

השופר haShofar

of DeKalb and Sycamore

Congregation Beth Shalom
820 Russell Road
DeKalb, IL 60115



CALENDAR

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
Tuesday, October 8	Kol Nidre service	7 PM
Wednesday, October 9	Yom Kippur morning service	9:30 AM
	Yom Kippur concluding service	5:30 PM
Sunday, October 13	Sukkah building and decorating	9 AM
Tuesday, October 15	Board meeting	7 PM
Saturday, October 19	Meditation Yizkor service	11 AM
	Potluck lunch in the Sukkah (dairy)	12 PM

For High Holy Days Services, please enter the building through the Russell Road doors unless you need access to the ramp.

September/October 2019 Elul/Tishrei 5779/5780

Jackie Laks Gorman, editor

From the President

To the members of Congregation Beth Shalom,

I write in the hope that this message finds all of you in good health and cheer and ready to prepare for the High Holidays to come.

As I look back on my letters of the past year, I see dark times and joyful times, times of fear and concern, and times of progress and renewed purpose. It was a year in which violence brought fear for our safety yet reassurance that our fellow community members and local leaders stood with us. It was a year in which our own peril reminded us that others face danger as well and of our obligation to stand with them. It was a year in which we suffered losses to our community but also a year in which new members sought us out to join us. It was a year of purpose and renewal. We hired a new rabbi, Julie Adler, who will lead our High Holiday services for the first time, and with her help we restored our Religious School to continue our knowledge and traditions into the next generation.

Tumult and change is sometimes the price life exacts to go on living, to gain the rich rewards of a meaningful existence. I am grateful once again for the opportunity to stand before you and among you as your president, and to face whatever the coming year brings! May the new year be sweet!

As I wrote last year, I want to remind all of a few helpful things to know about our services:

- Our High Holiday services will be held in our synagogue at 820 Russell Road again this year, and led, as noted above, for the first time by Rabbi Julie Adler accompanied by Zach Weiss as cantorial soloist.
- Our services are free of charge and require no reservations for all members, family, friends, guests, and anyone needing a place to celebrate.
- Please remember to come in the front doors facing Russell Road when services are in progress unless you require the ramp at the back for access.
- The congregation owns the wide strip of grass between our parking lot and the adjacent apartment complex, so in the event that the paved parking area is filled, that area is available for parking as well.
- In addition to our services in the building, we will be holding Kever Emet services in the congregational section of Fairview Cemetery and Tashlich at the bridge between the NIU Music Building and Annie's Woods on Lucinda Road. See elsewhere in this issue for dates, times, and details.

A word about security. I wrote above of the tumultuous year we have faced as a community, and this is a concern that touches us all. While there have been no specific threats to our community or congregation, the CBS Board and I felt that more extensive security arrangements were prudent this year than in years past. To that end, I have arranged with Commander Steve Lekkas of the DeKalb Police Department to schedule uniformed, armed, off-duty police officers

to be present for all of our services in the synagogue for the High Holidays. I want to thank Commander Lekkas and the Dekalb PD for their cooperation and assistance in this matter. Although the danger may not be imminent, I hope all of you will feel more secure with the presence of security.

It was good to see so many familiar faces and some new faces as we joined together at our congregation picnic to start out the year. Many thanks to Missy Garman and her team for organizing the event, to Louis Schoenburg for providing us with drinks, and to Dave Gorman for plying his cooking skills at the grill. Thanks as well to Carol Zar for seeking out volunteers to host this year's potlucks and onegs and to Karen Sinason for seeking out volunteers to prepare meals for Hope Haven and help at the Salvation Army Food Pantry. Thanks to all the congregants who volunteered to perform these vital services, which are so important to sustaining our own community and sustaining our role in serving our greater community of DeKalb/Sycamore.

May the new year bring us many more opportunities to serve, to join together in celebration and prayer, and to grow together in understanding and fellowship. I look forward to seeing you on the High Holidays.

