

השופר haShofar

of DeKalb and Sycamore

Congregation Beth Shalom
820 Russell Road
DeKalb, IL 60115



ALL-CONGREGATION PICNIC Sunday, August 25, Noon

CALENDAR

Sunday, August 25	Congregation picnic (meat), Welsh Park	12 noon
Friday, August 30	Religious School	5 PM
	Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Friday, September 13	Religious School	5 PM
	Shabbat potluck (dairy)	6:30 PM
Sunday, September 15	Adult Education program	7 PM
Tuesday, September 17	Board meeting	7 PM
Thursday, September 26	Book Group	7 PM
Sunday, September 29	Kever Emet memorial service, Garden of Shalom cemetery	1 PM
	Erev Rosh Hashanah Service	7:30 PM
Monday, September 30	Rosh Hashanah Service	9:30 AM
	Tashlich, Annie's Woods	3 PM
Tuesday, October 1	Rosh Hashanah Service	10 AM

August/September 2019 Av/Elul/Tishrei 5779

Jackie Laks Gorman, editor

From the President

To the members of Congregation Beth Shalom come these greetings from your president:

I write in the fervent hope that this missive finds you in good health and spirits, enjoying the warmth of the season. Now we are gripped in the height of summer, but soon fall will be here and our thoughts must turn to welcoming the New Year. I invite all in our congregation and our wide community to come join with us in starting off our year on Sunday, August 25, at our annual congregation picnic/barbecue, in Welsh Park at 12 noon. This will as usual be a meat meal so please bring a non-dairy dish to share! Full details are elsewhere in this issue of *haShofar*.

At our picnic, we will be seeking those who can volunteer their time and effort to help our congregation by hosting Shabbat potlucks and onegs. To host a potluck, congregants need only arrive a bit early to set up and then take care of cleanup, as well as make sure we have what we need for the dinner. To host an oneg, congregants provide the desserts, challah, and other necessities and also need to arrive a little early on the evening of the service to set up and then deal with cleanup. Carol Zar, who coordinates these activities, can answer all questions. Please see if you have a spot in your schedule, as these are important ways to really help the congregation.

There will also be opportunities at the picnic to sign up for High Holy Days aliyot, a way to directly participate in our ritual and worship. We will also seek those who wish to serve at the food pantry and to provide or co-provide a dinner at Hope Haven. This is a vital service that we do for those in need in the greater DeKalb/Sycamore community.

I also have the pleasure of announcing that on Friday, August 30, we will have the first meeting of our Religious School, at 5 PM in the synagogue. This will take place prior to our Shabbat service, at 7:30 PM, which will be followed by an oneg.

In this *haShofar*, you will read of our plans for the High Holy Days, which we will again hold in the synagogue on Russell Road, but this year under the guidance and leadership of Rabbi Julie Adler. We also have plans for Adult Education events, our Book Group, our Religious School, and a full year of worship, fellowship, community action, and the celebration of Jewish life in DeKalb/ Sycamore. I urge you to read and consider how you wish to participate, and whether there are others in our wider community whom we can reach out to with these opportunities.

In addition to our plans for fulfilling our joys, duties, and obligations as a congregation, we also need to be aware of the changing world we live in—both changes within our own congregation and changes in the wider community and world in which we live. I invite you to join with me and the board of Congregation Beth Shalom as we consider such issues as whether our building meets our needs as a congregation and how we should respond to the political and social issues that confront us as part of our nation and as Jews within a worldwide Jewish community.

I look forward to seeing you and working, worshipping, and participating with as many of you as possible this year. As always, if you want to keep track of our activities, you can consult our

congregation website at <http://bethshalomdekalb.org>. If you have any questions, concerns, or issues you would like addressed, discussed, or resolved, feel free to contact me at President@BethShalomDeKalb.org or call me at 815-762-0204.

Shalom,
Rob Feldacker, President

From the Rabbi

We find ourselves on the cusp of a new Jewish year, our first High Holiday season together. And it's the end of the summer. Though it might be appealing to remain in vacation-mode—to continue traveling, spending time with loved ones, and rejuvenating our bodies and minds—the coming of the new year implores us to wake up!

