albany Avenue, West Hartford

Stayed tuned for more info about the community-wide Conservative Selichot Services at Beth El Temple.

Mazal Tov to:

Robert and Phyllis Berman, on their 50th wedding anniversary

Miriam and Norman Fleishman on their 65th wedding anniversary on August 30th

Burt Miller, on the engagement of his granddaughter Abby Schneiderman, daughter of Abby and Eric Schneiderman, to Alex Putterman

Refuah Sheleymah to:

Charlotte Block, Debby Butler, Eric Butler, Arthur Cassel, Alan Fein, Mary Calvert-Heavlin, Judith Cramer, Roslyn Elston,

Bill Fabian, Bob Gerrol, Shirley Gerrol, Barry Goldberg, Lynn Kaplan-Goldberg, Leon Goldsmith, Arlene Herzig, Jon Israel, Jan Jeremias,

Barbara Locurto, Cindy Maher, Burt Miller, Judy Pearlson, Rabbi Marshal Press, Marty Shinder, Ronny Siegel, Fillis Stober, Marion Warner

Condolences to:

Karen Pava, and Family on the death of husband Joseph Pava, son of Si and Marion Pava z"ll, on July 5th

Donations as of July 15th

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Bruce & Randi, Bernheimer, in memory of Francine "Diddy" Thierfeld

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Janis Homar, in honor of the yahrzeit of Fannie Goldman

Janis Homar, in honor of the yahrzeit of Shirley Homar

Bernice Matty, in honor of Dale Osborn becoming president of BTS

Larry Rosenberg, in memory of Sydney Siskin

Alice Schwartz, in memory of Francine "Diddy" Thierfeld

Marsh Tellan, in honor of the yahrzeit of Sayde B. Tellan

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Jon & Robin Thierfeld, in appreciation of Rabbi Cantor and Lenny Holtz for all they did for the family of Francine Thierfeld

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Norma K. Fienman, in honor of the yahrzeit of her mother Alice Kosto

BUILDING FUND

Jerry & Barb Hirsch, in memory of Sydney Siskin



August 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1 23 Av	2 24 Av BTS Office Closed	3 25 Av	4 26 Av 7:00 Minyan	5 27 Av	6 28 Av 7:00 Welcome Shabbat 7:44 Candle Lighting	7 29 Av <i>Re'eh</i> 10:00 Shabbat Services Indoors at BTS
8 30 Av Rosh <u>H</u>odesh Elul 10:30 Friends of Yididsh at BTS	9 1 Elul	10 2 Elul	11 3 Elul 7:00 Minyan	12 4 Elul	13 5 Elul 7:00 Welcome Shabbat 7:35 Candle Lighting	14 6 Elul <i>Shoftim</i> 11:00 Shabbat Deep Dive
15 7 Elul	16 8 Elul Bulletin Deadline	17 9 Elul	18 10 Elul 7:00 Minyan	19 11 Elul	20 12 Elul 7:00 Outdoors Kabbalat Shabbat/ Birthday Shabbat 7:25 Candle Lighting 	21 13 Elul <i>Ki Teitzei</i> 11:00 Shabbat Deep Dive
22 14 Elul	23 15 Elul	24 16 Elul	25 17 Elul 7:00 Minyan	26 18 Elul	27 19 Elul 7:00 Welcome Shabbat 7:14 Candle Lighting	28 20 Elul <i>Ki Tavo</i> 10:00 Shabbat Services Indoors at BTS 9:00 Community-wide Conservative Selichot Services at Beth El Temple
29 21 Elul	30 22 Elul	31 23 Elul				



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Mail and items placed in the drop box will be picked up.

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To offset the costs of operating the building

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To fund Lifelong Learning

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To support the operation of the synagogue

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