



Dear Members of Congregation B'nai Israel,

Soon we will all gather together for High Holy Days 5787 - 2026, to celebrate the New Year, atone for our sins, and renew ourselves for the year to come. We look forward to joining with our entire congregation to pray together.

This year, services will be held in the Sanctuary and led by our Rabbi Hazzan Jonathan Angress. We will also offer service attendance using a livestream broadcast. Family-friendly options will be available on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on the morning of Yom Kippur.

We are enclosing tickets for your immediate household (two tickets for a family membership, and one ticket for a single membership; dependent children do not require a ticket) to identify you and your family as members for purposes of attending High Holy Days services. For the security of our community, **we will be checking tickets upon entry.** To attend services in person, **please bring your ticket(s) with you** and show them to the Ushers for admittance. Additional tickets may be purchased via the form enclosed in this packet.

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Enclosed in this mailing are flyers and information for our High Holy Day season and the upcoming year:

- Project Isaiah Food Drive
- Youth and Family Services for the High Holy Days
- Youth and Family Services for Fall-Winter 2026
- Monthly Torah Study opportunities

Please review this packet, and keep it handy for your reference. Livestream instructions are on the synagogue webpage at <https://www.bnaiisrael-nm.org/live-stream>. If you are attending services virtually and would like a copy of the *Mahzor Lev Shalem*, please reach out to the Ritual Committee (Jonas Actor, Chair) to receive an electronic copy of the prayer book at ritual@bnaiisrael-nm.org.

Your prompt response in returning the included forms will assist us in the organization of this year's High Holy Days observance, and we appreciate your cooperation in providing the information we need to achieve a successful and meaningful holiday. As always, members of the Ritual Committee are available to answer any questions and to assist you in whatever way we can.

"May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year!"

Message from our Rabbi

Dear Friends,

As we gather to welcome the year 5787, we are reminded that the High Holy Days invite us to look both backward and forward. We reflect on the choices we have made, the blessings we have received, and the challenges we have faced. At the same time, we stand at the threshold of a new year filled with possibility. Judaism teaches that each year offers a fresh opportunity to grow, to learn, and to strengthen the bonds that connect us to one another and to our tradition.

The sound of the shofar calls us to awaken to what matters most. Its ancient notes remind us that life is precious and that every day carries meaning. No matter what burdens we may carry from the past year, the High Holy Days encourage us to believe in the power of renewal. We are not defined solely by yesterday's successes or failures. We are defined by our willingness to continue moving forward with courage and purpose.

As a community, we draw strength from one another. Throughout Jewish history, our people have faced uncertainty and hardship, yet we have endured through faith, learning, and unity. The New Year is an opportunity to deepen our commitment to kindness, generosity, and understanding. Small acts of compassion have the power to transform lives and to bring greater light into our homes, our communities, and our world.

May 5787 be a year of health, peace, and blessing for all. May it bring moments of joy, opportunities for growth, and reasons for gratitude. May we enter this new year with hope in our hearts, confidence in our future, and a renewed dedication to living lives of meaning and purpose.

L'Shanah Tovah U'Metukah. May you and your loved ones be inscribed for a good and sweet new year.

Shanah Tovah,
Rabbi Hazzan Jonathan Angress



An Appeal to our Congregation

Dear Friends of Congregation B'nai Israel,

As we come in to the new year, I ask that you look around our synagogue. Within our beautiful sanctuary, we are surrounded by friends and welcomed with food to share and a space to pray and to gather. Our children are welcomed into their classes, where they learn, develop friendships, and build connection with our Jewish heritage. For more than 100 years, B'nai Israel has been a home for many of the Jews of Albuquerque and beyond. I want to invite you to help us to continue this story.

Often, the *Kol Nidrei* appeal can seem jarring and out of place. On the eve of the holiest day of the year, we take 15 minutes out of the liturgy to request donations. Furthermore, the donation request is not usually for something concrete and exciting- we aren't typically asked to give for a remodeled social hall or new decor in the sanctuary. Instead, we are asked to give to the General Fund. However, I would argue that the General Fund is the most important and exciting thing we do. The General Fund is what allows us to pay our staff, so that Amanda can manage our office and Rachmiel can keep our building shining. The general fund gives us *kiddush* every week, and pays the Rabbi's salary. The General Fund truly is the fuel that keeps our congregation running.

