



# Our Voices: A Monthly Newsletter

## Special Edition: High Holy Days 2020 • 5781

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HINENU; הִנֵּנּוּ  
*We Are Here!*



*Welcome!*

We have adopted *Hinenu*, “We are here,” as our theme and guide, as we plan for the approaching High Holy Days and the year ahead. *Hinenu* is the plural form of *Hineni*, “I am here,” words that are spoken when God commands Abraham to sacrifice his only son Yitzhak, and words that we read throughout our Jewish texts. “We are here” is an opportunity for us to call upon ourselves to look deep within, reflect on what is truly important and meaningful to us, our families, our friends and our community; to take stock and commit ourselves to repair what is flawed, enhance what is righteous, and create new opportunities for goodness. This is a time of repentance, forgiveness, atonement, renewal, and a wonderful opportunity for growth through enrichment.

This year, High Holy Day services on Selichot, Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Simchat Torah, will be brought to you via streaming video to assure all our congregants’ and staff’s health and safety.

Cantor David Reinwald will conduct the streaming service from our sanctuary and our Rabbi Emeritus, Shelton Donnell will join us with sermons and readings from Portland, Oregon’s historic Congregation Beth Israel.

This special edition of the TBS newsletter, *Our Voices*, will provide you with an overview of the services and programming for this year’s High Holy Day observances.

Shanah Tovah!

**REGISTER TO WATCH HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICES AND ATTEND  
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# HIGH HOLY DAYS 2020 • 5781

## How to Participate

This year, all are welcome to join us for TBS High Holy Day services and programming, as our guests.

**Participants must register to access services and programming at [tbsoc.com/hhd2020](https://tbsoc.com/hhd2020).**

Temple Beth Sholom is a welcoming, inclusive Jewish center of life, learning and connections. All our services are made possible by membership contributions from our congregants and charitable donations from our supporters. Please help ensure we can continue to provide services to all with your support.

## Calendar of Events

### Selichot

September 12, 2020

7:00 pm Union, Interactive Discussion  
with Blashek & Haugh  
8:30 pm Service

### Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah

September 18, 2020

4:00 pm Shabbat Parade Round Challot  
7:30 pm Evening Service

Rosh Hashanah

September 19, 2020

10:30 am Morning Service  
1:00 pm Youth Service  
6:00 pm Tashlich & Havdalah

### Memorial Wall Visits

September 24, 2020

10:00 am – 1 pm\*

September 26, 2020

12:00– 3:00 pm\*

\*Visits by Appointment

### Yom Kippur

Erev Yom Kippur

September 27, 2020

7:30 pm Kol Nidre Service

Yom Kippur

September 28, 2020

10:30 am Morning Service  
1:00 pm Youth Service  
2:00–3:00 pm Discussion Groups  
3:30 pm Afternoon Service  
4:30 pm Yizkor Service  
5:30 pm N'ilah Service  
6:00 pm Havdalah

### Rosh Hashanah 2020

Begins the evening of  
Friday, September 18  
and ends the evening of  
Sunday, September 20.

### Yom Kippur 2020

Begins the evening of  
Sunday, September 27  
and ends the evening of  
Monday, September 28.

### Sukkot 2020

Begins the evening of  
Friday, October 2 and  
ends the evening of  
Friday, October 9.

### Simchat Torah 2020

Begins the evening of  
Saturday, October 10  
and ends the evening of  
Sunday, October 11.



# Moments of Inspiration and Enlightenment

Cantor David Reinwald



*Hinenu.* Here we are at a turning point in history and in a year that has challenged us, and maybe even commanded us to think differently. And, yet, it has been an opportunity for us to reinvent ourselves and our perspectives on what is most important and valued in our lives and in the world around us.

It feels that nothing in our life experience has prepared us for this, and nothing in my cantorial training or professional journey ever made me anticipate the decisions we have had to wisely think about, as they have led up to this year's High Holy Days. No choirs? No congregants in the pews? We have never had to imagine what it would be like to be unable to gather during our most sacred time of the year. While these may seem like obstacles, I have seen this as an opportunity to engage creatively to find solutions. If we have been good at one thing at Temple Beth Sholom, it has always been to think outside the lines and open the door to new possibilities, which may well provide fulfilling answers to our situation.