There is a tradition of blowing the shofar every morning during the month leading up to Rosh Hashanah, the Hebrew month of Elul. And though we may prefer to stay in a sleeplike state, especially after a frustrating year politically, socially, and emotionally, the Jewish year asks us to rise up from our respite and declare: “*Hineni*” — “Here I am.”

Hineni. This Hebrew word implies being absolutely present and ready to listen and to respond. It appears only a few times in the Torah—yet Abraham uses this powerful word no fewer than three times just in the story of the *Akedah*, the Binding of Isaac. The Binding of Isaac is one of the most well-known texts of the High Holiday liturgy. Classical commentators, such as Maimonides, argue that these verses with the refrain “*Hineni*” demonstrate Abraham’s willingness to respond to the will of God and sacrifice his beloved son Isaac. Though the word is repeated, each utterance of “*Hineni*” is somewhat different and may be interpreted differently. When God calls out to Abraham asking him to sacrifice Isaac, God calls out only **once** and Abraham answers, “*Hineni*.” When Isaac asks his father for an explanation of his ordeal, he asks only **once** and Abraham replies, “*Hineni*.” But the angel of God, who cries out to Abraham to *stop* him from slaughtering Isaac, must cry his name **twice**—“Abraham, Abraham!”—before the patriarch responds, “*Hineni*.” Here I am!

Jewish tradition holds that no word in the Torah is ever wasted. So why did the angel need to repeat Abraham’s name? Imagine what it took for Abraham to force himself to sharpen a knife, bind his beloved son on the altar, lift that knife above his son’s throat. Once he got to that point, what would it cost him to stop and consider that perhaps this entire nightmare had not been God’s will after all? The angel needed to call out twice just to get Abraham’s attention because Abraham was so caught up in the zeal of the moment.

Abraham’s greatness was not his willingness to listen to God’s command to painfully bind and terrorize his son or his capacity to murder. Sadly, there are many people who are ready and willing to commit atrocities. Abraham became the ancestor of our people because of his ability to hear the angel’s voice in the midst of his fanaticism, to allow for doubt even at the very last moment.

Like Abraham, we live in a time of violence and fear, when drastic measures might appear to be necessary. We read the story of the Binding of Isaac every year on Rosh Hashanah as we focus on teshuvah, transforming our lives and our world. Every year we must pause to recall that the knife can be halted even in mid-air.

Abraham lifted up his eyes and *saw* that there was another option—a ram caught in the thicket that he could sacrifice to God instead of Isaac. We learn from Abraham that we must continually open our eyes and expand our internal and external vision to search for a better way.

We must question the voice of any authority, even God, when it asks us to sacrifice a single human life.

As we prepare ourselves for the High Holiday season marking the beginning of the Hebrew year 5780, we pray that we might be brave like our ancestor Abraham: May we be ready to listen, to be fully present, and willing to change course—even at the last minute—if necessary.

— Rabbi Julie Adler

Rabbi Visits

Rabbi Adler will be visiting people who are ill, hospitalized, or otherwise cannot come to the synagogue. If you would like the rabbi to visit you—or if you know of someone who might like such a visit—contact her at rabbi@bethshalomdekalb.org.

Adult Education: When Bad Things Happen to Good People—Wisdom from the Book of Job (Part 1)

For the first Adult Education class of the year—on Sunday, September 15, at 7 PM—Rabbi Adler is excited to teach from the Book of Job. She wrote her rabbinic thesis on Job and is currently working on turning the thesis into a full-length book. At a future Adult Ed event, she will teach us a bit more about what she's learned from Job and also from Job's infamous friends.

Upcoming Shabbat Services and Potlucks

In addition to High Holy Days services, the following events are scheduled for the next months:

Friday, August 30: Shabbat service at 7:30 PM, followed by an oneg.

Friday, September 13: Shabbat potluck dinner. This is a dairy meal.