This year, I would like to try a different approach to our *Kol Nidrei* appeal. Rather than giving an appeal and asking for pledge cards during *Kol Nidrei*, we are sending out our pledge cards now. If we meet our goal of raising \$25,000 before the start of Rosh Hashanah, then in the place of the normal appeal I will present words of Torah in celebration of our congregation and the High Holy Days. The appeal pledge card is contained in the packet with further details.

I also have one final announcement - an anonymous donor has generously offered to match the *Kol Nidrei* appeal up to \$25,000. This means that **your donation to the synagogue will be effectively doubled**. Thank you in advance for your generosity, and I look forward to seeing each of you through the remainder of the summer and at the High Holy Days.

L'Shana Tovah,
Nathan Lopez-Brody
President



Schedule of Services

Selichot Program – Saturday, September 5, 2026

7:00 p.m. Repast, Program, and Service

Rosh Hashanah – Friday thru Sunday, September 11-13, 2026

Erev Rosh Hashanah – Friday, September 11, 2026

7:00 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah service

First Day Rosh Hashanah – Saturday, September 12, 2026

8:30 a.m. Morning *Shacharit* Service
Torah Service, Scriptural Readings, and Sermon
Musaf and Service Conclusion

Second Day Rosh Hashanah – Sunday, September 13, 2026

8:30 a.m. Morning *Shacharit* Service
Torah Service and Scriptural Readings
Shofar Service and Sermon
Musaf and Service Conclusion

Shabbat Shuvah Weekend – Friday thru Sunday, September 18-20, 2026

Shabbat Shuvah – Friday, September 18, 2026

6:00 p.m. Friday Night *Shabbat* Services

Shabbat Shuvah – Saturday, September 19, 2026

9:30 a.m. Morning *Shacharit* Service
Torah Service, Scriptural Readings, and Sermon
Musaf and Service Conclusion

Kever Avot – Sunday, September 20, 2026

9:30 a.m. Fairview Cemetery

Tashlich – Sunday, September 20, 2026

11:00 a.m. Tingley Beach



Yom Kippur – Sunday and Monday, September 20-21, 2026

Erev Yom Kippur – Kol Nidrei – Sunday, September 20, 2026

6:45 p.m. *Kol Nidrei* Service and Congregational Appeal
Evening *Maariv* Service

Yom Kippur – Morning Services – Monday, September 21, 2026

8:30 a.m. Morning Service with *Avinu Malkeinu*
Torah Service and Scriptural Readings
Yizkor and Sermon
Musaf and Service Conclusion

Yom Kippur – Afternoon and Ending Services – Monday, September 21, 2026

4:00 p.m. Afternoon Class
5:15 p.m. Afternoon *Mincha* Service with Book of Jonah
6:30 p.m. *Neilah* Closing Service

Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret - Friday, September 25 thru Sunday, October 4, 2026

First Day Sukkot – Friday, September 25, 2026

6:00 p.m. Friday Night *Shabbat* and Festival Services

First Day Sukkot – Saturday, September 26, 2026

9:30 a.m. *Shabbat* and Festival *Shacharit* and *Musaf* Services

Second Day Sukkot – Sunday, September 27, 2026

9:30 a.m. Festival *Shacharit* and *Musaf* Services

Shmini Atzeret – Friday, October 2, 2026

6:00 p.m. Friday Night *Shabbat* and Festival Services

Shemini Atzeret – Saturday, October 3, 2026

9:30 a.m. Festival *Shacharit* and *Musaf* Services
Yizkor and Sermon

Erev Simchat Torah – Saturday Evening, October 3, 2026

7:00 p.m. Service and Torah Celebration

Simchat Torah – Sunday, October 4, 2026

9:00 a.m. Festival *Shacharit* and *Musaf* Service
Torah Celebration and Torah Service



Youth and Family Services

CBI aims to provide our kids and their families a highly interactive experience in a relaxed atmosphere. This year, we will have both Junior Congregation (ages 8-14) and also a Young Family Service, a special High Holy Day edition of our Tot Shabbat series (ages 0-7). Snacks and drinks are provided.