So, this year, instead of coming to the temple, we will bring the temple to your homes, where you will make a sanctuary for yourselves. You will experience these holidays in a different, but wholly authentic way. You will walk away, carrying with you moments of inspiration and enlightenment. There will be familiar music and you will share this experience with many familiar faces. We will also embrace the opportunity to explore some new paths that reach beyond and toward new horizons.

In these unique times, the best we can do is trust the feelings deep within our hearts and souls and follow the path that ultimately will be the right one. I am hopeful as I look toward our new year of 5781 and believe that in hindsight, we will see how these moments changed us and made us stronger and more in tune with what we really need.

To each of you and your families, I wish you a Shanah Tovah.

## Enriching High Holy Days Sermons

Cantor Reinwald and Rabbi Donnell will provide thoughtful sermons, during these days of awe and repentance. To whet your appetite and spike your curiosity, here's what they have planned:

### Erev Rosh Hashanah "This is the Moment"

As we start this new year in the Jewish calendar, how do we embrace the uniqueness of the moment we are in? We will reflect together on what we all are experiencing.

### Rosh Hashanah Morning "The High Holy Day Prayer Meant for Today"

The Unetaneh Tokef prayer recited on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur might have been written specifically for the turbulent times in which we live today. It challenges us to aim for something more than surviving tough times.

### Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre "Three Hebrew Words"

There are three Hebrew words that may hold the key to finding meaning and purpose in life. Ancient in origin, they speak to us today and reveal the great wisdom of our tradition.

### Yom Kippur Morning "Finding the Value Within"

We can better understand our personal relationship with the values (middot) we hold and how they impact our perspective on ourselves and the world.

### Yom Kippur Yizkor "We Are the Stones"

How we use memory says a lot about how we understand life and death, loss and legacy. This is a tale of how three cemeteries made me rethink who and what I remember.

# Creating Sacred Time and Spaces

## Preparing for the High Holy Days 5781

Rabbi Shelton J. Donnell



Our High Holy Days are, potentially, sacred opportunities for renewal, rededication, and redirection, designed to do more than help us face our present circumstances and challenges. They can be a catalyst to motivate us to use our present realities and the lessons learned from them, to create a better, more meaningful future for ourselves, our families, our community and, indeed, the world. That, I suggest, is the purpose of every High Holy Days, but that goal is brought into high definition by our present realities. **So, then, how can we use the High Holy Days to enable us to do more than cope with what is, but to help us to create a better future for ourselves and for others?**

This year our Temple Beth Sholom community will be observing the High Holy Days via the medium of the Internet. Most of us will access services through our television or computer screens rather than from within the hallowed precincts of our TBS sanctuary. But, we can pray anywhere — no space, no matter how humble or mundane, is devoid of God's Presence. And so, we can create an echo of k'dushah to connect us, renew us, and bring us meaningful High Holy Days experiences. Cantor Reinwald and I, along with our TBS staff and leadership, are determined to provide services that will unite and inspire us and help us to encounter the coming year with faith and hope.

Additionally, there are things that we can do to enhance and effectualize those services for our families and for ourselves. **Here are some suggestions for preparing ourselves and to create a sacred space in place and time at home.**

Have special meals for the Holy Days. Even if you live alone, prepare meals for the evenings of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, for lunch on Rosh Hashanah, and a break fast at the conclusion of Yom Kippur. Set a table with candles, challah, wine or grape juice and your holiday flatware and dishes (even if it is only one place setting). If possible, connect with family and friends via the Internet and share your holiday meal complete with blessings. On Erev Rosh Hashanah you may wish to observe the Sephardic custom of a Rosh Hashanah Seder with special foods, including apples and honey. (There is a downloadable version of the Seder at <https://tbsoc.com/>.) Plan for a group discussion, perhaps make a list of goals and aspirations for the coming year. Discuss how you can use the experience of these unusual High Holy Days to provide for a better future.