Congregation Beth Shalom & NIU Hillel

Joint High Holy Days Services

Rabbi Julie Adler

Zach Weiss, Cantorial Soloist

All services held at Congregation Beth Shalom, 820 Russell Road



Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 29, 7:30 PM

Erev Rosh Hashanah (with Koleynu, followed by a Kiddush)

Monday, September 30, 9:30 AM

(including the Torah service and blowing of the Shofar)

Tuesday, October 1, 10 AM

(less formal service with a group discussion and blowing of the Shofar)

Yom Kippur

Tuesday, October 8, 7 PM

Kol Nidre (with Koleynu)

Wednesday, October 9, 9:30 AM

(including the Torah service and Yizkor)

Wednesday, October 9, 5:30 PM

(Minchah, Neilah; final shofar blast about 7:30 PM)

EVERYONE WELCOME

Non-members, friends, and family members can find forms for contributions that aid our budget both at services and at our website, BethShalomDeKalb.org

More on the High Holy Days



High Holy Days Honors

If you would like an honor for Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur—if you want to do an aliyah, if you're happy to wrap a Torah, or if you're strong enough to lift a Torah—please let Jason Hanna know (jasonkhanna@yahoo.com). We can't do it without you!

Special Holiday Rituals: Kever Emet and Tashlich

Congregation Beth Shalom will observe two special rituals around Rosh Hashanah. On Sunday, September 29, from 1 to 2 PM, we will gather at the Garden of Shalom at Fairview Cemetery for Kever Emet, a memorial service commonly observed before the High Holy Days.

After Rosh Hashanah services on Monday, September 30, we will observe tashlich, casting our transgressions, symbolized by bread crumbs, into the Kishwaukee River. We will be meeting at Annie's Woods, near Lucinda Avenue just north of the NIU music building, at 3 PM.

Yizkor: Call for Names

During the Yizkor service on Yom Kippur, we remember those dear to us who have passed away. Names are kept from previous years. If you sent names in previous years that were read, you do not need to send them again.

If you would like to add names to be read, email them to Jackie Gorman at jgorman7@juno.com. These can be names of family members, congregants, or anyone else you would like to remember.

Discussion on Yom Kippur

During the afternoon of Yom Kippur, after morning services and before Minchah and Neilah, Rabbi Adler will be leading a discussion on reducing the stigma of mental health.

Religious School



This year Religious School will be held on Friday afternoons before a scheduled Shabbat service or potluck, unless otherwise noted on the schedule below. We will meet from 5 to 6:30 PM on all dates listed on the schedule. On those Friday nights when a service follows at 7:30 PM, we invite students to bring a picnic dinner for the hour between the ending of Religious School and the start of services. On those Fridays when a potluck follows at 6:30 PM, students can join their families for the potluck dinner. See the schedule below for the two dates that are not Friday afternoons.

In Religious School, we will review Hebrew letter recognition and basic Hebrew reading and comprehension, focusing on those Hebrew words or phrases we might recognize from prayer. We will learn about Jewish holidays and Jewish history and begin to talk about Jewish ethics and Jewish thought. Students will be invited to a Friday night dinner in Evanston with Rabbi Adler's family to experience a traditional Shabbat dinner in a home (not yet scheduled).

If you have any questions, please be in touch with Rabbi Adler at rabbi@bethshalomdekalb.org

Religious School Schedule 2019-2020

Religious School is from 5 to 6:30 PM on Friday afternoons unless otherwise noted:

- August 30 [Pack a dinner; service follows]
- September 13 [Followed by a potluck]
- November 1 [Pack a dinner; service follows]
- November 22 [Followed by a potluck]
- December 6 [Pack a dinner; service follows]
- January 10 [Pack a dinner; service follows]
- January 31 [Followed by a potluck]
- February 14 [Pack a dinner; service follows]
- February 28 [Followed by a potluck]
- March 27 [Pack a dinner; service follows]
- April 24 [Pack a dinner; service follows]
- May 8 [Pack a dinner; service follows]
- May 17 [Sunday; followed by a potluck and Annual Membership Meeting]
- May 28 [Thursday; pack a dinner; followed by Erev Shavuot study session]

ALL-CONGREGATION PICNIC ***Sunday, August 25, Noon***



All are welcome to our annual picnic and barbecue on Sunday, August 25, from 12 to 2 PM. The picnic will be held at Welsh Park and shelter across the street from Congregation Beth Shalom on Russell Road. The picnic is a great way to catch up with friends and make new ones. If you know any prospective members, please bring them along! If it rains, the picnic will be held at the synagogue.

