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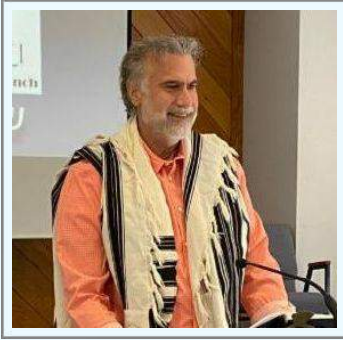


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My Message - By Reb Tuviah



September is here and with it comes the High Holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The beginning of a new year is filled with mixed emotions. In looking back on the previous year we focus on our failures, missed opportunities and the precious moments that slipped by. At the same time, the Yamim Noraim (High Holy Days) provide us with a new year full of hope and renewal.

The rituals and symbols of Rosh Hashanah wonderfully capture and express these mixed feelings. The shofar blasts cry out for the year gone by. The shofar urges us to wake up, look inside ourselves and to recognize our habitual shortcomings. By continuing the process of introspection in these final days of the month of Elul, we can recite the prayers of the High Holy Days with a sense of seriousness and urgency. But Rosh Hashanah is more than just somber prayers in a minor key. Gathered as temple family, we dip challah and apples into honey. The sweet honey reminds us of the many pleasures we experienced in the course of the previous year. By reciting special blessings we ask God to grant us a new year of health and happiness.

Yom Kippur lacks the shofar and the festival meal of Rosh Hashanah, but its rituals are no less powerful, its symbols no less evocative. On Yom Kippur many of us dress in white. White reminds us of the purity that we strive to attain throughout our lives. During the course of the day's extended prayers, one symbol is repeated over and over again. As we recite the vidui (confessional), it is customary to stand slightly bowed and to lightly beat our hearts with our fisted right hand. Bent over under the weight of burdens and pain, we express our humility. Admitting that our hearts turned astray, we beat our chest to express the pain we caused ourselves and others.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur...two immensely powerful and evocative observances in our Jewish calendar. Albert, Maxx, Cantorial Soloist Miriam Blau and I look forward to bringing new meaning and depth to these most holy days. We have the machzorim (prayerbooks), we have our planned outline, and we have our instruments...but the most important part of all of this is you. It is the energy each one of us contributes to the TBE Sanctuary when gathered together as a temple family that truly creates the high holiday experience.

Nancy and I wish you all a meaningful, insightful and loving high holiday experience. L'Shanah tovah tikatevu v'tichatem; May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year.

L'Shalom,
Reb Tuviah

A Message From Our Temple President



Shalom Temple family and friends,

September is an interesting and exciting month as it holds an ending and a beginning. Of course, I am referring to the months of Elul and Tishrei, a time of retrospect, reflection, and an opportunity to examine yesterday, explore today, and dream for tomorrow as we welcome a new year. With the High Holy Days only a few weeks away, our Clergy and Ritual Committee are working hard to prepare for our beautiful season. As of September 1st, over one hundred twenty-five people have reserved seats for our High Holy Day services. Everyone should have recently received via US Mail information containing information on service times, parking, reserving seats, safety, and more. If you still need to register and want to attend our services, [please register online by clicking here](#) or at bethel-fl.org. Temple Beth El prides itself on its open-door policy for High Holy Days seats. We do not charge for seating, whether you are a member or not. All are welcome. For space and security reasons, we ask that you register in advance. Please remember that we operate primarily on donations; please be as generous as possible when considering a Kol Nidre donation. [A link to make a Kol Nidre donation is provided here](#). Every Yom Kippur, at our Yizkor Service, we honor our loved ones that have passed. Members and non-members can memorialize their loved ones by placing their names in our 2023/5784 Yizkor Book of Remembrance. The Book of Remembrance will be distributed just before our Yizkor service begins. If you want a loved one's name listed, you can complete the form sent via US Mail the first week of August or online by [clicking here](#). The deadline to complete your Yizkor Book of Remembrance requests is September 14th.

Our growth over that past year has been unprecedented, and I am happy to report that FOUR new members have joined Temple Beth El since we published our last newsletter only a month ago.

Our Shabbat School has started, and we look forward to a wonderful year with our students. If you would like to visit our school, please make arrangements by calling our office at 941-755-4900 to schedule a visit.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday morning, September 30th, at 10:00 a.m. for an enjoyable and engaging outdoor Shabbat service followed by a Sukkot celebration, BBQ and Open House at noon. Please bring a lawn chair and lots of enthusiasm as we sing, dance, and have fun around the Sukkah. And when I say fun, I mean eat.