For services, prepare yourself and your surroundings to create a sacred atmosphere. Put on the clothes that you might wear were you to attend services "in person." Don't just sit there as a spectator! If you are able, rise and be seated, when the prayers call for it. Participate — sing along, read the prayers, and respond.

This year may be different in so many ways, but the eternal message of these sacred moments of prayer, contemplation and resolve still resonates, perhaps even more so than in years gone by. Together, with God's blessing, we will get through the challenges and travails of the present and emerge stronger with our faith affirmed, and our hopes for the future fixed firmly in our hearts. With this resolve, may we all be inscribed in the Book of Life with signatures of blessing.

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# Happy 5781 Fellow TBS Congregants

Mitch Cohen, TBS President



(The world was created in 3761 BCE + 2020 = 5781 CE) I look at those numbers and try to wrap my head around such a long span of time. I'm 51 years-old, so I've only been around for 0.8% of the time that Judaism has been a religion. The Reform movement, founded in the US in 1873 by Rabbi Isaac Mayer Wise, has been around for 2.5% of those 5781 years.

As a percentage of the world's 7.8 billion people, Jews numbered 14.6 million in 2018 or 0.19%. Through these two lenses, we can seem insignificant, over such a long period of time. Therefore, our short time span, as Jews, should be as impactful as possible.

I am proud that eight of the 114 Supreme Court Justices were/are Jewish, 7%. I love to read that, of the 900 Nobel Prize winners, 20% were Jewish. Finally, 70 of the companies listed on NASDAQ are Israeli, bested only by the USA and Japan.

We may have a calamitous history, with Temple destructions (587 BCE by the Babylonians, 70 CE by the Romans), the Spanish inquisition of 1492 and the Holocaust, to name a few, but still, *Hinenu*, "We are here."

The High Holy Days are an opportunity for each of us to reflect on our significance, our "Why." Why do we, as Jews, still exist? Why is Judaism important to me? As a member of this community, you can deepen your connection to Judaism in the manner you choose.

Since we have implemented social distancing, my family has begun a weekly Shabbat Zoom call. After blessing the candles, wine, children, and challah, my brother asks an introspective question that everyone can answer. I regularly attend TBS Shabbat services and Torah Study. I have a monthly deadline for my contribution to "Our Voices," our TBS monthly newsletter. As a Board member, not a day goes by that does not involve my connection to TBS. As Simon Sinek created in his golden circle, these are the "How" and the "What" of our Judaism. The "Why" differs from person to person.

I hope that you are looking forward to this new year as much as I am. 5780 has been very challenging, yet my confidence grows every day, as I see our TBS community support one another during these challenging times.

When I think of the words, *Hinenu*, "We are Here," I am reminded of the group effort that is needed to make our community not just exist but thrive. I am appreciative and humbled by the tireless efforts that staff, clergy, teachers, Board members, and congregants make to create the "We." These are the people who give our community character and shape. They help assure that we are "Here."

"We are Here" is alive and well when we are present together. The Board of Directors and I continue to welcome your feedback and active participation. We also welcome back congregants who have not been affiliated with TBS in recent years. We will always welcome diverse Jews and people of all faiths into our community, for a visit or a lifetime of Jewish connections.

I encourage all of us to make 5781 the year that we make a daily, weekly, monthly, or quarterly effort to be an active part of "We."

Shanah Tovah, and thank you.

# Strengthening Our Commitment to One Another

Ruth Irving, MBA, Executive Director



Growing up, my synagogue shaped my Jewish future in ways I would never have imagined. It was a safe place to be Jewish and to learn. Memories of everyone at the congregation, celebrating with me, during my Bat Mitzvah, gathering for High Holy Days, youth group events, and so much more. Having worked in synagogues for over 10 years, and in the Jewish community for even longer, I believe in the future of the Jewish people and the important role that synagogues play.