Kosher hot dogs and the trimmings and cold drinks will be provided. If you are a member, please bring a dish to pass. (This is a meat meal, so don't use any dairy products or shellfish in your dish.) Prospective members are our guests and don't need to bring a thing.

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

— Missy Garman, 1-815-858-5315

Volunteer Hosts Needed

Many thanks to the Gorman family, Jackie, Caitlin, and David, for hosting the April potluck and the May oneg. And thanks to Rivka and Bill Baker for hosting the May potluck, and to Barbara Kaufmann for providing homemade challahs.

As the new year begins, you too can earn a thank you by signing up to host either a potluck or an oneg. I'll be at the congregation picnic with clipboard in hand. Bring your calendars and prepare to let me know what works best for you. And don't worry, I send reminders a week to ten days before just in case you've forgotten what you signed up for.

See you soon.

— Carol Zar, coordinator

Upcoming Book Group Selections

This year, the congregation's Book Group will discuss a novel that takes us from 15th century Spain to contemporary New Mexico and another laid in Chicago and its suburbs. We'll also discuss two non-fiction books, one focusing on food, the other focusing on books.

Everyone is welcome to join the discussions, which will be at 7 PM on four Thursday evenings. Meetings are scheduled about two months apart to give you time to get your reading done. Drop by for some lively discussion at any or all sessions.

September 26: *Gateway to the Moon* by Mary Morris — A novel about the real-life converso/Jew who was Christopher Columbus's interpreter, his family, and his descendants in the new world

December 5: *Outwitting History: The Amazing Adventures of a Man Who Rescued a Million Yiddish Books* by Aaron Lansky — A memoir about the book-collecting adventures that led to the creation of the Yiddish Book Center

February 6: *Rhapsody in Schmaltz: Yiddish Food and Why We Can't Stop Eating It* by Michael Wex — Both serious history and family stories about traditional dishes

April 2: *Washing the Dead* by Michelle Brafman — A novel, set in the Chicago area, about three generations of women

— Elizabeth Bass, Adult Ed chair

Serving Our Community

Social Action at CBS continues all year long. Thank you most recently to the Feldacker family—Rob, Valerie, Rachael, and Eowyn—for providing and delivering dinner to the residents of Hope Haven, and to Carol Zar for working at the Salvation Army Food Pantry. The need for food and shelter does not take a summer vacation.

There will be sign-up sheets at the congregation picnic to volunteer for these much needed services. If you have never participated, I will walk you through each step. It's not difficult, can be very rewarding, and makes a difference in our community.

— Karen Sinason, Social Action chair

CBS on Facebook

The congregation is exploring the idea of setting up a Facebook page. Anyone who is experienced in setting up, maintaining, and moderating a Facebook page and is interesting in doing so for Beth Shalom should contact Rob Feldacker at President@BethShalomDeKalb.org.

Annual Dues and Membership Forms

Annual membership renewal letters will be mailed out later in August. A blank form is included at the end of this *haShofar*.

Payments can be made by check, enclosed with the completed form and mailed to the Congregation's Post Office Box address (which is on the form). Dues and/or donations can also be made on the CBS website (BethShalomDeKalb.org) by clicking on the "Donate" link and using the online store paying either by credit card or through PayPal. Members electing to pay in installments should enclose their first payment with their completed form.

We are in the process of updating our membership database. Regardless of whether you pay by check, by credit card, or through PayPal, everyone is encouraged to complete and return the membership forms so we have the most accurate information on file for every member. The information is used for tax return donation letters, *haShofar* electronic mailings, and other important communications.