Warm regards, Joel Auerbach

News from our Sisterhood & Men's Club



Greetings from the TBE Sisterhood. The Sisterhood Board is continuing to plan for next year's events. Among other future events, we are planning a "get-acquainted" tea (or wine and cheese) for the Sisterhood members in October, an evening cruise on the Princess Anna Marie Paddleboat in November, and an evening at the Piano Bar in Bradenton to hear "dueling pianos, which received excellent reviews from Sisterhood members, in January 2024. Check the TBE website (www.bethel-fl.org) or the Temple Beth El weekly wrap for more details on these upcoming events as they become available. Sisterhood donated funds for two new card tables for the weekly Mah Jongg events at TBE. We would love to hear your ideas and thoughts on fun

events, fund raising events, and Mitzvah projects. Please share by email to meg.weinberg@verizon.net or by calling me at 401-707-2211. The next Sisterhood Board meeting will be Wednesday 13 September 2023 at 4:00pm, and is open to all Sisterhood members. If you are interested, please send me an email for the Zoom link. Sisterhood is just \$25 per year.

L'shalom,
Meg Weinberg
Sisterhood President



The Men's Club met August 13th at 9am at the Bradenton IHOP. Our first order of business was to define who we are and what we want to accomplish as an organization. We drafted our Mission and Purpose statements so that all know and understand our organization. And the members voted unanimously to change the name of the organization to the Brotherhood as this exudes a more warm, friendly and collaborative organization. We also agreed to select a couple more officers to assist in the management of the Brotherhood. Mitch Mallet is our Vice President, Albert Rosenstein is the Treasurer and Neil Spirtas agreed to be acting Secretary until Dec 2023. We distributed and approved the annual calendar of activities that will be published on the Brotherhood web page before the end of this month. Additionally, we challenged ourselves to identify and obtain a newsletter advertiser for each of the 11 members who attended the breakfast between now and the Oct 15th breakfast meeting. Members will report their results at the October meeting.

Regards,
Bob Johnson
Mens Club President

Welcome New Members!

Joining our synagogue reminds us that we're part of a wider community and gives us a chance to reach out and unite with others. We are a warm and inviting community. Our Shabbat services are open to everyone.

Let's all welcome our newest members

Lesley Sacher

Marvin Waldman

Johanna Willner

Jeffrey Schneiderman

Welcome to our shul!



Join today and get your new member gift and engraved name badge!

Want More Information?

Click Here

Remember to Mark Your Calendar!

September 2023

- Thurs. Sept. 7 Mah Jongg - 1:00-3:00pm
Sat. Sept. 9 Havdalah and S'lichot Service - 6:30pm
Mon. Sept. 11 Mitzvah Day at Meals on Wheels - 8:30am
Thurs. Sept 14 *No Mah Jongg
Fri. Sept. 15 Rosh Hashanah Service - 7:00pm
Sat. Sept. 16 Rosh Hashanah Morning Service - 10:00am
Tashlich at Jiggs Landing - 6:00pm
Thurs. Sept 21 *No Mah Jongg
Sun. Sept. 24 Kol Nidre / Erev Yom Kippur Service - 7:00pm
Mon. Sept. 25 Yom Kippur Morning Service - 10:00am
Yizkor - 11:45am
Neilah / Afternoon Service - 5:00pm
Wed. Sept 27 "Raise the Sukkah"
Wed. Sept. 27. TBE Board meeting on Zoom - 7:00pm
Thurs. Sept. 28 Mah Jongg - 1:00-3:00pm
Thurs. Sept. 28 Chavurah to play BUNCO! - 7:00pm
Fri. Sept. 29. Shabbat / Sukkot Celebration! (Oneg in the Sukkah) - 7:00pm
Sat. Sept. 30 Shabbat / Sukkot Celebration, BBQ & Open House! - 10:00am



[Click Here](#) to see *all of our calendar events*

COME CELEBRATE SHABBAT!

Kabbalat Musical Shabbat Service
Friday evenings at 7:00pm

Shabbat Morning Service
Saturday mornings at 10:00am



Come Play Mah Jongg!