I recently read an article, “An Open Letter to Jewish Parents About ‘Opting Out,’” by Rabbi Nicole Guzik. While I am not a parent, I found this article to be relevant, regardless of age/family orientation. I encourage you to read the article. It made me think about the role of the synagogue, even as times are changing. “Hinenu,” together we as a Jewish community stand as one. In times of joy and times of sorrow. To support one another and learn together. So that, not just today’s generation, but future generations can practice and gather as one—whether physically or in the cyber world. This theme of Hinenu is especially meaningful this year.

Rabbi Guzik spoke about “the Jewish commitment to community within the pandemic, when so many of our interactions have become virtual.” She felt the values and commitment to Judaism during these pandemic times, should be strengthened even more so and not less. By renewing our commitment to synagogues, we are showing the value of our Jewish community and history. As Rabbi Guzik said, “A true community exists, even when times are difficult and scary.”

The synagogue is within each of us. Though the office does not feel the same without the energy and smiling faces of each of you, we are not idle. Our days are filled with cleaning and maintenance of the synagogue, program prep, Zoom meetings, calls so that we can hear your voices, Yartzheit notices, emails, more Zoom meetings... and we eagerly await the time when we can welcome you back into our sacred space with open arms. While we may be celebrating this New Year in a different way, we offer the same commitment to providing a place for all who wish to join and learn together. Thank you for your support of TBS.

I wish all of you, Shanah Tovah.

## Thank You for the Warm Welcome

Johannah Sohn, Ed.D, Director of Youth Education



Shalom TBS families! I am so delighted to join this wonderful community, especially as we approach a new year with creative religious education programming. I have been so impressed by the warm welcome I have received, even virtually I have felt the strength and support of the TBS community, as you have all shown up to greet me with a strong chorus of Hinenu, we are here! Now it is time for me to sing the same back to you, I am here – Hineni - I am here for you to help create sacred time and space in your homes. With that goal in mind, we have produced guides for you to bring the High Holy Days into your home. The guides have table questions, songs to sing, and rituals to inspire you and your loved ones. These will be handed out in the Hinenu Drive Thru and will be available to read and download from [tbsoc.com/hhd2020](https://tbsoc.com/hhd2020).

One day I look forward to meeting you all in person. In the meantime, I want to thank you for showing me what Temple Beth Sholom is all about – showing up together and embracing community. *Hinenu!*



# Rising Above the Tide

Tamara Levin, Director of Early Childhood Education



We heard about a virus wreaking havoc a world away. It appeared like a distant tsunami swallowing country after country. It could not possibly touch our shores... but it did.

We sat in bewildered disbelief as we heard that our preschool was shutting down. The murky unknown swirled around us. What will become of our children, our teachers, our community?

Within a day we rallied. *Hinenu*, we are still here! The teachers gathered on Zoom, an unknown media that would soon become as familiar as our phones. We planned lessons and met with our students and families. We heard the cry for more and adopted stringent safety protocols to start an essential workers program. This transitioned into a phenomenal camp, filled with joyful enthusiasm. *Hinenu*, we are here!

Children thrive on stability and community. They instinctively learn to adapt to new situations. Our preschool and Temple community leapt into action and found new ways to touch one another... Shabbat parades, catered meals, Havdalah kits, caring and creative teachers who undertook their new challenges and found joy learning side by side.

As the preschool director, new to this community, I cannot help but view our future with excitement and enthusiasm. This is an opportunity to create a community of excellence with an eye, not just to survive, but to thrive. We are building an ark for our children and rising above the tide. More importantly, we are doing it together. *Hinenu*, we are here!