It is Congregation Beth Shalom's standing policy that no one will be denied membership for financial reasons. If you have any questions or want to make special financial arrangements, please email the CBS Treasurer, at Treasurer@BethShalomDeKalb.org. All financial information is maintained in strict confidence.

— Jeff Hecht, Treasurer

Subscribe to Our e-Calendar

A new option is available if you use an electronic calendar (on your computer, phone, or pad device) and would like to have all of Congregation Beth Shalom's upcoming planned activities automatically added to your e-calendar! When you create a subscription to our online calendar, all CBS events will automatically be populated on your device(s)—no typing/entering needed. Further, when a change occurs to the CBS calendar, the new information will be automatically "pushed" to your device(s), updating your e-calendar on the fly. Depending on how you elect to set it up, you can be notified each time a new event and/or change occurs, or you can have all of this happen in the background.

Apple Calendar users (Mac computers, iPhone, iPad) can click on the following link to subscribe to the CBS electronic calendar:

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Users of other electronic calendars (Microsoft Outlook Calendar, Google Calendar) may have to set up the calendar program by hand if clicking on the above link does not work. To do this, start your electronic calendar program, then locate the option to “Subscribe” to an online calendar. Copy the entire webcal URL information above and paste it into the URL field in the subscribe form of your e-calendar program.

This same information is available on our CBS website at:
<http://bethshalomdekalb.org/subscribe-to-our-e-calendar/>

The new CBS events can all appear under a separate header in your e-calendar titled “Congregation Beth Shalom.” Having all CBS events in their own header makes them easy to work with. You can choose to turn off (or back on) displaying of CBS calendar events entirely. You can also delete one (or more) of the calendared events so they are permanently removed from your calendar (although they will still be on everyone else’s calendar). You can delete all events associated with this calendar by just deleting the “Congregation Beth Shalom” e-calendar header. And you can unsubscribe from the e-calendar at any time ending all future updates.

There are many different e-calendar programs in use today, and if you can’t figure out how to get the CBS e-calendar set up on the calendar program that you use, don’t worry! Just contact our WebMaster (WebMaven@BethShalomDeKalb.org) and he’ll be happy to help you get it working.

Chatter

Shulamit Ran and Avi Lotan recently made a gift to the University of Chicago that will allow the university to bring a distinguished visiting creative artist from Israel annually. For the Lotans, this is a way of “giving back” to the university where Shulamit was a professor for 42 years, while at the same time highlighting Israel’s cultural riches.

Robin and Louis Schoenburg’s two youngest children are getting married. Leah is engaged to Ken Lehnhard. They are both bartenders in Chicago and have not yet set a wedding date. Billy is engaged to Jolene O’Rourke, and they plan to be married in November 2020. Billy is the bar manager of a very popular Minneapolis restaurant and is still playing music in the band M.T. Foyer. Jolene is the food manager of the Macy’s in Roseville, Minnesota.

Karen and David Sinason welcomed a new grandson, Brady Ronald, born on May 8 to their son and daughter-in-law, Matthew and Melissa. Brady’s brothers, Peyton and Evan, and sister, Mackenzie, are all excited for the new arrival!

Linda and Eric Mogren’s daughter Claire started in mid-June as a Research Development Specialist at NIU. She assists faculty and staff (in the College of Health and Human Sciences, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Physics Department, and Libraries) in preparing and submitting grant proposals.

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM CALENDAR 2019-2020

August 2019

Sunday, Aug. 25 Annual congregation picnic and barbecue, 12 noon, Welsh Park
Friday, Aug. 30 Religious School, 5 PM
Shabbat service, 7:30 PM

September 2019

Friday, Sept. 13 Religious School, 5 PM
Shabbat potluck (dairy), 6:30 PM
Sunday, Sept. 15 Adult Education program, 7 PM
Tuesday, Sept. 17 Board meeting, 7 PM
Thursday, Sept. 26 Book Group, 7 PM
Sunday, Sept. 29 Kever Emet memorial service, 1 PM, Garden of Shalom Cemetery
Erev Rosh Hashanah service, 7:30 PM
Monday, Sept. 30 Rosh Hashanah service, 9:30 AM
Tashlich, Annie's Woods, 3 PM

