

2011 - 2012  
5772  
MEMBERSHIP PACKET

# TEMPLE BETH EL

301 POSSUM PARK ROAD ■ NEWARK, DELAWARE 19711 ■ 302-366-8330

August 2011

Av 5771

Shalom Friends-

How wonderful to greet you in our new membership packet for 2012/ 5772!! Temple Beth El as a Reconstructionist synagogue serves a diverse population—**geographically** around the Newark area, **generationally** throughout all of the stages of life, and **spiritually**, embracing a variety of ways to practice Judaism. Due a great deal to the commitments and visions of the founders and sages of this community Temple Beth El has been a vibrant and healthy congregation.

If you are a well established member, I hope that you will continue to find places of familiarity and comfort, as well as inspiration and exploration. If you are a new or newer member of the synagogue, I hope that you will take the opportunity this year to engage in one of our committees, religious or social activities.

Last year was a major transition for this congregation. There is an inevitable effect when there is a change from one rabbinic leader to the next. While last year was an opportunity to get to know each other, I hope this year will include a better sense of familiarity and comfort with who we are as a congregation. As last year we established a good rhythm of services and programs, we plan to follow much of that pattern again this year to provide a feeling of stability. Our calendar and program committee has been working hard to make that work, as well.

As I begin my second year with the congregation, I hope to get to know you, the members, better. The numerous afternoon teas that were held last year offered opportunities to meet with members in small group settings. I hope that I can continue to learn from members, both well-established and newer, about your interests and hopes for our Jewish community. These conversations last year helped inspire many of the programs that are in place for this year.

As you explore this packet, I encourage you to think about how you can be involved. For example, as a community, we will be taking the time to explore the topic of Kashrut and food. We have a great choir program and an active Klezmer band. The Sisterhood and Men's Club are open opportunities to socialize and network with members of our community.

I hope that you find your place in our Jewish home, in Temple Beth El. Together we create community, *kehillah*. Together we create the energy that gives lift and meaning to the journey of life. And together we can proceed through this new year ahead.

In peace,  
Rabbi Micah Becker-Klein



MICAH BECKER-KLEIN  
Rabbi

DOLORES AARONSON  
Administrator

ANDREA FINESTRAUSS  
Principal



August, 2011

Shalom and welcome to another exciting year at Temple Beth El. We have a number of exciting events planned for the year, including our TBE picnic, Registration, & Open House on August 28<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4, a Havdallah service and dedication for the new Temko Building on September 24<sup>th</sup>, a Shabbat Unplugged musical Friday night service on November 4<sup>th</sup>, and an array of Sisterhood and Mens' Club activities, as well as the usual goings on. In order to develop a more balanced calendar, a planning committee was set up, composed of representatives of the Synagogue Executive Board and the auxiliary boards, as well as the religious school Principal, the Rabbi and the Administrator. By having a group with involvement from our Synagogue's major constituencies coordinating our planning activities, we hope is that we can achieve more support for the events these groups work so hard to develop.

As mentioned, we are having a single day of registration this year, and are hoping that a more festive affair will entice you all to come. In addition to registration, there will be a kosher barbeque and other treats, a bouncy inflatable, face painting and other picnic fun for the kids, as well as tours of the Temko building. To streamline the registration process, please review the packet and complete all relevant forms beforehand, so that you arrive with completed forms and check(s) in hand. For your convenience, if you meet the guidelines in the registration packet, you may mail your registration forms and your required dues payment in lieu of in-person registration, but that will be much less fun!

As you make your pledge, please keep in mind TBE's dues structure is based on each family paying its fair share, based on an honest evaluation of your total household income (from all sources). Your cooperation is critical in helping Temple Beth El meet its monthly budget obligations. To those who can and do give over and above the dues amount specified for their income level, your generosity helps us improve the quality of our facility and fulfill our mission, and to account for those few members who, due to hardship, must support the Temple Beth El community by giving of their time in lieu of some portion of their scheduled dues. Hope to see you at registration and after!!!

B'Shalom,

Marla Norton, TBE President

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**TEMPLE BETH EL PICNIC**  
**TBE REGISTRATION & OPEN HOUSE**  
**301 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE**  
**Sunday, August 28 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

We welcome you all to spend your afternoon at our Kosher barbecue visiting with Rabbi Micah and our TBE family, take a tour through the Victoria Benghiot Temko Building and register for the new year.