## How Far Apart Are We, Really?

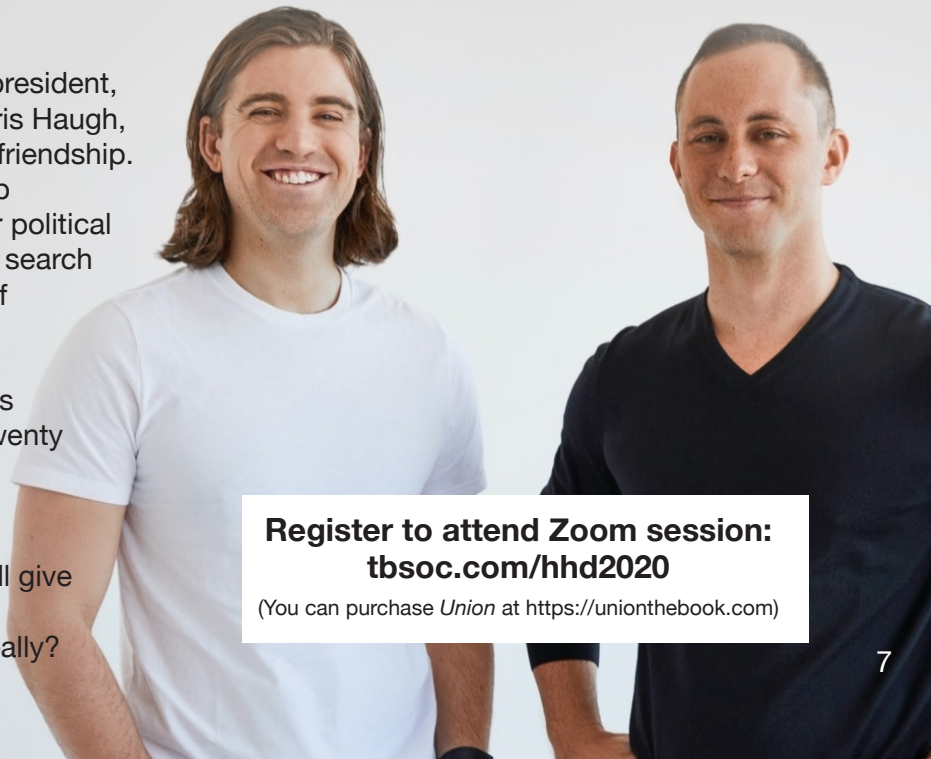
**Selichot Zoom discussion with the authors of *Union*, Jordan Blashek & Chris Haugh**

Saturday, September 12th at 7:00 pm | Selichot Service to follow at 8:30 pm

Two friends, a Democrat and a Republican, set out across America to better understand each other, and the country they love.

In the year before Donald Trump was elected president, Jordan Blashek, a Republican Marine, and Chris Haugh, a Democrat from Berkeley, formed an unlikely friendship. Over the months, Jordan and Chris's friendship blossomed not in spite of, but because of their political differences. So, they decided to hit the road in search of reasons to strengthen their bond in an era of strife and partisanship.

*Union* is a three-year adventure story that takes readers to forty-four states and along nearly twenty thousand miles of road to discover where the American experiment stands today. A road narrative, a civics lesson, and an unforgettable window into one powerful friendship, *Union* will give readers an answer to one of the most pressing questions of our time: How far apart are we, really?



**Register to attend Zoom session:  
[tbsoc.com/hhd2020](https://tbsoc.com/hhd2020)**

(You can purchase *Union* at <https://unionthebook.com>)

# Yom Kippur Afternoon Breakout Sessions

September 28th | 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm via Zoom

## Parenting During A Pandemic | Is being “good enough” OK - for now?

With Tamara Levin, Director TBS Early Childhood Education, and Johannah Sohn, Ed.D, Director Youth Education

## The Pursuit of Joy - Let Us Rejoice! | “Listen, are you breathing just a little and calling it life?”

With Rachel Benson, LCSW, private practitioner and TBS Congregant Volunteer

## Anti-Semite! Racist! Misogynist! | Is “labeling” creating order or fomenting chaos?

With Mike Rubin, J.D., Partner Rutan & Tucker, LLP, past Chair for the Orange County/Long Beach Region of the Anti-Defamation League, long time congregant and enthusiastic TBS Torah Study participant.

**Register to attend Zoom sessions: [tbsoc.com/hhd2020](https://tbsoc.com/hhd2020)**

## And We Remember...

**An Opportunity to Visit the TBS Memorial Wall | Visit [tbsoc.com/hhd2020](https://tbsoc.com/hhd2020) for Reservations**



Many Jews make a point of visiting loved ones' graves during the month of Elul.

