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A MESSAGE FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT

As we gather to welcome the Jewish New Year, I am filled with gratitude for the unity and strength within our Temple Beth-El community.

This past year has been particularly challenging with the horrific attacks on Israel, the rise in anti-Semitism, the protests on college campuses and in our cities, and all while more than 100 hostages are still being held captive as I write this. We have experienced and felt many moments of fear and uncertainty, but we have also witnessed the power of coming together as a community. In facing adversity, we have supported one another, spoken out against injustice and reaffirmed our commitment to the values that make us who we are.

As we enter this season of reflection, I encourage each of us to focus on the resilience that has carried the Jewish people through trying times. Our tradition reminds us that from darkness, we can find light; and from hardship, we can draw strength. The High Holidays provide an opportunity to renew our commitment to these ideals and to each other.

In Pirkei Avot 1:14, we learn, “If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And, if I am for myself alone, then what am I? And, if not now, when?” Now, more than ever, it is important and perhaps even critical to lean into the power of community, prayer and introspection.

How might one do that? Our mission, which is reiterated in our vivid vision—found on our TBE website—is to support our members in defining and being our authentic Jewish selves. We pursue this mission by offering our members opportunities for meaningful engagement with the five pillars of the Jewish tradition:

Torah—stimulating Jewish learning for people of all ages that transforms the way we see and live in the world.

Avodah—traditional and modern worship, enhanced by the joy of music, that meet the diverse spiritual needs of 21st-century Jews.

G’milut Chasadim—acts of kindness, caring and social action that touch our congregants’ lives and make our wider community a better place.

Kehillah—social and cultural activities that build community and give our members a feeling of belonging.

Israel—recognizing the special relationship among Jews throughout the world, along with the unique and essential bond that we share with the State of Israel.

We hope and encourage you to reaffirm your connection to TBE through attending Torah study, joining us at Shabbat and other worship services, participating in one of our many volunteer and tzedakah opportunities, signing up for one of our social events and by helping us support our Jewish homeland. You can find a plethora of these and other activities in our robust program guide, *Horizons*.

During these Days of Awe, I invite each of you to immerse yourself in the High Holidays services and programs, engage deeply with the prayers and reflections, and connect with one another in meaningful ways. Together, we can rise above the challenges and reaffirm the enduring spirit of our people.

May this new year bring healing to those who are hurting, comfort to those who feel alone and a renewed sense of hope to all of us. May we find strength and courage in the year ahead, and may we continue to shine as a light in the world. *G’mar chatima tovah*—may we be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life.

L’shana tovah u’metukah—
A sweet and healthy New Year,
Jordana Levine

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RABBI JACOB P. RUDIN LEGACY SOCIETY

We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us: our leaders, our role models, our parents, our friends. To whom will the next generation look? Leaving a legacy gift to Temple Beth-El ensures our future. It tells our children that what we do at TBE matters.

We are so pleased to offer the opportunity for our members to become part of the Rabbi Jacob P. Rudin Legacy Society, which recognizes those who have promised or given a gift beyond their lifetime. Thanks to the generosity of the Nedjat Eshaghoff Foundation, and dedicated by Nedjat and Eliza Eshaghoff, the names of Society members are now beautifully displayed on the donor wall at the top of the main staircase.

Please be in touch to learn more. If you’ve already included the temple in your will or trust, please let us know so we can recognize you and show our appreciation. *Contact Stuart Botwinick, executive director, at sbotwinick@tbegreatneck.org or 516-487-0900, ext. 107.*

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

We are so honored that every year TBE members pledge to be remembered for their ongoing impact, well beyond their lifetime. *Even if you are unable to donate today, we welcome your commitment of a gift in your final wishes.* Every donation, even the most modest, can go a long way.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION

If your mailing address, email or phone number have changed, please let us know by emailing info@tbegreatneck.org.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH HONORS

CANDLE LIGHTING Jordana and Stan Levine

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The reading of the Torah is central to our worship. Those called up for an Aliyah are honored by the congregation, even as they, by their participation, honor their faith and their people.