October 2019

Tuesday, Oct. 1 Rosh Hashanah service, 10 AM
Tuesday, Oct. 8 Kol Nidre service, 7 PM
Wednesday, Oct. 9 Yom Kippur morning service, 9:30 AM
Yom Kippur concluding service, 5:30 PM
Sunday, Oct. 13 Sukkah building and decorating: construction, 9 AM; decoration making,
10 AM; decorating, 11 AM
Tuesday, Oct. 15 Board meeting, 7 PM
Saturday, Oct. 19 Meditation Yizkor service, 11 AM
Potluck lunch in the Sukkah (dairy), 12 noon

November 2019

Friday, Nov. 1 Religious School, 5 PM
Shabbat service, 7:30 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 12 Board meeting, 7 PM
Friday, Nov. 22 Religious School, 5 PM
Shabbat potluck (meat), 6:30 PM
Saturday, Nov. 23 Thanksgiving food bag assembly, 10 AM

December 2019

Thursday, Dec. 5 Book Group, 7 PM
Friday, Dec. 6 Religious School, 5 PM
Shabbat service, 7:30 PM
Saturday, Dec. 14 Shabbat service, 10 AM
Sunday, Dec. 15 Hanukkah Shop, 4 PM
Film & Food Night, 5:30 PM

Tuesday, Dec. 17 Board meeting, 7 PM
 Sunday, Dec. 22 Hanukkah Shop, 4 PM
 Hanukkah Party: children's activities, 4 PM; potluck (dairy), 5 PM

January 2020

Friday, Jan. 10 Religious School, 5 PM
 Shabbat service, 7:30 PM
 Tuesday, Jan. 21 Board meeting, 7 PM
 Sunday, Jan. 26 Adult Education program, 7 PM
 Friday, Jan. 31 Religious School, 5 PM
 Shabbat potluck (meat), 6:30 PM

February 2020

Thursday, Feb. 6 Book Group, 7 PM
 Friday, Feb. 14 Religious School, 5 PM
 Shabbat service, 7:30 PM
 Tuesday, Feb. 18 Board meeting, 7 PM
 Friday, Feb. 28 Religious School, 5 PM
 Shabbat potluck (dairy), 6:30 PM

March 2020

Sunday, March 8 Purim celebration: Children's activities, 3 PM; Megillah, 4 PM; potluck (dairy), 5 PM
 Saturday, March 14 Shabbat services, 10 AM
 Tuesday, March 17 Board meeting, 7 PM
 Sunday, March 22 Film & Food Night, 5:30 PM
 Friday, March 27 Religious School, 5 PM
 Shabbat service, 7:30 PM

April 2020

Thursday, April 2 Book group, 7 PM
 Thursday, April 9 Community Passover seder, 6 PM
 Saturday, April 18 Shabbat service with Yizkor, 10 AM
 Tuesday, April 21 Board meeting, 7 PM
 Friday, April 24 Religious School, 5 PM
 Shabbat service, 7:30 PM
 Sunday, April 26 Lox & Bagel Brunch, 10 AM

May 2020

Sunday, May 3 Adult Education program, 7 PM
 Friday, May 8 Religious School, 5 PM
 Shabbat service, 7:30 PM
 Sunday, May 17 Religious School, 5 PM
 Potluck dinner (dairy), 6:30 PM, followed by Annual Membership Meeting
 Thursday, May 28 Religious School, 5 PM
 Shavuot study session and potluck dessert, 7:30 PM

June 2020

Friday, June 12	Shabbat service, 7:30 PM
Tuesday, June 16	Board meeting, 7 PM
Friday, June 26	Shabbat potluck (meat), 6:30 PM

Congregation Beth Shalom/NIJCC 2019-2020 Membership Form

Please return this form with your dues pledge and first payment no later than October 1, 2019.

