



# Congregation Beth El

A seasonal, egalitarian synagogue affiliated with the Conservative Movement

Founded in 1947

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\*z"l May their memory be for a blessing.



Shalom CBE Members and Friends,

We are fast approaching the end of summer. Though the corona virus has made it impossible for us to meet for *Shabbat* services in person, I'm happy that we have had an alternate way to be together on Zoom.

If you haven't tried Zoom yet, you have one more Shabbat, this Friday of Labor Day Weekend, and on the High Holy Days, which begin Wednesday evening, September 18<sup>th</sup>, in which to participate. Services will be led by Ari Kramer - see **page 3** for details. If you're shy and don't want to be on camera, you can choose to listen only.

Finally, if you have paid your membership dues, we thank you! If you haven't, we hope you will continue to support CBE this year. We have a new Venmo account to make it easier to pay or to donate: Our ID is: "**Congregation-Bethel**" exactly like this. Our ID picture is of the synagogue with its distinctive blue door. Written checks are always welcome. All the info is on our membership form attached at the end of this newsletter.

Happy, Healthy New Year to all!  
Lisa



**High Holy Days 2020/5781**

Rosh HaShanah  
Friday, Sept 18 - Sunday, Sept 20

Yom Kippur  
Sunday, Sept 27 - Monday, Sept 28

See page 3 for service details!

Zoom Services w/  
Congregation Beth El  
Watch for details!

Wishing Everyone a Shanah Tovah u'Metukah - a Good and Sweet New Year!

# Congregation Beth El Zoom Friday Evening Services



It has been such a pleasure to join with our congregants, families and friends each week to welcome *Shabbat* via our Zoom Friday evening services. *Todah rabah*, thank you very much, to our virtual *Oneg Shabbat* sponsors and *yasher koach*, "more power to you," to those who participated in services. Services were enriched by Michelle Gavens and Lyn Rosenberg who presented guest *d'verei Torah*. And a *kol hakavod*, literally "all the honor" to my daughter, Erin Waxenbaum, who served as our producer and made certain the technical aspects of Zooming ran smoothly!

Wishing you a *L'Shanah Tovah u'Metukah*, a Good and Sweet New Year!

Sharon Waxenbaum, *Ritual Chair*

## Yasher Koach to our service participants!

Nancy Bazillian	Michelle Gavens
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## Todah Rabah to our Virtual Oneg Shabbat Sponsors

- Aug 7 **BJ & Bill Diefenbacher** - In celebration of their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary.
- Aug 14 **Nancy Bazillian & Jan Rosenberg** - In memory of their father, Benjamin David Rosenberg.
- Marian & Rick Hyne** - In celebration of their 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary.
- Aug 21 **Marian & Rick Hyne** - In celebration of the birth of their grandson, Austin Zachary Hyne.
- Aug 28 **Lisa Semel & Jon Gudhart** - In celebration of the birth of Austin Zachary Hyne.
- Sept 4 **Glenn Semel** - In memory of our parents, Joan & Abe Semel, who brought us to OCB. And In memory of our grandparents, Tess & Joseph Goldberg, who introduced us to CBE.
- Sandy & Peter Patten** - In celebration of their special birthdays.

## Milestones & Mazal Tovs

**Elissa & Jay Hyne** celebrated the birth of their son, Austin Zachary Hyne, *Ronan*, on August 16, 2020. He is welcomed by big sister, Lily, and big brother, Brady, proud grandparents, **Marian & Rick Hyne**, great-grandmother, **Muriel Hyne**, and **Aunt Lynne & Uncle Ken Hyne**.



## Thank you for your generous donations!

- Natalie Mandell** - In honor of Deborah & Ira Feigenbaum, wishing the family well in their new beach home.
- Beth & Alan Laites** - In appreciation of CBE's thoughtful *Shabbat* package.
- Ruth & Andy Spitz and Family** - In memory of Preston Waxenbaum's Aunt Katie Cohen. May her memory be for a blessing.
- Marian & Rick Hyne** - In celebration of the birth of their grandson, Austin Zachary Hyne.
- Ruth & Andy Spitz and Sharon & Preston Waxenbaum** - In memory of Leo Bichunsky.
- Marian & Rick Hyne** - In memory of Leo Bichunsky.