For any questions about our activities, you can consult our congregation website at <http://bethshalomdekalb.org>. If you have questions or concerns not addressed on the website, please email me at President@BethShalomDeKalb.org or call me at (815) 762- 0204.

Shalom,
Rob Feldacker, President

From the Rabbi

Several of my rabbinic colleagues were newly ordained rabbis during the High Holiday season, 2001. Erev Rosh Hashanah was less than a week after the Twin Towers fell on September 11. I remember how the panic spread through the rabbinic community: *What will we do with the liturgy this Rosh Hashanah? What can be said meaningfully from the bimah about being written in the Book of Life in the wake of 9/11? How can we read the Unetaneh Tokef prayer, which declares:*

*On Rosh Hashanah it is written and on Yom Kippur it is sealed:
Who shall live and who shall die?
Who in their allotted time and who not?
Who is to perish by fire and who by water?*

I recall one friend's desperation as she looked at the liturgy with her new, post-9/11 eyes. She worried that the liturgy and the ideas of the High Holidays were irrelevant or inappropriate in the

wake of 9/11. Her concern, and a veteran rabbi's response to these concerns, remain with me. The veteran rabbi boldly stated: "If the liturgy doesn't work for us this year, it never will. If it doesn't work for us this year, we should throw it out."

This seasoned rabbi knew something that the newly ordained rabbis could not possibly yet know: We are always in the wake of 9/11. Every year, someone among us is suffering an unspeakable loss, an inexplicable loss. And yet, in the Torah portion we read immediately before the High Holidays, the Torah commands us, "Choose life!"

"Choose life": I believe it is the most difficult commandment in the entire Torah.

We might wonder how the command to "choose life" could exist alongside a liturgy that states that it is not in our hands *who will live and who will die*. What could it possibly mean, then, to "choose life"? To be commanded to "choose life" presupposes that this *choice* is ours to make, that we do have some control over the quality and reality of our own lives. In fact, choosing life is much more nuanced, much more complicated—much more difficult than simply choosing to be *physically alive*. Choosing life means trying to live life with a special kind of passion and commitment to all that is vibrant and absurd and painful and passionate, whether it makes us laugh or cry. The Torah portion that is always read the week before Rosh Hashanah is Parashat Netzavim, in which we are commanded, "Choose life!" We learn from this seemingly strange juxtaposition that even as we ask "who shall live and who shall die," we are to *choose life*.

Yet, we turn again this year to face the High Holidays, to face our liturgy, and we find deep wisdom, even hope. We have in our hands the power to choose life. Life is complicated—life is hard—life is painful. And we are commanded, we are asked, we are begged, "Choose life." In looking closely at the Torah portion of Netzavim, it is possible to see that there is deep wisdom about *how hard* it is to choose life and *how important*. First, we are reminded of the eternal covenant between us and God. Then, we are reminded of our collective history as slaves and our liberation from that bondage in Egypt. Finally, terrible things happen to us, leading all the nations to ask, "Why did God do this? Why this awful wrath?" Chapter 30 of Deuteronomy begins, not answering the articulated question of "why" bad things happen, but rather the unasked question of "when": *Now what?*

First, the Torah teaches, "When all these things befall you—the blessing and the curse that I have set before you—and you take them to heart ..." Note: The Torah says the blessing *and* the curse (not just one or the other—but both). Then, after we see the blessing and the curse set before us, the Torah teaches us that we have to take a very difficult step: We must make a move—we must choose to return to God in love—even with our bruised and battered hearts, in the midst of a crisis. Only then, after we return to God in love, or accept our fate as it is, will God bring us back from the faraway places to which our thoughts, dreams, and hearts have been scattered. This means that we must first take action, do a turning—or *tshuva* of some kind—inside ourselves, before we can demand or accept anything from God.