We will have family programming at the following times:

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 - Saturday, September 12, 2026

Junior Congregation	10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Chapel
Young Family Service	10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Playground

Yom Kippur Morning - Monday, September 21, 2026

Junior Congregation	10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Chapel
Young Family Service	10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Playground

All youth and family programs are free for CBI member families and for families enrolled in the Academy of Jewish Learning; for AJL non-member families, please contact ritual@bnaiisrael-nm.org or the CBI office at office@bnaiisrael-nm.org for High Holy Days tickets. A suggested donation of \$18 or more is recommended for all non-member families (no families will be turned away). We look forward to seeing you at our family services!



Request to Purchase Tickets

Tickets for High Holy Days services will be provided to all members in good standing. If you are not a member and wish to attend CBI for High Holy Days services, or if you're a guest visiting for the holidays, **welcome!**

If you are not a member in good standing, or if you have guests accompanying you to services, we ask that you purchase a ticket to support our congregation. Tickets may be purchased at \$100 per person; due to increased security concerns, **we will be checking tickets for entry**, and we ask you to please bring your tickets with you for High Holy Days services. However, **no guest or prospective member of our community will be turned away because of financial hardship.**

Dependent children of members, college students, and Armed Forces personnel, do not require a ticket. Member Families with additional adults in their household may contact the Office for additional tickets. Guests of members who are members in good standing of another congregation will be furnished tickets at no charge upon receipt of a letter or email from their congregation, although we appreciate a donation on their behalf.

I _____ am requesting High Holy Days tickets for the following individuals:

Name _____ Phone Number _____ Email _____
☐ Non-Member
☐ Non-Member, enrolled in CBI Academy of Jewish Learning
☐ Guest of CBI Member If Yes, Name of Member: _____
☐ Additional Adult If Yes, Name of Member: _____

Name _____ Phone Number _____ Email _____
☐ Non-Member
☐ Non-Member, enrolled in CBI Academy of Jewish Learning
☐ Guest of CBI Member If Yes, Name of Member: _____
☐ Additional Adult If Yes, Name of Member: _____

If you have any questions, please contact the office, at (505) 266-0155. Everyone is invited to attend services via Live Stream at <https://www.bnaiisrael-nm.org/live-stream>

**Please return this form with payment to the synagogue office no later than
Thursday, August 27, 2026.**

Seat Reservations Fundraiser

Please Consider Reserved Seats



Support the Synagogue and have the comfort of knowing exactly where you will be sitting for all the High Holy Days services. All monies collected for Reserved Seats are used for synagogue needs, including building improvements.

Our Synagogue appreciates your continued support.

Seating in our sanctuary is on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you would like to sit in a specific seat, or claim a row for your family, please consider a seat reservation. Our ushering team will make sure that your seats remain open until your arrival. Reservations for all other reserved seats cost \$75 per seat, and are valid for the morning service of Rosh Hashanah (Day 1 and Day 2), Kol Nidrei, Yom Kippur Morning, and Yom Kippur afternoon.

Please call Martin Sherman, at (505) 292-3297, or email mpsherman5@gmail.com, or email Jonas Actor at ritual@bnaiisrael-nm.org, with your preferences for, or any questions about, available seats.

For High Holy Days seat reservation, fill out the SEAT RESERVATIONS line in the “Combined Payment Form.” The receipt of your Combined Payment form **with payment** will confirm your reservation.

I would like to reserve ___seats(s) at \$75 per seat.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Seat reservations will be available until Thursday, September 3, 2026.

Order a Lulav and Etrog Set for Sukkot

It is a very special mitzvah to own one's own *lulav* and *etrog* set for Sukkot. The *lulav* consists of branches of palm, willow, and myrtle bound together, while the *etrog* is a citrus fruit looking something like an oversized wrinkled lemon with a wonderful scent. Every day during Sukkot, either at home or at services, one shakes the *lulav* as a reminder of the Temple practices and enjoys the scent of the *etrog*.

Congregation B'nai Israel is pleased to offer our members the chance to join our annual group order of *lulav* and *etrog* sets from Israel.

Lulav and *etrog* sets are \$72 each. Each set includes the three types of branches, the holder and rings to assemble the lulav, and an *etrog*. The sets will be available for pick-up before the first day of Sukkot at the Synagogue.