## Virtual Candy Fund

- Michael Bernstein** - In honor of his grandchildren, Hayden, Allie and Kylie Bernstein.
- Carol & Larry Bojarski** - In honor of their grandchildren, Charlotte and Alexandra Lewis.
- Claire & Brian Culter** - In honor of Lisa Semel, Denise Dickstein, and Andrea Fenton for their *Shabbat* gift baskets delivered to members on the shoreline.
- Andrea & Fred Fenton** - In honor of Alexis Fenton.
- Marian & Rick Hyne** - In honor of their grandchildren, Lilly, Brady and Austin Hyne.
- Natalie Mandell** - In honor of her great-grandchildren, Sloan and Blake Daly.
- Sandy & Peter Patten** - In honor of their grandchildren, Josh Grove, Jolie and Rena Patten.
- Shari Most** - In honor of Danielle Most returning to college to get her degree.
- Lyn Rosenberg** - In honor of the Shafer and Rosenberg Families.
- Ruth & Andy Spitz** - In honor of their children, Rebecca & Tom, Amy & Alan, and Robbie.
- Sharon & Preston Waxenbaum** - In honor of their children, Erin & Brad, Erin & Josh, and grandchildren, Aden and Wesley.



The Congregation and Board of Trustees offer their deepest condolences to the following:

- Preston Waxenbaum** - On the loss of his aunt, Katie Cohen, on July 30, 2020.
- Myrna Bichunsky and Ellen Bobrow** - On the loss of their husband and father, Leo Bichunsky, on August 18, 2020.

*Zichronam livrocha,  
May the memory of the righteous be for a blessing.*

# High Holy Days • 2020/5781 • via Zoom at CBE

## Rosh HaShanah

Fri Sept 18 7:00 pm  
 Sat Sept 19 10:00 am  
 Sun Sept 20 10:00 am

## Yom Kippur

Sun Sept 27 Kol Nidre 6:30 pm  
 Mon Sept 28 Morning Service\* 10:00 am  
 Neilah 6:30 pm  
 Fast Ends 7:23 pm

\*Yizkor will take place during services

We look forward to celebrating the New Year with our *chazzan*, Ari Kramer. As you may recall, Ari first came to us in 2007 from Long Island, New York, where he is the Orchestra Director at Sayville High School.



Ari Kramer

He has an extensive background in *davening* at synagogues in New York and Rhode Island. As those who have joined us in the past will attest, Ari's heimish demeanor and inspiring melodies enhance our service and enrich the holiday experience for our congregation.

**Watch for Zoom log in info in mid-September!**



## Congregation Beth El has Cards!

Acknowledge a loss or a graduation, anniversary, birthday, wedding or any other happy occasion with a card from CBE!



There is a picture of the synagogue on the front and plenty of room for your message inside!

Contact **Denise Dickstein** and she'll send one for you! You can reach her at **860-836-8811** or **dickstein1@cox.net**.



## Shabbat & Holiday Candle Lighting Times

Shabbat	Fri	Sept	4	7:04 pm
Shabbat	Fri	Sept	11	6:52 pm
Shabbat	Fri	Sept	18	6:39 pm
Rosh HaShanah	Sat	Sept	19	7:38 pm
Shabbat	Fri	Sept	25	6:27 pm
Yom Kippur	Sun	Sept	27	6:24 pm

The word *yizkor* means "to remember." The **Yizkor Service** held on *Yom Kippur* refers to the special prayers said on behalf of family members and friends who have passed away.

An element of *yizkor* is the commitment to make a charitable donation in honor of the departed, to memorialize the passing of loved ones who influenced and inspired us during their lives. They continue to do so even after their passing. When you make an effort to help someone else or support the synagogue and do so in their memory, then they become the motivating cause behind your act of kindness.



You have the opportunity to fulfill this *mitzvah* by including the name of your loved one in our High Holy Day Book of Remembrance. **See page 7.** All names will be read aloud during the *Yizkor Service* on *Yom Kippur*.



## Project Re-Connect

Our CBE Board is interested in re-establishing connection with former members of our synagogue community, regardless of where they now live.

We maintain a database of emails, phone numbers and addresses of current and former members. If you know of people who might like to receive our newsletter and announcements, and perhaps participate in a Zoom service, please send their names and email addresses to **Brian Cutler** at **beachshulmembership@gmail.com**.