The Torah then continues, "Even if your outcasts are at the ends of the world, from there Adonai your God will gather you, from there God will fetch you ... then Adonai your God will open up

your heart and the hearts of your offspring to love Adonai your God with all your heart and soul, in order that you may live.” But, time unfolds as it will, and we move—slowly, sometimes—through grief and anger and, in time, to healing. We are assured in the Torah portion the week before Rosh Hashanah that these instructions, this long road of healing, is not too hard for us. Rather, it is within our reach.

Choosing life is about seeing life as it is in its fullness: Seeing the blessing and the curse are constant presences in the realities of our own lives. It is about turning toward God again even when we are angry and hurt and betrayed, so that God might bring us back from the ends of the Earth, in love. And, we are reminded that this is not too hard for us. This difficult, long, winding road of healing is within our reach. We received our collective name, Yisrael, *because* we struggle—not despite our struggle. We, the Children of Israel, are God-Wrestlers. We struggle and question and fight, and though we may emerge from wrestling with bruises, or we may even walk with a limp (like our forefather and namesake Jacob, who first received the name “Israel” after wrestling with God in the night), we also emerge blessed.

The Torah portion ends by promising that if we agree to go through the process of struggle, amid the darkness and loss and doubt, we might, in the end, “thrive and increase, and Adonai our God may bless us in the land that each of us is about to enter and possess.”

In including each of these details, it seems that the Torah understands what it means, and how hard it can be to choose life. We are choosing life in all its joy and struggle and pain. We are choosing life: in all its messiness.

Choosing life is not a choice we make once, but each and every day, all day long. That is why it is so hard. We read: “You stand [here] *today*, all of you.”

We all are being asked each and every day to choose life. I have written so far only about it as a choice we can make in the most important and often difficult moments of our lives, but choosing life is also a choice we can make in the tiniest decisions: the seemingly insignificant moments, every day, as we make decisions.

Today: We can choose life when we decide to eat breakfast.

Today: We can choose life when we drive our cars more cautiously than usual.

Today: We can choose life when we select a different, more scenic route to work.

Today: We can choose life when we go to the store and we are especially kind to the clerk who helps us.

Today: We can choose life when we stop to really hear the answer when we casually ask a stranger, “How are you?”

Today: We can choose life when we donate our time or our money to support a cause we feel passionate about.

Today: We can choose life when we listen closely to a friend when she calls to confide, or to our children when they tell us about their day.

There is a beautiful poem by Wendell Berry called “The Wild Rose” that ends with the stanza:

*Suddenly you flare in my sight,
a wild rose blooming at the edge
of thicket, grace and light
where yesterday was only shade,
and once again I am blessed, choosing
again what I chose before.*

Our lives are this wild rose. When we choose well in our lives, we too are blessed, choosing again and again those choices we made before: choices that affirm, sanctify, and illuminate life.

L'Chayim! To Life!

L'Shana Tova Tikatevu— may we all be inscribed for life in this New Year.

— Rabbi Julie Adler

What's Happening at Religious School

Religious School is off to a great start! We've begun our study of Hebrew with the letters *shin*, *bet*, and *tav*, which means we know all three letters that comprise the word “Shabbat”! We explored our Hebrew names and learned which letters we need to spell them. Finally, we began our Torah curriculum by reading through the first play in the book *Sedra Scenes* (*Sedra* is another word used for “Torah portion”), acting out the parts of God, Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, the Snake, and the Narrator (!). The students' excellent questions about the creation story and its aftermath led us to discuss Biblical historicity (is the Bible *true*? Did this *really* happen?), the knowledge of good and evil, and sibling rivalry in the Torah. We are very much looking forward to our next meeting.

— Rabbi Adler

A Reminder About Dues and Membership Forms

The Annual Membership Dues letters have gone out to everyone by regular mail. If you have not received one, please either use the blank form at the end of this *haShofar* or contact Jeff Hecht (Treasurer@bethShalomDeKalb.org) to get a replacement. Regardless of how you pay (check or online), please do complete and return an updated form with your contact information (mailing address, phone, email). We want to keep our membership lists up-to-date and make sure everyone receives all notices and announcements from the Congregation!