This form is used for tax return donation letters, ha Shofar electronic mailings and other important communications.

Name #1: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name #2: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name #3: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Name #4: _____ Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Additional name(s): _____

Address: _____

Annual Dues (copied from other side) \$ _____

Additional Donations:

a. Unrestricted \$ _____

(Congregation operating expenses)

b. Raymond Katz Building Fund \$ _____

(Building maintenance and repair)

c. Rabbi Fund \$ _____

(Current and future Rabbi salary)

d. Rabbi Discretionary Fund \$ _____

(Used by the Rabbi for religious and educational purposes)

e. Fox/Mabel Fund \$ _____

(Educational activities, incl. Religious School, library, camperships)

f. Religious School \$ _____

(Religious School operating expenses)

g. Community Fund \$ _____

(Hope Haven, members in need, and other community needs)

h. DeKalb Food Pantry \$ _____

(Food for the needy in DeKalb County)

i. Cemetery Fund \$ _____

(Maintenance and upgrade of Garden of Shalom Cemetery)

j. Other purpose (describe below): \$ _____

TOTAL 2018-2019 PLEDGE \$ _____

Number of payments (check one please) 1 Payment 2 Payments 3 Payments

To pay by credit card or PayPal, go to our web site, bethshalomdekalb.org, and click on "Donate".

Please return this completed form, whether paying by credit card or check, to:

CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM
P.O. Box 1177
DeKalb, IL 60115

The IRS requires that tax-exempt organizations return a receipt to each donor for all dues and donations so that the donor may utilize the tax deduction on his/her returns. A tax letter will be sent to you, at the address you provide above, no later than January 31, 2019.

Thank you for helping the Congregation to meet its financial obligations.

Congregation Beth Shalom/NIJCC 2019-2020 Membership Form

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DUES CATEGORY	ANNUAL DUES	PAYMENT OPTIONS
<u>If household income is:</u> Under \$25,000	<u>Your annual dues are:</u> Please pay \$275.00	<u>Check one Option</u> <input type="checkbox"/> One Payment of \$275 <input type="checkbox"/> Two Payments of \$142 each
\$ 25,000 - \$ 35,000	Please pay \$ 440.00	<input type="checkbox"/> One Payment of \$440 <input type="checkbox"/> Two payments of \$225 <input type="checkbox"/> Three payments of \$150
\$ 35,000 - \$50,000	Please pay \$ 585.00	<input type="checkbox"/> One Payment of \$585 <input type="checkbox"/> Two payments of \$295 each <input type="checkbox"/> Three payments of \$200 each
\$ 50,000 - \$75,000	Please pay \$ 720.00	<input type="checkbox"/> One Payment of \$720 <input type="checkbox"/> Two payments of \$365 each <input type="checkbox"/> Three payments of \$245 each
\$ 75,000 - \$100,000	Please pay \$ 900.00	<input type="checkbox"/> One Payment of \$900 <input type="checkbox"/> Two payments of \$455 each <input type="checkbox"/> Three payments of \$305 each
\$100,000 - \$125,000	Please pay \$ 1150.00	<input type="checkbox"/> One Payment of \$1150 <input type="checkbox"/> Two payments of \$580 each <input type="checkbox"/> Three payments of \$390 each
Over \$125,000	Please pay \$ 1400.00	<input type="checkbox"/> One Payment of \$1400 <input type="checkbox"/> Two payments of \$705 each <input type="checkbox"/> Three payments of \$470 each

Payments: One payment plan Payment is due by October 1
 Two payment plan Payments due by October 1 and December 1
 Three payment plan Payments due by October 1, December 1, and February 1

Please note that an additional charge is required for two and three payments to cover additional costs.

NO ONE WILL BE DENIED MEMBERSHIP FOR FINANCIAL REASONS

For special financial arrangements please e-mail the CBS Treasurer, at "Treasurer@BethShalomDeKalb.org".

All information is maintained in *strict confidence*.

Please fill out the next page of this form completely.

Please return this form even if you are not sending in your payment at this time.