Congregation Beth El's

# Tree of Life

Are you looking for a meaningful way to remember a loved one, or commemorate someone's happy event or accomplishment? Mark the occasion by adding a leaf or stone on our CBE Tree of Life!

Fill out the form on page 5. If you have any questions, please contact **Anita Kaplowitz** at **860-559-7836**.

**Tashlich**, meaning to cast off, is a custom reflected in the writings of the Prophet Micah, "and you will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea." Jews go to a **flowing body of water**, such as a river or ocean, to empty their pockets of crumbs, symbolizing the hope that we can empty ourselves of wrongdoings and make ourselves clean and pure for the New Year.



There are many traditions as to the type of bread that is cast into the water. In consideration of the health of local fauna, some use bird seed instead of bread crumbs. Some Hebrew Schools ask their students to paint names of misdeeds on small stones that are then gently tossed into the water.

*Tashlich* is generally performed during the Ten Days of Repentance between *Rosh HaShanah* and *Yom Kippur*. Our CBE tradition is to walk down to the beach as a group following *Rosh HaShanah* services. Share this tradition with family and friends!

**L'Shanah tovah tikatevu v'tichatemu, May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year!**



Sharon Waxenbaum

Anita Kaplowitz (L) and Natalie Mandell (R) are enjoying a sweet treat at one of the several Ice Cream Socials held by Congregation Beth El last summer!



Happy Birthday!  
Sarah Bojarski Lewis Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>

CBE newsletters are published in June/July/August/September/December/April.

Please send your good news, simchas, birthdays and anniversaries to:

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## Annual Membership Form

*Welcome to our synagogue by the sea! We invite you to join our congregation!*

### Member Contact Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Beach Address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Facebook \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Dues:

Although we are a seasonal congregation, our expenses are incurred year round.  
We encourage you to be generous with your support.

_____ \$36 (minimum)	_____ \$118	_____ \$540
_____ \$54	_____ \$180	_____ \$720
_____ \$72	_____ \$360	_____ \$ Other

Please make checks payable to **Congregation Beth El.**

Please mail check and completed form to:

**Lisa Semel, President • 70 Colony Road • Old Lyme, CT 06371**

**Brian Cutler, CBE VP Membership • 33 Gorton Avenue • Old Lyme, CT 06371**

**Rick Hyne, CBE Treasurer • 19 Danielle Road • Wayne, New Jersey 07470**



Please help us prepare! Which of the 2020 High Holy Day Services do you plan to Zoom:

\_\_\_\_\_ Rosh HaShanah    \_\_\_\_\_ Yom Kippur

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## Tree of Life Order Form

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Order \_\_\_\_\_ Leaf @ \$75 OR \_\_\_\_\_ Stone @ \$295

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with love  
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the marriage of  
Rachel & Jake Isaacson  
  
Rivkah & Isaac  
Abramson

In memory of our  
beloved mother  
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Do you wish to have your donation acknowledged? Send to the person/family recognized at:

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## High Holy Day Book of Remembrance

Rosh HaShanah September 18-20, 2020 Yom Kippur September 27-28, 2020

The Yizkor memorial service is said four times a year. It is recited on Yom Kippur because of the belief that the dead, as well as the living, need atonement on this day. The Yizkor ritual also includes a pledge for charity, something that is believed to help avert a harsh decree.

The inclusion of the names of our dearly departed in our Congregation Beth El Book of Remembrance will allow us to recall our loved ones at this time of year, as well as to perform the mitzvah of tzedakah.

*All names in the Book of Remembrance will be read aloud during Yizkor on Yom Kippur.*

	Sample Listing: Julius Wallace	father of Joseph Wallace	Total	\$5
	or			
	Julius Wallace	father of Joseph Wallace		\$ 5
		grandfather of Sarah Wallace		\$ 5
		grandfather of Brian Wallace		\$ 5
		Total		\$15

**Each listing will be included at a cost of \$5.00 per line.**

Please list the names to be included on the lines below AS YOU WISH THEM TO APPEAR IN THE BOOKLET. Additional names may be included on the back of this form.

1	_____	\$ _____
2	_____	\$ _____
3	_____	\$ _____
4	_____	\$ _____
5	_____	\$ _____
6	_____	\$ _____
		Total \$ _____

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return your check and information, made payable to Congregation Beth El, to Rick Hyne at 19 Danielle Road, Wayne, NJ 07470 by **Sept 11<sup>th</sup>**.