— Jeff Hecht, Treasurer

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

A Few More Things About the High Holy Days

Special Events and Discussion

Kever Emet is a memorial service commonly observed before the High Holy Days. Congregation Beth Shalom's brief Kever Emet service will take place on Sunday, September 29, at 1 PM, at the Garden of Shalom at Fairview Cemetery in DeKalb.

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.

On the afternoon of Yom Kippur (after morning services and before the concluding service), Rabbi Adler will be leading a discussion on reducing the stigma of mental health.

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!

Yizkor 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 by September 4 to Jackie Gorman at jgorman7@juno.com. These can be names of family members, congregants, or anyone else you would like to remember.

Security During Services

The congregation has arranged with the DeKalb Police Department to have a uniformed, armed, off-duty officer present during all High Holy Days services this year.

Parking on the High Holy Days

Parking is available in the synagogue parking lot. You can also park on the grassy area along the side of the lot. In addition, parking on designated areas of Russell Road is permitted before 10 PM.

Celebrate Sukkot

As always, Sukkot follows hot on the heels of the High Holy Days. Congregation Beth Shalom will hold two events to celebrate.

On Sunday, October 13, we will build our congregational sukkah. Construction will begin at 9 AM. At 10 AM, we will begin making decorations with the help of the Religious School students, and around 11 AM we will decorate the sukkah. As always, we need your help! If you are handy with a hammer, keen to tie up paper chains, or just willing to provide moral support, we'd greatly appreciate the assistance.

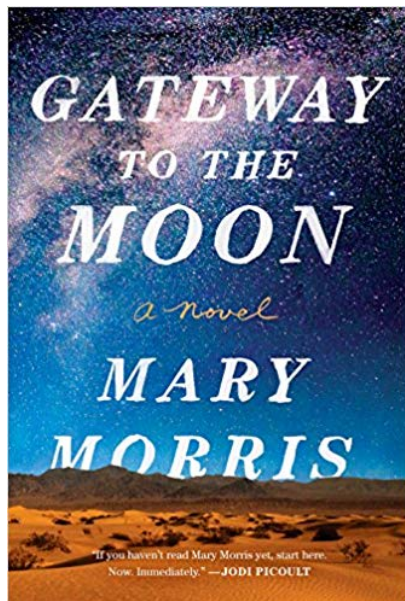


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On Saturday, October 19, we will hold a Yizkor service at 11 AM. Around noon, we will enjoy a potluck meal in the sukkah. (In the event of inclement weather, we will move indoors.) Please bring a dairy (no meat or shellfish) dish to share.

Book Group

Just a reminder ...



Gateway to the Moon by Mary Morris is the September selection for our congregation's informal Book Group. The book combines real people from history with totally fictional ones, and the author has a list of who's who. For example, Luis de Torres is real; Miguel Torres is fictional. The book looks at the conversos, Jews forced to convert to Catholicism by the Inquisition, some of whom were part of Christopher Columbus's crew, and their descendants today in New Mexico.

So come join us on Thursday, September 26, at 7 PM, and share your thoughts on the book. We'll also have some information on conversos today.

— Elizabeth Bass, Adult Ed chair

Funeral Committee Needs New Members

More than 40 years ago, Avi Bass worked to create our congregation's Funeral Committee. Since then, the committee members have helped families with deaths in the Jewish community.

When a death occurs, a family member, friend, or funeral home contacts a committee member. Since the members of the committee are fellow congregants, they usually know the family. The committee members can help a family cope with all the details associated with the death and burial of a loved one, even if the burial is out-of-town.

The congregation has made advance arrangements with local funeral homes, particularly Finch Funeral Home in DeKalb, to provide an appropriate funeral service with options for Jewish families. The committee assists the family through the process, sometimes allowing them to bypass an arrangement trip to the funeral home or at least accompanying them on the trip.