***Kosher barbecue w/vegetarian option***  
***Face Painting Kitchen Tours***  
***Bouncer Obstacle Course***



**WELCOME BACK  
BREAKFAST**  
**Sponsored by: TBE Boards**  
**Sunday, September 11**  
**at 9:30 a.m.**

Please join us at TBE's first brunch of the year. Take some time to sit and schmooze with old and new friends, enjoy a delicious breakfast and listen to an interesting speaker.  
New members will be our guest on this special Sunday. Breakfast cost \$7.00

**Dedication of The  
Victoria Benghiot Temko  
Center**  
**Havdallah & Selichot**  
**Food, Drink & Song!**  
**Saturday, September 24**  
**7:30 p.m.**



**2011/2012**  
**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Welcome to our new members and welcome back to our congregants.

Being a member of Temple Beth El offers more than just a place of worship. We are a caring community with the goal of making each and every member feel that we are part of your extended family. From our Sisterhood to our Men's Club and the various committees within our community, we strive to meet every member's needs, whether it be spiritual, educational or social.

Temple Beth El operates under a "Fair Share" Dues Schedule. It is very important to be supportive of our members, but we must also keep the synagogue on sound financial ground. TBE board members have worked hard to consider the needs of the synagogue and to evaluate how to control expenses and the potential impact of the current economy on our immediate and long-term future. The President and Treasurer will be monitoring the suggested levels of contribution during the 2011-2012 membership drive. Honesty and generosity are among the core values of Judaism.

We urge you to evaluate your commitment to Temple Beth El and our continued growth, not only in terms of membership but also in terms of the revenue dollars needed to support our many outstanding programs and activities including our excellent Religious School. If special financial arrangements are warranted, you must make that known prior at registration by contacting either the President, **Marla Norton at 610-255-0559** or Treasurer, **Jon Wolff at 302-836-0687**.

High Holy Day tickets will be given out at registration, picked up in the TBE office or in the lobby at High Holy Days. ***Tickets will be required at the door in order to maintain safety and security.***

This year we hope to see you all at our TBE Picnic/Registration on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have our new building open for tours and we will be reuniting with our TBE friends. **All families with religious school students MUST register in person.** If you cannot make the registration date please contact the office to make arrangements to register your child. For families who do not have children in religious school, you can mail your registration in to the office so you can come relax and enjoy the picnic. **Mailed registration forms are due by August 25<sup>th</sup>.**

Kindly review the following pledge sheet, complete it and either return it by mail with your payment or bring it with you to synagogue registration on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please remember that your registration is not official until accepted by either the President or Treasurer and that **all outstanding 2010-2011 balances must be paid before registration.**

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***Non Members:***

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not wish to affiliate with Temple Beth El at this time. However, I do wish to attend High Holy Day Services. My contribution of \$200.00 per person is enclosed which entitles me to seating at all High Holy Day Services.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Children living at home  
(ages) \_\_\_\_\_

**TEMPLE BETH EL  
2011-12 DUES SCHEDULE**

| <b>Gross Family/Individual Income</b> | <b>Dues</b> | <b>Gross Family/Individual Income</b> | <b>Dues</b> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| >200,000.....                         | \$2,900     | >90,000.....<100,000.....             | \$1,725     |
| >175,000.....<200,000.....            | \$2,675     | > 80,000.....<90,000.....             | \$1,625     |
| >150,000.....<175,000.....            | \$2,350     | > 75,000.....<80,000.....             | \$1,550     |
| >140,000.....<150,000.....            | \$2,150     | > 65,000.....<75,000.....             | \$1,525     |
| >130,000.....<140,000.....            | \$2,050     | > 55,000.....<65,000.....             | \$1,400     |
| >125,000.....<130,000.....            | \$1,975     | > 45,000.....<55,000.....             | \$1,225     |
| >115,000.....<125,000.....            | \$1,950     | > 35,000.....<45,000.....             | \$1,000     |
| >100,000.....<115,000.....            | \$1,850     | < 35,000.....                         | \$ 800      |

**First year members** may pay ½ of the dues amount with other appropriate charges such as school and building fund at the full rate.