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MI SHEBEIRACH

MAY THE ONE WHO BLESSED our ancestors, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, bless [*name*] son/daughter of [*parents*], since he/she has come up to the Torah in honor of God and Torah. May he/she merit from the Holy One of Blessing protection, rescue from any trouble or distress, and from any illness, minor or serious; may God send blessing and success in his/her every endeavor, together with all Israel, and let us say, Amen.

FOR OUR CONGREGATION

SOURCE of all being,
may the children of this community learn these passions from us:
love of Torah, devotion in prayer, and support of the needy.
May we guide with integrity, and may our leadership be in Your service.
May those who teach and nourish us be blessed with satisfaction,
and may we appreciate their time and their devotion.
Bless us with the fruits of wisdom and understanding,
and may our efforts bring fulfillment and joy.

FOR OUR COUNTRY

O GUARDIAN of life and liberty,
may our nation always merit Your protection.
Teach us to give thanks for what we have
by sharing it with those who are in need.
Keep our eyes open to the wonders of creation,
and alert to the care of the earth.
May we never be lazy in the work of peace;
may we honor those who have died in defense of our ideals.
Grant our leaders wisdom and forbearance.
May they govern with justice and compassion.
Help us all to appreciate one another,
and to respect the many ways that we may serve You.
May our homes be safe from affliction and strife,
and our country be sound in body and spirit.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR ISRAEL

*Rabbi Erica Asch, Temple Beth El, Augusta, Maine,
President, Central Conference of American Rabbis*

SOVEREIGN OF ALL THE WORLD—

Shield Israel beneath Your protective presence.

May all the inhabitants of Israel know physical safety.

May they find the comfort of community as they grieve together.

May they experience a renewed love for their country and its people.

Guide Israel's leaders as they balance the necessity of safety and security
with the suffering of the innocent.

May they act wisely, with determination and deliberation.

Implant within Israel's citizens compassion, strength and resolve.

May they be nourished by our love and support.

Our prayers are linked with the prayers of countless others as we remember Your
ancient promise from the *Book of Second Samuel*,

"I will establish a home for my people Israel and will plant them firm so that they shall
dwell secure and shall tremble no more...I will give you safety from your enemies."¹

At this time of danger and grief, may we have the audacity to pray for peace, just as
our ancestors have done each time they were threatened and terrorized.

We pray that the people of Israel find wholeness and know tranquilly.

We pray for shalom in the land we love.

¹ II Samuel 7:10-11

NEW HORIZONS CATALOG AND ONLINE TBE CALENDAR

FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING ALL YEAR.

Our Temple Beth-El clergy, staff, lay leaders and committees have spent
countless hours creating *Horizons*, a year-out calendar of engaging activities,
exciting events and informative meetings, including enriching learning
opportunities, worship services, holiday celebrations, musical engagements,
fitness classes and ways to help others. To find out about upcoming
programs for all ages and interests throughout the coming year, please take a
copy of the catalog or visit our website at TBEGreatNeck.org/news/calendar.

Temple Beth-El is Great Neck's first synagogue and the largest home of liberal Judaism in our community. As we celebrate the New Year, we are proud to be the center of your social, educational, cultural and spiritual needs—your Jewish home. Temple Beth-El is changing lives today and shaping our tomorrow.

In the past year, because of your support...



400+

services and programs have been livestreamed to homebound and out-of-state members.



\$200,000

in financial aid has been awarded annually, so no one is ever turned away from the TBE community.



1,000+

calls and visits from clergy have been made to hospitals and homes.



5,000+

pounds of food have been provided to the hungry in Great Neck by 100+ volunteers.



1,000+

people have followed us on social media.



300+

items of medical equipment are available from our lending program to anyone in need—and have been borrowed regularly.



250

Jewish learners attended in-person and online adult-education classes.