Visiting the graves of loved ones, during the High Holy Days, helps connect us to the holidays' themes of renewal, repentance, reflection, and growth through memories of our loved ones.

During these times, our movements have been incredibly restricted.

Because of this, Temple Beth Sholom would like to invite you to—safely and securely—step inside to visit our Memorial Wall. You may schedule a private visit, either Thursday, September 24th, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, or Saturday, September 26th, from noon to 3:00 pm. You may visit the Memorial Wall and leave stones, say a prayer, visit the Sanctuary or Chapel and take some time in the Meditation Garden.

We will follow strict protocols to meet safety guidelines. Also, we will provide stones and prayers and instructions for a safe and meaningful visit. Visits will be scheduled in 15-minute intervals and will be limited to allow as many families as possible to visit and for appropriate time to clean between visits.



L'Dor V'Dor



### **L'Dor V'Dor Society Happy Hour "Unwind"**

Save the Date: Thursday, October 15 | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Join us for a fun, virtual Happy Hour, where we will share information about the L'Dor V'Dor Society and celebrate the end of High Holy Days.

The L'Dor V'Dor Society was created, so that our love of Jewish life and its teachings will be preserved from generation to generation. Our legacy program ensures we pass the tradition of vitality and financial stability into our future. At TBS, that future means a place where Jewish values and Jewish continuity are reinforced—where

everyone is nurtured in celebrations, community participation, Jewish Education, Social Justice and a place that assures future generations our Jewish tomorrow.

## Cast Your Sins on the Water – Tashlich Services & Havdalah

### **Tashlich**

**September 19 | 6:00 pm**

Our annual Tashlich service will take place in the late afternoon of Rosh Hashanah, at approximately 6:00 pm. It has been the practice of TBS to blow bubbles and symbolically cast out our sins and recite prayers of repentance. Water represents the opportunity to cleanse the body and soul and take a new course in our lives. You will receive your bubbles during the Hinenu Drive Thru or delivered for those who requested. This service is offered virtually on Zoom and led by Cantor Reinwald.

### **Havdalah**

**September 19 & 28 | 6:00 pm**

Havdalah is a Hebrew word meaning "division" or "separation" and is the name of this ritual that formally ends Shabbat, "separating" it from the beginning of the new week. We also celebrate Havdalah at the conclusion of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. There are many layers of deeper meaning to the Havdalah blessings and symbols. In some communities, a different person holds each symbol, lifting it up or passing it around during its blessing. Each symbol relates to our senses: wine is for taste; the spices are for smell; the candle is for sight; the blessings are spoken, sung, and heard. We use our sense of touch when we pass around these ritual objects, tangible reminders of separation, and when we join hands or link arms as a community, whether virtually or in a group.

Please join us following Tashlich on Rosh Hashanah and at the conclusion of Yom Kippur for Havdalah. Cantor Reinwald will lead the Havdalah services at approximately 6:00 pm.



# Echoes of Elul and Special Readings

Echoes of Elul is where we share a selection of stories, insights, and memories in the form of writing, poetry, art and music. A daily offering is posted on our website and emailed for you to read and contemplate throughout the days of Elul. Shared stories can bring inspiration and connection, helping to open our hearts and minds. Join us as we embark on our journey through the Echoes of Elul. We are stronger together.

## Discovery

by Ruth F. Brin

*No one ever told me the coming of the Messiah  
Could be an inward thing;  
No one ever told me a change of heart  
Might be as quiet as new-fallen snow.  
No one ever told me that redemption  
Was as simple as springtime and as wonderful  
As birds returning after a long winter,  
Rose-breasted grosbeaks singing in the swaying branches  
Of a newly budded tree.  
No one ever told me that salvation  
Might be like a fresh spring wind  
Blowing away the dried withered leaves of another year,  
Carrying the scent of flowers, the promise of fruition.  
What I found for myself I try to tell you:  
Redemption and salvation are very near,  
And the taste of them is in the world  
That God created and laid before us.*