**President's Circle** - A special category intended to recognize those who generously pledge 150% or more of the scheduled dues amount. Your name will be included on the President's Circle plaque located in our lobby.

**T'rumah** - An additional voluntary donation to help Temple Beth El meet its expenses.

**THE SYNAGOGUES "FAIR SHARE" POLICY EXPECTS MEMBERS TO PLACE THEMSELVES IN THE CORRECT CATEGORY. THE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RETURN PLEDGE FORMS THAT DO NOT INDICATE AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF COMMITMENT.**

Income is defined as the gross income of member(s) including all sources of revenue. This is essentially the adjusted gross income as defined by the IRS. Retirees who use other sources to subsidize this amount should include these withdrawals as part of their gross.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS**

**Babayit** - \$300 and limited to those who are members in good standing of another synagogue and living within 100 miles of Temple Beth El.

**Choots Labayit** - \$250 and limited to those whose legal residence is more than 150 miles from Temple Beth El.

**BUILDING FUND - \$1,200.00**

**(One Time Assessment for New Members)**

Over the course of the first five (5) years of Temple membership, each member is asked to contribute \$1,200 to our Building Fund. This ensures a steady stream of income specifically designated for building projects and improvements. The following is the minimum payment schedule for your Building Fund pledge. If desired, you can pre-pay more of your \$1,200 commitment.

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 1st Year Member             | \$100        |
| 2nd Year Member             | \$200        |
| 3rd through 5th Year Member | \$300 / year |

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TUITION**

|  |                                    |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Pre-K/K, 1, & 2 (One day per week).....                    | \$200/student                      |
| Books.....   | -\$30 (Separate Check for Books)   |
| Confirmation (One day per week).....                       | \$280                              |
| Books.....   | \$60 (Separate Check for Books)    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> (Two days per week)..... | \$375/first student,               |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Books.....               | \$60 (Separate Check for Books)    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Books.....               | \$50 (Separate Check for Books)    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Books (which includes Talit making kit)... | \$80.00 (Separate Check for Books) |
|  | \$295 each additional sibling      |

**REMEMBER: Your contribution to Temple Beth El, exclusive of Religious School fees, is tax-deductible**

**TEMPLE BETH EL**  
**PLEDGE SHEET 2011-2012**

Please accept the following contribution as my "fair share" pledge. I understand that the amount of my pledge is to be kept confidential and available only to the President and Treasurer.

NAME (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

A. TBE Dues Pledge \_\_\_\_\_

B. President's Circle (I wish to be a member by pledging an additional 50% or more of Line A) \_\_\_\_\_

C. Building Fund (if outstanding) \_\_\_\_\_

D. Religious School K, 1 & 2 @\$200/student \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation @ \$280 \_\_\_\_\_

Two-day-a-week @\$375/first student \_\_\_\_\_

Two-day-a-week @\$295 for each additional sibling \_\_\_\_\_

E. High Holy Day Tickets for visiting household guests @ \$30/pp for one holiday \$50/pp for both holidays. \_\_\_\_\_

This includes adult children (not college students) who do not live in the greater Newark/Wilmington area. If your guests are members of a synagogue in their city, there is no fee for tickets.

Adult children or relatives who live here need to make their own arrangements for tickets.

F. Book of Remembrance @ \$5.00/Name - It is customary in Jewish tradition to remember those loved ones who are no longer with us at the Yiskor service on Yom Kippur. Please see the "Book of Remembrance" page in this packet. \_\_\_\_\_

G. Trumah - Please consider a donation of an amount that is significant to you. \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PLEDGED \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT ENCLOSED (25% Minimum) \_\_\_\_\_

BALANCE \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ONE:**

\_\_\_\_ I prefer to pay my total pledge in full.

\_\_\_\_ I prefer to pay 25% at the time of registration and...

\_\_\_\_ 1 payment of 75% \$ \_\_\_\_\_ before December 31, 2011.

\_\_\_\_ 9 equal installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (October through June.)

\_\_\_\_ 3 equal installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ due December, March, June.

