



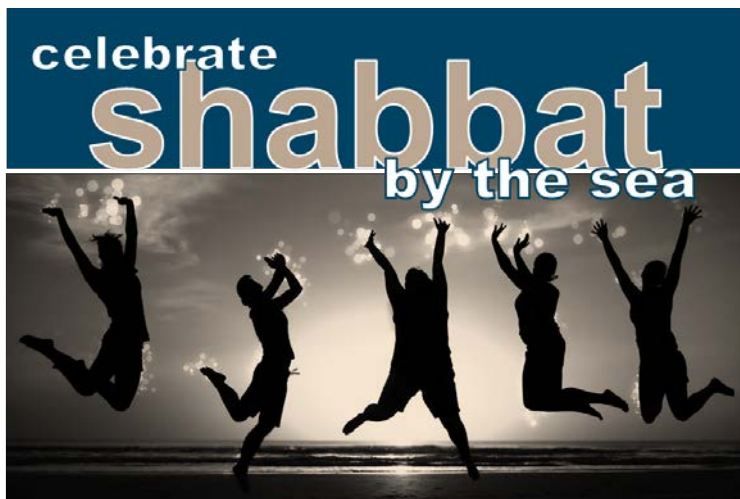
Congregation Beth Mordecai

Your Jewish Home for the Soul

August 2018

Av/Elul 5778

**We have so much going on.
Look inside for more information!**





From the Rabbi

As August begins, we can't help but want to savor every last bit of the summer! We also look forward to the High Holidays in the fall. The last Hebrew month of the year is named, Elul or אלול. This month begins on Saturday night August 11.

The rabbis understand the name of month, Elul to be an acronym for *ani l'dodi v'dodi li*, אני לדודי ודודי לי, I am for My beloved and My beloved is for me (Song of Songs 6:3).

During Elul, we are charged with examining our relationships. We look, with love, at where we need to grow and be better. The verse starts with the personal “*ani*, I,” it is telling us, “I am connected to other people and **then** they are connected to me.” We have to work on our own deficits if we want to grow, be, and do better. Helping others starts with us.

Yet, we cannot forget the second part, “My beloved is for me.” God created people to be in relationship with each other. We must be for others and they must be for us. It can be extremely difficult to ask for help. Yet, in this month of Elul, God is telling us that we must help others but we ALSO must accept help from others. Neither is easy. This is why we have an entire month dedicated to working on it!

As we move into the season of the High Holidays, remember that God has created us to be with each other and with God. I challenge you, every day, starting August 12, do one small thing every day just for you AND do one thing for someone else. Write to me at Rabbi.SaraMetz@gmail.com and tell me how you are doing for you and how you are doing for others! I look forward to hearing from you!

B'Shalom,

Rabbi Sara Metz

Our traditional Friday night and Saturday morning services are typically followed by a light oneg or Kiddush. We are always looking for sponsors/hosts! If you are interested, please reach out to the office (OfficeBethMordecai@gmail.com or 732.442.1373).



Friday, August 10 8 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Join us for an abbreviated service and discussion on whether God keeps promises to us

Friday, August 17 8 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Saturday August 18 Shabbat morning services with discussion

Friday, August 24 Shabbat by the Sea & Community dinner

5:45 Musical family Shabbat services at Bayview Park

6:30 Traditional Kabbalat Shabbat Services at Bayview Park

Dinner to follow at the synagogue

Saturday August 25 Shabbat morning services with Torah Reading

Friday, August 31 8 PM Kabbalat Shabbat Services

Saturday, September 1, Breakfast Minyan

9 AM Bagel breakfast 9:30-10:30 Abbreviated Shabbat Service



Congregation Beth Mordecai welcomes kids of all ages and their adults
to bring in Shabbat with music, songs, and dancing!
Enjoy kiddush and challah with us after!

Friday, August 24

5:45 PM

The Gazebo at Bayview Park

RSVP to Rabbi Metz at
Rabbi.SaraMetz@gmail.com





Shabbat by the Sea and Community Dinner

Friday August 24 6:30 PM

Candle lighting & musical Shabbat Service
at Bayview Park

**Shabbat Dinner to follow at
Congregation Beth Mordecai**

In honor of:

Cheryl August, Sharon Bender, Marc Fertik, Walter Rose
& Jeremy Strauss

**\$30/person RSVP to
officebethmordecai@gmail.com by August 17**



I'M SORRY.

What is Teshuva?
How will it make my life
better?

**Prepare for the High Holidays by
joining Rabbi Metz to learn about
Jewish views of repentance**

**Thursday September 6
7 - 8:30 PM**



Join Congregation Beth Mordecai
invites you to
a Musical Family Rosh Hashanah service
Sunday September 9 - 5:15 PM



HIGH HOLIDAY TICKETS 2018/5779



Members in good standing receive free High Holiday tickets (1 for a single membership; 2 for a family membership).

Tickets are **required** for Rosh Hashanah Day 1 & Kol Nidre.

Tickets are **free** for Rosh Hashanah Day 2 & Yom Kippur/Yizkor, but require reserved seating (done with a ticket).

For Rosh Hashanah Day 1 & Kol Nidre, we require:

_____ tickets for children under 21 (*free*).

_____ tickets for family members (*\$100 each*).

_____ tickets for non-members (*\$150 each*).

For Rosh Hashanah Day 2 & Yom Kippur/Yizkor, we require:

_____ tickets for children under 21, family members or non-members (*free*).

Important:

1. Under no circumstances will anyone be admitted to services on Rosh Hashanah Day 1 or Kol Nidre without a ticket. If tickets are lost, there will be a list of names that can be accessed at the door by the ushers.
2. Seating is **ASSIGNED** for all services. There are extra seats available, but the ushers must be informed. Please DO NOT move seats without asking an usher.

