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CONGREGATION BETH EL
OF THE SUDBURY RIVER VALLEY

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"On Rosh Hashanah it is written; on Yom Kippur it is sealed."

Greetings:

The Days of Awe are nearly upon us. Your tickets for *Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur* services are enclosed. Because this letter contains important information regarding observance of the High Holy Days at Beth El, please review it with care and save it for reference during the High Holy Days.

Live Streaming

We are looking forward to seeing you this year at services! If there are services that you cannot attend in person, we are, as always, live streaming all services. Find the link under 'Worship With Us' on the Beth El Home page, or direct link at <http://www.bethelsudbury.org/worship/live-streaming-at-beth-el/>

Tickets/Entry to Services

Service times are printed on the back of each ticket. **When there are both early and late services, your ticket will allow you to attend the service of your choice.** Please enter the synagogue through the school (east) entrance and exit through the main entrance (next to the foyer). If you need to sit while waiting for a service, please come inside and inform a greeter. Members of the Board of Directors will be present at all services to greet you and to check tickets. **Please help to minimize uncomfortable interactions by bringing your tickets with you to all services.**

To enhance the dignity and solemnity of the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur, please make every effort to arrive by 4:30 p.m. so that you can be seated before the service begins.

Parking at Beth El and at the Sudbury Town Hall

Because there are not enough spaces in the Beth El parking lot for all of us to park, parking has historically presented us with challenges during the High Holy Days. As in past years, the Town of Sudbury has granted us permission to park in the parking lot at Sudbury Town Hall (located approximately 1/3 miles east of the synagogue at the intersection of Hudson Road and Old Sudbury Road). There is a sidewalk along Hudson Road for the entire route from Sudbury Town Hall to Beth El. Shuttle transportation from the Sudbury Town Hall parking lot to Beth El will be available for all services.

If you need to park in the Beth El parking lot, please follow the directions of the uniformed police officer and of congregant traffic directors. We will reserve a number of parking spaces for those with handicapped parking placards. However, we cannot guarantee that there will be a space for every car with a handicapped parking placard. The best way to ensure that parking will be available for you in the Beth El parking lot if you need it is to arrive early.

Parking in non-designated parking spaces in the Beth El parking lot -- including the entry and exit driveways -- is prohibited. DO NOT OBSTRUCT THE DRIVEWAYS. Vehicles parked in violation of these parking rules will be towed. No warning announcements will be made before or during services. Parking is also prohibited in the following locations:

- **Hudson Road in front of the synagogue and parking lot**
- **Hudson Road in front of our neighbors' homes**
- **Old Lancaster Road (both sides)**
- **In front of the Sudbury Fire Station (or in the Fire Station parking lot)**

Shuttle Transportation

The usual school bus shuttle will operate as follows:

<i>Erev Rosh Hashanah</i>	8:00 p.m. – 10:45 p.m. (approx.)
<i>Rosh Hashanah (First Day)</i>	10:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m. (approx.)
<i>Kol Nidre</i>	6:00 p.m. – 10:45 p.m. (approx.)
<i>Yom Kippur Day</i>	10:00 a.m. – 7:15 p.m. (approx.)

Seat Saving Policy

To foster a feeling of community and egalitarianism, it has been Beth El's long-standing (if not uniformly enforced) policy that seats in the sanctuary may not be "reserved" or "saved." It is perfectly acceptable to "hold" a seat **for a few minutes** at the beginning of a service for a family member or friend who will be joining you shortly to attend the service. But it is not acceptable to "reserve" or "save" seats for long periods of time before or during a service or between services (*e.g.*, by draping a *tallit* over a number of seats or by placing *machzors* or other personal items on seats). If such items are left unattended, ushers will be instructed to remove them and place them on the shelf in the coat closet. Thank you for helping us to make Beth El an even more welcoming community by adhering to this long-standing policy.

Accessible Seating/Seating for Families with Young Children

We plan to reserve several seats near the main entrance to the sanctuary for accessible seating (wheel chairs and walkers) and for seating for families with young children. If you know that you would like to be seated in this section, or if you have other special seating needs, please call me or send me an email

message. We will do our best to accommodate special needs, but obviously cannot promise that we will be able to do so. The best way to ensure that you are able to find seating that meets your needs is to arrive early.

Fragrance-Free Seating

We are designating a Fragrance Free Section. While these seats are intended for congregants with very severe allergies, they are open to the general public. If you choose to sit here, we ask that you not wear perfume, cologne, scented lotions, aftershave, strong deodorant or flowers.

Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

On these most holy days, we would particularly like to avoid having services interrupted by cell phones or other electronic devices. **If at all possible, please do not bring cell phones or other electronic devices into the sanctuary during the High Holy Days; leave them at home or in your car.** If you do bring a cell phone or other electronic device into the sanctuary, **please turn it OFF (not just in vibrate or other similar mode).** Parents, please strongly encourage your children to leave cell phones and other electronic devices at home.

Prayer Books-vision and hearing assistance

This year, we will use Beth El's High Holy Day prayer book, *Chadesh Yamenu*, for *Rosh Hashanah* services as we always have. For Yom Kippur, we will be using the new Yom Kippur *machzor* from the Reform movement, *Mishkan HaNefesh*. **There is no need to bring a prayerbook to any of the High Holiday services.** We will have large print books available, so please ask an usher if this will enhance your prayer experience. As a reminder, we now have a basket of magnifiers available on the shelf with the Kippot, if you forget your glasses. As always there are also hearing assistance devices available.

Activities for Children Ages 4 - 12

Special activities will be offered for children aged 4 - 6th grade during both morning services on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah* and on *Yom Kippur*. **Any child wishing to participate must be preregistered.** If you have not preregistered a child but want to, please call or send an email message to Scott Newman, educationdirector@bethelsudbury.org.

An identifying name tag will be issued to each child who has been preregistered. Please be sure to pick up your child's name tag at the greeter's table when you enter the synagogue. If you have any questions regarding activities for children aged 4 – 6th grade, please contact Scott Newman, Director of Youth and Family Education (educationdirector@bethelsudbury.org).

An activity is planned for post bar/bat mitzvah teens during the early services on both *Rosh Hashanah* and *Yom Kippur*. Teens are encouraged to attend either the adult service, or the teen activity in the Youth Lounge with Kyle Herman.

Parents, please remember that when your child is not participating in formal activities you are responsible for ensuring appropriate decorum.

Baby Sitting for Pre-School Age Children

Babysitting will be provided for children during both morning services on the first day of *Rosh Hashanah* and on *Yom Kippur*. **Registration is limited and must be prepaid.** Please contact Nancy Brooks at wongns@msn.com.

Yom Kippur Food Drive

As a part of our *Yom Kippur* observance we will collect food for local food distribution centers. Empty grocery bags will be distributed at the close of *Rosh Hashanah* services and should be returned on *Yom Kippur* full of requested food and personal care items. Members of our Youth Group will help coordinate sorting and distribution.

How You Can Help

There are many ways that you can help to make the High Holy Days stress-free and meaningful for the entire congregation. Among these are:

- Volunteer to Serve as an Usher
- Volunteer to Serve as a Parking Director
- Volunteer to Serve as an Early Morning Shuttle Driver (using your own vehicle)

Please send me an email message if you are willing to help.

May we all be inscribed for a sweet year!

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L'shanah tovah -

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