Please take the time to decide which payment option best meets the individual circumstances of your family. It is extremely important to the operation of the Synagogue for you to honor your commitment.

I understand that the above represents my contribution to Temple Beth El for the 2011-2012 year.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please keep a copy of this pledge sheet for your records**

**If you would like to become an active member of Men's Club please check \_\_\_\_.**

**If you would like to become an active member of Sisterhood please check \_\_\_\_.**

# BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

It has been our custom to distribute "The Book of Remembrance" at our Yizkor service on Yom Kippur. Yizkor is said for deceased parents, spouse, siblings, children and other relatives and friends. This tradition has brought comfort to generations of Jewish people. Please fill out the form below and return it to the synagogue office along with your registration. You can write "same" if you want the same names as last year.

The Book of Remembrance will be printed as a separate booklet and will be available at the Yizkor service. There will also be time for private prayers and reflection.

If you are interested in acquiring a memorial plaque on our board in the sanctuary please contact the office at 366-8330. This ensures that the name of your loved one will be lit every year on the anniversary of his/her death.

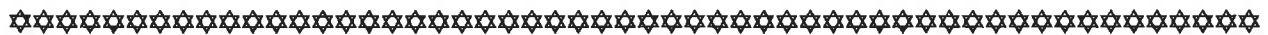
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| _____            | _____        | _____           |
| _____            | _____        | _____           |

Please accept the following contribution:\$\_\_\_\_\_

**(\$5.00 minimum per name)**

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please include this amount on the space provided on the pledge sheet page.**



## Temple Beth El Cemetery Section

The Montefiore Mutual Benefit Society of Wilmington, De., part of the Jewish Community Cemetery Association, has designated 200 sites for a Temple Beth El section.

Membership applications are available at the synagogue office. Montefiore provides a number of benefits and should be seriously considered.

The site adjoins the Lombardi Cemetery which is non-denominational. It may be possible to work out burial arrangements in interfaith marriage cases to accommodate this situation.

Questions should be directed to Al Kagel at 834-3608.

# RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**Sunday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> - First day for all grades**

**Sundays - 9:15-11:45 AM**

**Tuesdays- 4:45 to 6:30 PM**

**Pre-K/Kindergarten, First, Second, and Confirmation Classes (8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>) meet on Sundays only.  
Third through Seventh grades meet on Sundays & Tuesdays**

**B'raysheet**

**Pre K / Kindergarten**

**Your child must be 4 years old by August 31, 2011**

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## MEMBERSHIP AND SCHOOL REGISTRATION

**Sunday, August 28**

*Please be sure to fill out ONE registration form for EACH student.*

*Additional forms can be down loaded at [tbede.org](http://tbede.org) or stop by the office if you need more.*

**\* Separate check for books \***

**K-2<sup>nd</sup> \$30, 3<sup>rd</sup>& 4<sup>th</sup> \$60, 5<sup>th</sup>&6<sup>th</sup> \$50, 7<sup>th</sup> \$80 (which includes Talit making kit) Conf. \$60**

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## DISCOVERY GROUP

A once-a-month class for 3 and 4 year olds on **Sundays from 10:30 - 11:30** at Temple Beth El with teachers, Allyson Goldberg and Denise Schwartz. Children explore Jewish customs & ceremonies and the holidays in a warm, fun atmosphere with songs, stories, arts & crafts, and snack - A wonderful introduction for the little ones. **This program is open to the entire Jewish community.**

**CALL THE OFFICE AT 366-8330 TO REGISTER.**

**October 16**

**December 18**

**February 12**

**April 22**

**November 20**

**January 22**

**March 18**

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## TOT SHABBAT

Shabbat service for children 2 - 4 years and their families.

Shabbat music, dance, stories & fun!

**Call the TBE office or check the website for our Tot Shabbat Schedule**

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## JR. CONGREGATION

One Saturday a month for 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders

10:30 - 11:30a.m.