Check here _____ if you are interested in an honor on the High Holidays.

**Please fill out this form and return it to Elliot Rubin at
the synagogue or by sending it to
officebethmordecai@gmail.com**

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS 2018/5779



Extend Shanah Tovah, New Year's Greetings, to the Beth Mordecai community in the High Holiday issue of the synagogue bulletin. Simply complete this form and return it to the synagogue office with your donation by August 10, 2018.

Please wish the entire Beth Mordecai community a Shanah Tovah, a good year, from:

(All names should be printed clearly and written exactly as they should appear in the bulletin.)

Name

Phone

E-mail

Donation \$ (minimum requested donation \$18)

(To use a credit card, fill out and return the **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM**.)

All greetings & donations must be received by August 10, 2018.

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MEMORIAL BOOK FORM 2018/5779



One of the most sacred aspects of our High Holiday observances is the memorializing of our beloved departed. In doing so, we add emotional depth, as well as spiritual significance, to our ritual. We create a Book of Remembrance with the names of all of our loved ones for use at the Yom Kippur Yizkor (Memorial) Service.

We wish the following names be included in the Book of Remembrance:

- ☐ Use the same names as last year
- ☐ Add the following names to those from last year:

- ☐ This is a new memorial (or did not participate last year); please include these names:

By/From: _____

Check here _____ if you would like a FULL PAGE memorial *for \$180* (example on back)

The following text should be included in the full page memorial:

(All names & text should be printed clearly and written exactly as they should appear in the book.)

**Please fill out this form and return it to Elliot Rubin at the
 synagogue or by sending it to
 officebethmordecai@gmail.com**

Name _____

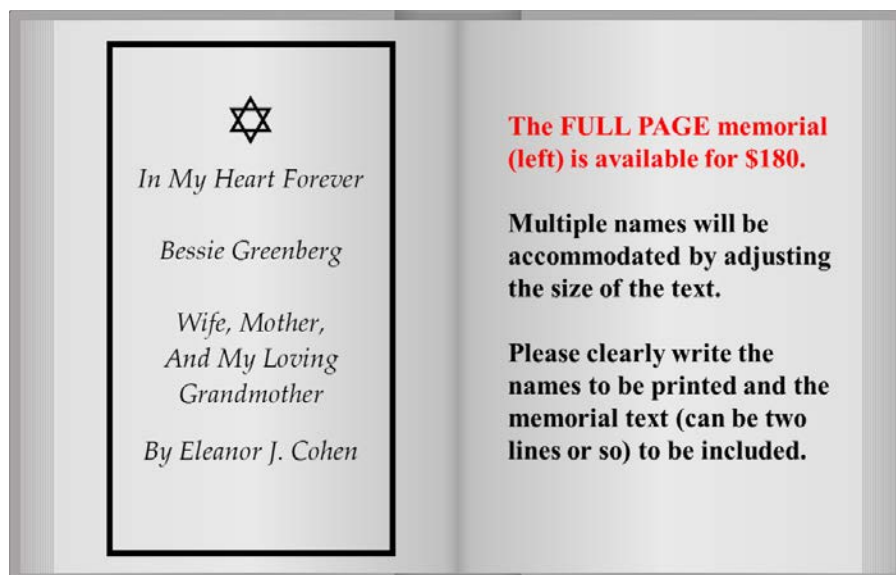
Phone _____

E-mail _____@_____

Donation \$_____ (minimum requested donation \$54 or
full page memorial \$180)

(To use a credit card, fill out and return the **CREDIT CARD PAYMENT FORM**.)

All memorials & donations must be received by August 10, 2018.



I will not be able to attend Yom Kippur Services, but please mail a copy of the Memorial Book to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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the synagogue or by sending it to
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Acknowledge the Occasion through Beth Mordecai

"Tzedaka is equal in importance to all other commandments combined."
-Talmud

**I am pleased to make a contribution of \$ _____
to the following fund...**

☐ **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**
Allows the rabbi to support special programs and individuals in need.

☐ **General Fund**
Applied to the operating budget of the congregation.

☐ **Friday Night Oneg Fund**
Used for cookies and other noshes following Friday night services.
A contribution of \$75 supports one oneg.

☐ **Shabbat Morning Kiddush Fund**
Used for luncheons and noshes following Saturday morning services.
A contribution of \$125 supports one Kiddush.

...in honor, memory or appreciation of:

My Information:

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____

**Please send this contribution form and check directly to the synagogue office.
Checks should be made payable to "Congregation Beth Mordecai".**



**Contributions to the above listed funds may
also be made on the synagogue website
through our secure PayPal link.**

**Your generous and thoughtful support of our funds
are used to enrich & invigorate our community.
Todah Rabbah - Thank you**

General Fund Donations

David Wylie
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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

The Rosen Family in memory of Norman Rosen
Lois A. St. Lifer Fields in honor of the birth of Dina Metz



August Birthdays

Gennadiy Barskiy
 Fred Bernhardt
 Sava Gitelman
 Eric Gordon
 Barbara Greenspan
 Larry Gruber
 Lisa Weiss
 Les Wurtzel

August Anniversaries

Marc & Betty Fertik
 Evonne & Daniel Goldman
 Dion & Alyson Roy
 Louis and Sandra Sher



A DONATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE SYNAGOGUE BY:



"The soul of man is the candle of G-d."
- King Solomon's Proverbs



Let your legacy
live on...
remember us
in your will.



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- Hannah Rose Adams in memory of Evelyn Saverslak & Aaron Adams
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- Norma Witkin in memory of Nathan Witkin
- Ruth Wurtzel in memory of Paul Wurtzel

**Whom do I call?**

In the case of a death, call a medical authority,
the funeral home and then Beth Mordecai.

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