Every Thursday from 1-3 pm at TBE

Men and Women welcome

No RSVP necessary

Contact Robin Block with questions

robinlblock@gmail.com

Snacks provided!

Please note:

(No Mah Jongg on Sept 14th or 21st due to the High Holidays)

September 2023

Elul/Tishrei 5783



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00pm	No Shabbat School Shabbat Service 10:00am
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
				Mah Jongg at TBE at 1:00pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00pm	Shabbat School 9:30am Shabbat Service 10:00am S'lichot Service 6:30pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Mitzvah Day at Meals on Wheels 8:30am			No Mah Jongg	Erev Rosh Hashana Service 7:00pm	Shabbat School 9:30am Rosh Hashana Service 10:00am Tashlich Service 6:00pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Rosh Hashana (Day 2)	Gedaliah Fast			No Mah Jongg	Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00pm	Shabbat School 9:30am Shabbat Service 10:00am
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre 7:00pm	Yom Kippur Service 10:00am Yizkor 11:45am Neilah Service 5:00pm		Raise the Sukkah TBE Board Meeting (Zoom) 7:00pm	Mah Jongg at TBE 1:00pm Chavurah 7:00pm	Kabbalat Shabbat Service 7:00pm Erev Sukkot Celebration 7:00pm	Shabbat Service 10:00am Sukkot Celebration, BBQ & Open House 12:00pm
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Mah Jongg at TBE 1:00pm Sisterhood Meet and Greet 3:30pm		Shabbat / Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah 10:00am



S'lichot at TBE

Preparing for the Days of Awe



ימים נוראים

Saturday Evening
September 9, 2023

- 6:30pm Havdalah Service bidding farewell to Shabbat**
- 6:45pm S'lichot-themed movie (Hebrew w/English subtitles)**
- 7:15pm S'lichot service including prayers, music, teaching, and the ritual changing of the Torah covers.**

Immediately following the Havdalah service, we will be presenting a S'lichot-themed movie entitled, *A Pure Prayer*, a short film direct from Israel.

"It is nearly Yom Kippur and the synagogue is still short of a tenth man to make up a minyan (the quorum for communal prayer). Schwarzman has no idea what to do. Rosa, his wife, has a solution – to bring Menachem, their special needs son, to the synagogue. Menachem is 30, but he has never taken part in communal prayers."

Reb Tuviah will lead a post-viewing discussion as part of the S'lichot program. There's sure to be a great exchange of ideas so please join us!

All are welcome and there is no charge for this program!

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For future dates or more information, contact ChrisAnn Allen, Mitzvah Chair
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High Holy Days 5784

Join us as we experience the Days of Awe
with prayer, reflection, music and song!

ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 15

7pm Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Saturday, September 16

10am Morning Service

6pm Tashlich at Jiggs Landing

YOM KIPPUR

Sunday, September 24

7pm Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur

Monday, September 25

10am Morning Service

12pm Yizkor

5pm Neila/Afternoon Service

Free and open to all • Donations appreciated

RSVP in advance required by

[Learn More/Make Reservations](#)



Tashlich 5784

**Join us for our annual Tashlich
celebration as we symbolically cast our
sins into the waters
and begin a new year together!**

**Rosh Hashanah Afternoon
Saturday, Sept. 16th 6:00pm**



**Jiggs Landing
6106 63rd St E, Bradenton, FL 34203**

Join the TBE *Charurah*

★ Games ★ Social Outings ★ Dinners ★
★ Parties ★ Events ★ and more!



The next gathering will be on:

Thursday, Sept 28 - 7:00 pm

at the home of
Marcy Cohen

RSVP TO: Helene - membership@bethel-fl.org

TBE members only

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SUKKOT, BBQ & OPEN HOUSE!



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12pm - Sukkot Celebration, BBQ & Open House!

Come for the service or the celebration...or both!



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*Sponsored by the TBE Sisterhood and Brotherhood.
Please bring a lawn chair or blanket for the morning service.
In the event of inclement weather, we will be inside the temple.*

Looking ahead... Mark your calendar

Shemini Atzeret / Simchat Torah

Sat. Oct. 7th

STARTING AT 10:00AM

WE COMPLETE OUR READING OF THE TORAH WITH THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY AND THEN ROLL THE SCROLL BACK TO START AGAIN WITH THE BOOK OF GENESIS, CHAPTER 1; "IN THE BEGINNING..."