I would like to order ____ lulav and etrog set(s) at \$72 per set.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

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Yizkor Book of Memories

The *Yizkor* service (**Monday, September 21** and **Saturday, October 3**) is a time to remember and to honor those who have passed away. The service is filled with beautiful psalms, which lead us and guide our memories and reflections, organized around the *Yizkor* prayer, a personal prayer recalling our loved ones and asking that their souls be at peace. We conclude with the *Kaddish*, praising God for the gift of life.

The Ritual Committee asks for a contribution of \$54.00 per membership **to list all of your loved ones** in the Book of Memories, which will be distributed at *Yizkor* services. Please let us know if there are any additions or deletions you would like to make. **All names listed in last year's Book will automatically be included in this year's Book of Memories for the \$54 fee.**

You can choose to carry on this tradition by remembering and honoring your loved ones in this way. The money donated for the *Yizkor* Book of Memories assists the Congregation greatly in meeting its operating goals for the year.

Fill out the form below to let us know the names of those dearly departed you would like printed in our *Yizkor* Book of Memories. Please call the office, at (505) 266-0155, with any questions.

We wish each of you *Shanah Tovah* and thank you for being part of Congregation B'nai Israel.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

☐ Please **MAKE NO CHANGES** to entries in last year's Book of Memories.

☐ Please **ADD** the names of my loved ones listed below:

In memory of _____ by _____ relation _____
(name of deceased) (name of honorer)

In memory of _____ by _____ relation _____
(name of deceased) (name of honorer)

Please call the office, at (505) 266-0155, with any DELETIONS or QUESTIONS.

Please include \$54.00 for your listings in the Book of Memories; see the "Combined Payment Form" at the back of this packet for additional information.

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Congregation B'nai Israel Sisterhood
Invites you to



The Annual Break-the-Fast
Monday, September 21, 2026
7:45 P.M.



Bagels and Cream Cheese or Lox Spread
Blintz Souffle, Tuna Salad and Egg Salad
Salad, Fruits, Coffee & Tea
And of course – Holiday Sweets!

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND ENJOY A FABULOUS FEAST!

Adult member - \$25

Children ages 6-16 - \$10

Adult Non-Member - \$28

Children under 6 eat free!

You **MUST** have a reservation. No money can be accepted at the door. Complete the form below and send it with your check made payable to

Congregation B'nai Israel Sisterhood to:

Vicky Camerlingo, 8916 Lagrima De Oro Rd. NE, 87111

Your reservation must arrive no later than **Wednesday, September 16.**

A **\$5 late fee** will be charged for each late reservation.

Reservations can also be made on the CBI website at <https://bnaiisrael-nm.org/>

2026 Break-the-Fast Reservation

Please complete this form and send it with your check, made payable to B'nai Israel Sisterhood, to
Vicky Camerlingo, 8916 Lagrima De Oro Rd. NE, 87111 no later than **Wednesday, September 16, 2026.**

Name(s) _____
_____ Member Adults x \$25 _____ Non-Member Adults x \$28
_____ Children 6 – 16 x \$10 _____ Children under 6. Total of Check: \$ _____



Combined Payment Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

RESPONSE CHECKLIST

I have enclosed the Request to Purchase Tickets form.	☐ yes	☐ no
I have enclosed the Seat Reservation Fundraiser form (\$75/seat).	☐ yes	☐ no
I have enclosed the Lulav and Etrog form (\$72/set).	☐ yes	☐ no
I have enclosed the Book of Memories form (\$54/family).	☐ yes	☐ no

TOTAL

TICKETS PURCHASED	SUBTOTAL _____
SEAT RESERVATIONS	SUBTOTAL _____
LULAV & ETROG ORDERS	SUBTOTAL _____
BOOK OF MEMORIES	SUBTOTAL _____
CONGREGATIONAL APPEAL - Thank you!	SUBTOTAL _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

___ Check is enclosed. *Please make your check payable to **Congregation B'nai Israel**.*

___ Pay by credit card. [My credit card is on file. _____]

Name on credit card: _____

Card No: _____ Expiration Date: _____ Security Code: _____

BREAK-THE-FAST

Send your Break-the-Fast form and check, payable to "Congregation B'nai Israel Sisterhood", to Vicky Camerlingo, 8916 Lagrima De Oro Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111.

Thank You and Shanah Tovah