**September 17**

**December 10**

**March 17**

**June 2**

**October 8**

**January 7**

**April 21**

**November 12**

**February 11**

**May 19**

## CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY CENSUS FORM

**Please complete in full if you are a new member or if information has changed and return with your pledge form. PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address (Please include Development & zip code) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Joined \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business or Cell Phones \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Please include if you would like to be on the Temple's e-mail list. We will be including e-mail addressed in our member directory this coming fall. Please check here if you DO NOT want it added \_\_\_\_\_.**

Married  Single  Widow/er  Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Marriage \_\_\_\_\_

Father or Single Male Member

Mother or Single Female Member

Place/Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Hebrew Name (Yours & Your Parents) \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Parents' Birth \_\_\_\_\_

### Single Children

| First Name & Initial | Birthdate | Hebrew Name |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|
|                      |           |             |
|                      |           |             |
|                      |           |             |

### Married Children

| Married Name | Birthdate | Resides | Grandchildren |
|--------------|-----------|---------|---------------|
|              |           |         |               |
|              |           |         |               |
|              |           |         |               |

**List others besides children who are permanent residents:**

List other relatives in our congregation and state how they are related: \_\_\_\_\_

**Yahrzeits**

**Please complete if you wish to be notified. For current members, add any additional names.**

**Name of Deceased** / **Relationship (Include to whom)** / **English Date (Include year of death)** / **Hebrew Date (If known)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name and community of previous congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Orth.    Cons.    Reform    Reconstructionist

State Activities and positions held in previous congregations: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please list special talents, interests, memberships in clubs and communal associations: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**TEMPLE BETH EL  
STUDENT REGISTRATION  
2011-2012**

**Student Information:  
(Please print)**

|            |                |                   |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|
| _____      | _____          | _____             |
| Last Name  | First Name     | MI                |
| _____      | _____          | _____             |
| Birth Date | Secular School | Grade for 2011-12 |

**Family Contact Information:**

1<sup>st</sup> Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Information will be sent to parents via e-mail or regular mail. If you have more than one e-mail account or street address, where do you want information sent?

|                       |                              |                              |            |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| E-mails sent to:      | 1 <sup>st</sup> parent _____ | 2 <sup>nd</sup> parent _____ | Both _____ |
| Regular mail sent to: | 1 <sup>st</sup> parent _____ | 2 <sup>nd</sup> parent _____ | Both _____ |

**Emergency Contacts (Other than parents):**

|                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Name _____      | Home Phone _____      |
| Relationship _____ | Alternate Phone _____ |
| 2. Name _____      | Home Phone _____      |
| Relationship _____ | Alternate Phone _____ |

**Medical Information:**

Physician's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dentist's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Current medical diagnoses/conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

We want to provide an appropriate learning environment for all our students, and we are committed to working with you for the benefit of your child and his/her Jewish education. Please offer any information about your child that might affect classroom learning or behavior (ie. ADHD, Dyslexia, learning difficulties).

**Medical Insurance Information:**

Insurance Co. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy # \_\_\_\_\_

Group # \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Holder \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Information:** In case of minor illness or injury of my child at school, I give the school staff permission to give basic first aid to my child. In case of major injury or illness, I understand that staff will make every effort to contact me. If they are unable to do so, I give permission for my child’s physician and/or an ambulance to be contacted and for a physician to hospitalize and/or secure proper treatment fo my child.

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Field Trips:** My child have permission to go on educational field trips sponsored by the TBE Religious School. I understand that I will be notified of these trips in advance. Children will travel by bus or private care and will be accompanied by staff and school parents. I release TBE form all responsibility during supervised activities.

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Substance Abuse:** I understand that no smoking, alcohol or drugs other than those prescribed by a licensed physician will be permitted during school or on field trips. If my child is caught in possession of or using cigarettes, alcohol and/or drugs, I will be notified. If I am able to pick up my child, I will do so immediately. If not, my child will be sent home at my expense with an adult supervisor.

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Unacceptable Behavior:** The Religious School aims to provide a comfortable and safe space for all students and staff. If my child exhibits aggressive behavior, consistently disrupts the class or makes disparaging remarks towards staff or other students, the teacher and/or director will (A) reprimand the student. If this behavior continues, we will (B) Call the parents, (C) Have a parent conference, and or (D) Request a parent to sit in 3 classes to observe.

Parent’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Participation:**

There are occasions throughout the Religious School year when parent participation is greatly valued. Parents are always welcomed as volunteers at Temple Beth El Religious School.