Shabbat morning Service followed by a light lunch and then the Simchat Torah celebration!



DON'T MISS IT! THERE WILL BE TEACHING, DISCUSSION, MUSIC AND, OF COURSE, DANCING AROUND THE SANCTUARY WITH ALL THE TORAH SCROLLS!

Our September Simchas

September Birthdays

Marcy Cohen	9/02
Roy Manas	9/03
Diane Hart	9/14
Craig Hoffman	9/16
Cathy Auerbach	9/18
Gary Weinberg	9/21
William Gregory	9/24
Susan Kurtin	9/25
Mitch Rubinstein	9/25
Katherine Richmond	9/27
Paul Stahl	9/30



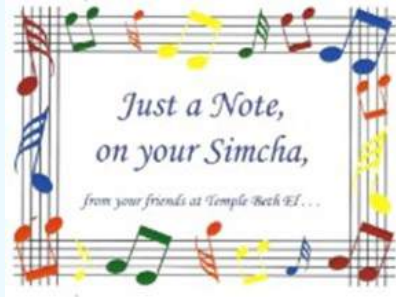
September Anniversaries



Barry & Jean Steiger	9/03
Ira & Cheryl Kramer	9/08
Robyn & Neil Spirtas	9/17

If you are a member of TBE and don't see your birthday or anniversary listed, please email [the office](#) so that you can be listed here.

Simcha Grams



TBE sends Birthday and Anniversary, "Simcha Grams" to members in honor of their special day. This is a great way to contribute to your Synagogue and to send your TBE family good wishes.

Names must be received at least two weeks prior to the date. The donation is \$3.00 per name. The card will be mailed to those individuals prior to their special day. Thank you for your support!



Send October Birthday Wishes

Barbara Cole	10/07
Ira Kramer	10/16
Micah Metcalf-Clark	10/19
Helene Johnson	10/20
Gerald Sokol	10/21
Joel Auerbach	10/22
Erwin Segal	10/26

Send October Anniversary Wishes

Amy & Quinn Moriarty	10/12
Barry & Patty Schneider	10/19
Lisa & Joshua Leuchter	10/30

If we have somehow overlooked your Simcha or made an error in printing the date, please accept our apologies and call the temple office at 941-755-4900 or [send an email](#) so that we may update our records.

[Click here to request that your name be placed on a Simcha Gram](#)

Yahrzeits

It is traditional to light a Yahrzeit candle on the evening of observance. In addition, we urge you to attend Shabbat services to honor the memory of your beloved and to recite Mourner's Kaddish on the Yahrzeit. May your memories of the departed always be a blessing.



SERVICES September 1st & 2nd

Betty Klein IMO Howard Klein
David Meier IMO Anneliese Mai
Bayla Kolton IMO Theodore Halasz
Lisa Leuchter IMO Elaine Roberts

SERVICES September 8th & 9th

Robin Eiseman IMO Sibyl Padelford
Robyn Spirtas IMO Marcia Campbell
Barry Schneider IMO Brenda Schneider
Lew Cooper IMO Judah Lefer
Mitch Mallet IMO Richard C. Mallet
Lisa Leuchter IMO Richard Roberts
Maxxine Smith IMO Ellia Pekofsky
Barry Steiger IMO Ann Steiger
Beverly Safron IMO Hugo Sohn

SERVICES September 15th & 16th

Maxxine Smith IMO Ruth Stolowitz Sherman
Paul Stahl IMO Bertha Stahl
Robert Kupferman IMO Celia Kupferman

SERVICES September 22nd & 23rd

Sandy Clark IMO Sandy Clark
Barry Steiger IMO Sue Steiger
Maxxine Smith IMO Curt Resnick
Brian Weiss IMO Pearl H. Weiss
Bill Gregory IMO Norman Jayson
Craig & Linda Hoffman IMO Lillian Hoffman
Lisa Leuchter IMO Richard Roberts

SERVICES September 29th & 30th

Paul Stahl IMO Rita Lewandoski
Sylvia Kupferman IMO Martin Epstein

To commemorate your beloved, it is also customary to memorialize the departed by making a donation to the synagogue. You can donate here or mail your check to the Temple at 5150 Peridia Blvd East, Bradenton 34203.