"This piece reminds us of our responsibility, when seeking forgiveness to uphold our responsibility in making ourselves better. Forgiveness is not passive. Even from God. It asks the best of us too." - Rabbi Edwin Goldberg

## These Endure in Every Age

Author Unknown

The transforming power of love,  
The redeeming power of compassion,  
The healing power of forgiveness,  
These endure in every age.  
The joy which comes from sharing,  
The strength which comes from striving,  
The nourishment which comes from beauty,  
These endure in every age.  
The sanctity of life,  
The value of truth,

The primacy of justice,  
These endure in every age.  
The abiding worth of prayer,  
The purifying promise of repentance,  
The striving to know God's will,  
These endure in every age.  
Grant us, O God, amidst relentless change,  
The wisdom to know and to cherish  
These teachings, which endure for all time.



# Together We Recognize

Thank You to Those Who Helped to Make This High Holy Day Celebration Meaningful and Memorable:

Cantor David Reinwald  
Rabbi Emeritus Shelton J. Donnell  
Josh Friedman and  
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Matthew Griffin, shofar  
Jared Weissberg, cellist  
Evan Nowack, video  
Rachael Pollak, video

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Sylvan Swartz  
Caron Winston

## **Torah Readers**

Adam Gonzalez (Rosh Hashanah morning)  
Alan Shebroe (Yom Kippur morning)  
Sarah Schweitz (Yom Kippur afternoon)

## **Service Readers**

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Patti Widdicombe  
Caron Winston  
Mike Winston

## **TBS Support Video**

Monica and Irv Engel  
Lori Griffin and Hersh Cherson  
Arielle Ohls

## **Hinenu Drive Thru Support**

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## Food Drive

Despite the current health crisis, Temple Beth Sholom is proudly resuming our annual food drive supporting people in need. We will be collecting your donations at the Hinenu Drive Thru on Friday, September 4th. If you are unable to attend the event, please call Monica 949-458-8732 or Michele 714-541-5003 to arrange for pick up.

The following are suggestions for filling your bag(s). Please keep in mind that some recipients do not have access to stoves, can openers, etc. When possible select canned goods that are nourishing with pull tabs or other easy-open packaging. Please also check for OUT OF DATE items and dispose of them.

Soup i.e. Chicken or Beef with vegetables | Vegetables | Fruit | Juice | Tuna | Chicken | Chili | Beef Stew | Beans | Ramen | Pasta | Mac and Cheese | Peanut Butter | Jam | Baby Food | Protein Bars | Whole Grain Crackers



## High Holy Days Lunch and Dinner Boxes

**Parties by Panache | Panache at Home**

Take the stress out of feeding friends and family during the holidays. Parties by Panache is offering Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Break the Fast lunch/dinner boxes. **Each box will contain: Bagel/Cream Cheese/ Smoked Salmon + Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Red Onion & Capers | Tuna Dill Salad | Fresh Fruit Salad | Black & White Cookie | A Piece of Honey Cake | Utensils**

The charge is \$20.00 each. Rosh Hashanah boxes will be available for pick up at TBS or delivery September 19th and 20th. Yom Kippur boxes are delivery only (\$5.00 per location) September 27th and 28th. Order online at [tbsoc.com/hhd2020](http://tbsoc.com/hhd2020).

## Sisterhood

**TBS Sisterhood is currently collecting High Holy Day cards, drawings, art, poems, or any other uplifting creations that will brighten the days and lighten the spirits of seniors.**

August 17 – September 11, 2020

Due to the pandemic, many seniors have been sequestered to their residences. TBS Sisterhood will be collecting High Holy Day cards, drawings, art, poems, or any other uplifting creations that will brighten the days and lighten the spirits of our friends at Bubbe and Zayde's and Heritage Point Assisted Living Facilities. We also encourage you to ask your children and grandchildren to participate in this wonderful gesture. Be sure to write their first name and age on the card as they will be scanned and displayed via closed circuit TV for residents.

The cards can be left inside the collection box at TBS, dropped off during our bi-monthly Shabbat Parades, or picked up at your homes if you are unable to drive. Please contact Cindy Grossberg with any questions or for assistance.



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