**Please volunteer for at least one of the volunteer activities below:**

- Parent Coordinator (“homeroom parent”)
- Fundraisers
- Holiday Celebrations (Sukkot, Simchat Torah, Passover)
- Substitute Teaching
- Seder Shel Shabbat (Shopping, Cooking, Prep, Clean up)
- Other Ideas

Please indicate any volunteer concerns or limitations that you have: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Celebrate Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur*

**Temple Beth El's High Holy Day**

***FAMILY SERVICE***

**with Rabbi Micah**

**and**

**Rabbinical Student, Jason Bonder**

**Thursday, September 29 & Saturday, October 8**



**For parents & children ages 5-12 (younger siblings are welcome) and for teens and adults of all ages! Be inspired for the New Year with music, storytelling, movement, and drama. This service is open to the entire Jewish community. For more info., contact the TBE office 366-8330.**



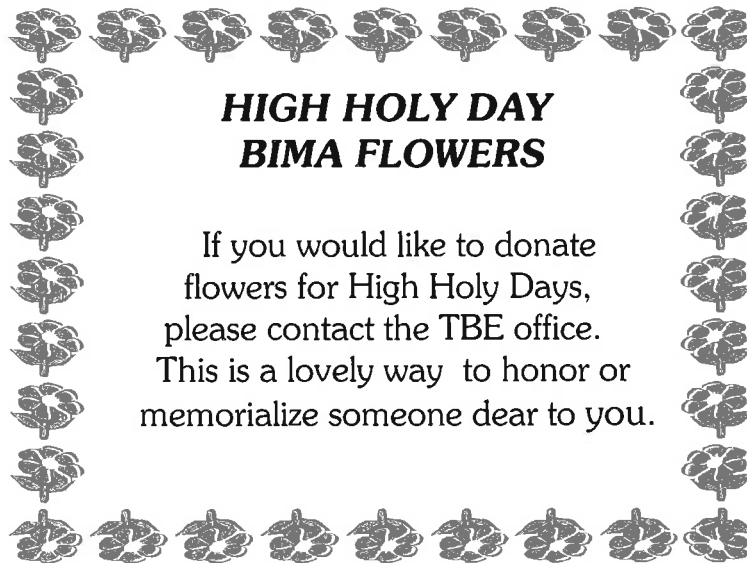
***ETROG & LULAV***

If you would like to order an etrog & lulav for your own personal use, please contact the TBE office by September 9<sup>th</sup>.



***SUKKOT DECORATIONS  
NEEDED***

Corn stalks, bamboo, pumpkins & gourds...please bring in by October 2<sup>nd</sup>.



***HIGH HOLY DAY  
BIMA FLOWERS***

If you would like to donate flowers for High Holy Days, please contact the TBE office. This is a lovely way to honor or memorialize someone dear to you.



***SOME FUN THINGS TO DO AT TBE***

Adult Ed  
Sisterhood  
Kochavey Shabbat  
(Kitchen Oneg Committee)  
Men's Club

Choir  
Klezmer  
Chavarim  
(Retired Men's Group)  
Drama

Mah Jong  
Knoshing Knitters  
Teen Connection  
Youth Group  
Girl Scouts

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Newark, Delaware 19711

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## IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

### TBE PICNIC & REGISTRATION SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

#### Reconstructionism at a glance...

Reconstructionists define Judaism as more than a religion.

For us it is a civilization encompassing history, literature, art and music, land and language.

Our religious tradition is the reflection of our ancestors' search for meaning, purpose and value. In our own search, we are egalitarian, participatory, and open to varying viewpoints.

*Belonging* to the Jewish people comes before *behaving* or *believing*; through our shared past and through our communal experience of worship, study and celebration, we affirm our sense of belonging.

We are respectful of traditional Jewish practice but also open to new interpretation and forms of religious expression; tradition has "a vote but not a veto."

Our diverse views of God share an emphasis on godliness rather than on the supernatural. We value that power in the universe which infuses all of creation with a sense of transcendence and impels us to improve the world and ourselves.

We believe we are involved in the evolution of Judaism right now, and are responsible for shaping the spiritual and cultural legacy we will leave to future generations.

**Perhaps you are a Reconstructionist -  
and just don't know it.**