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Donations *Thank you for your donation!*

We thank the following people for their donations this month:

General Donations:

Bob and Charlene Eredics

Howard and Helen Hammerman

Murray and Jerilyn Dimant

Rabbi's Discretionary fund

Jill Salazar

Yahrzeit:

Robyn Spirtas remembers her grandmother, Sadie Rosenfeld

Robyn Spirtas remembers her grandfather, Dave Rosenfeld

Howard Hammerman remembers his father, Thomas Hammerman

Murray Dimant remembers his parents, Akiva and Schura Dimant

Neil and Sandy Clark remember Neil's mother, Jane Clark

Celia Strickler remembers her mother, Blanche Strickler

Neil Spirtas remembers his grandmother, Lillian Spirtas

David Meier remembers Anneliese Mai

Oneg Sponsors:

Rosenstein family - Happy Birthday Albert!

Ginger Manas - Happy 90th Birthday Roy!

Bill Gregory and Diane Hart - Shalom to All!

Ira Kramer IMO his father, Jack Kramer

Rise Bausch IMO her husband, Joey Bausch

TBE- Happy Birthday Maxx!



Honor or Remember a Friend or Loved One: At Temple Beth El, there are many ways in which you can honor or remember a loved one or a friend. With each donation an acknowledgement will be sent to the honoree or the family.

Or make a donation for the:

- Beautification Fund; For enhancement of the building.
- Cantorial Fund: To fund cantorial guest soloists at temple services.
- General Fund: For the operation of the Temple.
- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: may be used for any purpose that the rabbi feels appropriate; often for charitable reasons.
- Security Fund: To increase security at TBE.
- Tova Risha Fund: Scholarship for Temple's Religious School.

Thank you to all of our generous donors. Your gift helps keep Reform Judaism alive in Manatee County. There are many ways and reasons to make a donation to TBE

Kibbitz Korner

Announce your milestones, simchas, news and nachas. Share your joys, thank congregants, members and friends, announce anniversaries, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, engagements, graduations, introduce babies and grandbabies. You can even ask for help or ideas.



Jill Salazar thanks Marlena Johnsny for her years of service to TBE! You are the best!



Thank you SO much for the best Birthday! A tiara, strawberry shortcake, balloon, & surrounded by the people I love most in the world. Playing my flute, lighting Shabbos candles with all the women was just perfect. Thank you to the Rabbi, Nancy, Joel, Robyn, Helene, Kate, Marlena, Rise & everyone who gave me an Oneg that I'll never forget. Love to you all. ♡🎵!! Maxx the Flautist



Jill Salazar visited Bayla on July 27. She stated, "It was a joy for each of us" and reported that Bayla misses everyone!



Temple Beth El would like to thank Robin Block and Helene Johnson for their efforts in starting the new TBE Chavurah group!



[Click Here to add your milestone, simcha or news to next month's newsletter!](#)

Around the temple this month...



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We're close by to serve you better.



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The Caring Circle is dedicated to contacting anyone that may be struggling with physical, emotional or spiritual challenges and may need extra support or prayers.

Please notify the temple office, or the coordinator, Phyllis Hemler, with the name and contact info of any TBE member in need.

Phyllis Hemler:
609-203-0110
phyllishemler@gmail.com

[Click here to add a name to the Mi Sheibarch list](#)

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TBE advertising rates start at just \$30 per month. Contact Helene Johnson at publicity@bethel-fl.org for information.



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Make an Oneg or Kiddush Announcement

- * Commemorate your special day
- * Honor or remember someone
- * Celebrate a special occasion
- * Recognize someone's hard work
or "Just because"

Friday Night Oneg \$50

Saturday Kiddish \$50

Both days \$100

(To celebrate, consider bringing a small bakery cake!)



**Sign up online by going to
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***please note- there may be more than
one announcement at any given Oneg**

BOOK NOW

Our Mitzvah Projects

Temple Beth El has been working with the Salvation Army since the spring of 2020. People staying at the shelter need health and beauty aids; everything from soap and shampoo to Vaseline and sunblock. These items are only available as they are donated. Please consider donating to this worthwhile project. Items can be brought to the Temple. Please drop your items in the blue bins under the bulletin board in the lobby.

TBE will once again have the opportunity to participate in "produce packing" at Meals on Wheels at 811 23rd Avenue East. The Food Bank purchases fresh produce for their meal delivery clients. The project involves sorting and bagging the produce. No lifting required. If you choose to sit, you can sit. For a lot of people, this is the only fresh food in their diet. They very much look forward to receiving it. The more people we have the faster it goes. Arrive 8:30 am. (Typically just 2 hours or less of your time).



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.

WE HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN THIS WORTHWHILE MITZVAH PROJECT.

Next Date is Monday, August 7, at 8:30 am

Contact ChrisAnn Allen for more info- chrisanntbe@gmail.com



The synagogue can purchase burial plots in the "Gardens of Abraham" section of the Skyway cemetery and pass the savings on to our members. However, we need to purchase at least five at a time. Our Treasurer, Ira Kramer is taking names of those who might be interested.

*Contact him for more information
treasurer@bethel-fl.org or 908-723-4078*

Religious School - A New Way, An Exciting Way!



No longer on Sunday, now "Hebrew School" happens every Saturday starting at 9:30 am and is "Shabbat School!" It is a delight for all. Children are included in the true celebration of Judaism. They become a part of their religion in a meaningful, practicing way, participating alongside their parents or grandparents and the rest of the congregants. This is the way learning was meant to be.



If you know of anyone interested in "Shabbat School" for their children, please have them contact Rabbi Tuviah.

If you would like more information, including Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparations and how to enroll, contact, Rabbi Tuviah – rebtuviah@gmail.com



[Learn More](#)

From Our Temple Treasurer

Two Ways to Make a Tax-Free Contributions to Temple Beth El

Starting in 2019 the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act increased the standard Federal income tax deduction such that more than 90 percent of taxpayers now take the standard deduction. The 2022 standard deduction is \$13,850 for single filers and \$27,700 for those filing married filing jointly. Add \$1500 for singles and \$3000 for married filing jointly for those over sixty-five.

That means your contributions to the Temple along with major medical and other deductible expenses would have to exceed these amounts to have an impact on your tax bill.

However, there are at least two ways to make a significant contribution to the Temple and save money on your taxes:

1. Set up a Charitable Remainder Trust with the Temple as the charitable beneficiary.
2. For those over the age of seventy-two with a traditional IRA, pay the required minimum distribution (RMD) directly from the IRA to the Temple.

The Charitable Remainder Trust must be set up by an attorney. It is an irrevocable trust. The donor transfers cash or assets to the trust. In addition to a qualified charity (such as the Temple) there must be one or more living individuals who will receive income from the trust for a specific number of years or for life. At the end of the term the remainder of the trust passes to the charitable organization.

Making changes in your RMD distribution is much easier. Simply inform the bank or broker that you want either a fixed amount or a percentage to go to the synagogue. The end of year statement (1099-R) will never show that amount and you can still take the standard deduction.

These paragraphs are for your general information only. It is not tax advice. I urge you to consult with a qualified income tax professional before making any changes.

Tax Planning and High Holiday Giving

If you have appreciated stock in any publicly traded company, you can donate the stock to Temple Beth El. You may be able to deduct the current market value from your 2021 taxable income as a Schedule A deduction without paying capital gains tax. The Temple can then sell the stock and use the funds to continue our good work.

Tax year 2021 appears to be the last year that most taxpayers can take up to a charitable cash contribution to a non-profit organization (such as Temple Beth El) directly from adjusted gross income. This "above the line" deduction is limited to \$300 for taxpayers filing as single, head of household, qualified widow(er)s, and married filing separately. Taxpayers filing joint returns are limited to \$600.

As in all things tax-related, there are exceptions and additional rules. Each person's situation is unique. Please check with your tax preparer to be sure. These are general suggestions only based on publicly available information.

An Easy Way to Donate to TBE

Most of use have a dish where we collect coins that fell into our pockets or purses. Please consider donating them to the Temple's "Pushki Fund." One hundred percent of the coins donated will go to the Temple's general fund and help us fund on-going operations. We will acknowledge your donation by letter and, if you itemize deductions, you can use the amount to lower your tax bill. Just put the coins into a sturdy plastic bag along with a note with your name and address. Leave the bag on the Temple's desk in the office the next time you come to services. We'll take it from there.

Ira Kramer, Treasurer
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Respecting Holiness in Our Gathering Place

The TBE Sanctuary is a special place where we go for spiritual connection, reflection, and prayer. We ask that during services, congregants refrain from wearing tank tops, spaghetti straps, mini-skirts, shorts, or t-shirts. Please turn your cell phone off or place it on vibrate and refrain from social conversations once the service has begun.



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