At the family's request and as needed, the committee provides information and consultation in such matters as, but not limited to, funeral home and cemetery arrangements; funeral services; shiva arrangements, if desired; and newspaper obituaries.

Local burials are usually at the Garden of Shalom, a dedicated Jewish section of Fairview Memorial Park cemetery on the south side of DeKalb. The cemetery was consecrated in 1958, before the congregation itself was formally established in 1965.

The committee is now seeking new members. The qualities needed are compassion, empathy, and tact. A knowledge of what to do is not a requirement. We have a detailed checklist that explains what needs to be done and provides needed information, and you can work with an experienced committee member. Plus, our rabbi is always available to consult and to work with you.

If you might be interested, please contact Elizabeth Bass (ebass@niu.edu; 815-756-1227) or Jackie Gorman (jgorman7@juno.com; 815-756-3222). We're most willing to answer any questions. Serving is a true deed of loving kindness.

— Elizabeth Bass, Funeral Committee

Toda Raba

During the last month, donations (apart from dues) were received from the following:

Jerry and Carol Zar
Lisa Freeman and Doug Rose

Picnic Recap

The weather was perfect for our welcome back picnic held on Sunday, August 25, at Welsh Park. About 35 people attended the annual event. There was plenty of food, including kosher hot dogs with all the trimmings, plenty of cold drinks, and yummy desserts. Thank you to Jackie and David Gorman, Karen and David Sinason, and Rob Feldacker who have always provided the help needed to make this event run smoothly. Thanks as well to Louis Schoenburg for donating the drinks.

This picnic has always been our informal opportunity to catch up with each other as the summer draws to a close and we gear up for the New Year. We hope to see you at next year's picnic!

— Missy Garman, coordinator



Meet Rabbi Julie Adler



As Rabbi Julie Adler and members of our congregation have gotten to know each other over the past few months, it had turned out to be a good *shiddach* (match, as in marriage).

Rabbi Adler describes Beth Shalom as “a really cool place to be, a warm and welcoming congregation, open to all kinds of people at all stages of their lives. I am both inspired and challenged by them.” And, in turn, those who have gotten to know the rabbi describe her as warm and welcoming and inspiring.

Rabbi Adler comes to Beth Shalom from a similar position with Congregation Am Echod in Grayslake. She had previously been the rabbi at Aitz Hayim Center for Jewish Living in Glencoe and, before that, the rabbi and director of Jewish student life at Santa Monica College Hillel in California.

Rabbi Adler, who grew up in Milwaukee, earned a bachelor’s degree from Washington University, with a double major in Jewish & Near Eastern Studies and psychology, and a master of education, with a concentration in learning and teaching, from Harvard University. She is currently working on a graduate degree in counseling psychology at Adler University in Chicago.

Her rabbinic ordination is from Hebrew Union College, the Reform movement’s seminary, where her rabbinic thesis was on the Book of Job.

Rabbi Adler says that she first felt a sense of calling to become a rabbi around the time of her bat mitzvah, a sense that slowly developed from hypothetical to real as she realized that she was attracted by the combination of teaching, writing, and working directly with people.

She has been impressed by how “engaged” Beth Shalom’s leadership is, appreciating that the board and the rabbi work as a team. “There is a hard-working board that cares and takes its work seriously. The result is that things run smoothly,” she notes.

As well as serving us part-time, Rabbi Adler has been the executive director of the Reform movement’s Brit Milah (circumcision) program and NOAM, the National Organization of American Mohalim, in Chicago since 2008. Besides her administrative work there, she has developed a national online training program about the Jewish aspects of circumcision.

Home today for Rabbi Adler is Evanston, from which she commutes to DeKalb. Her husband, Rabbi Amitai Adler, is a Conservative rabbi. They have two children, Michael (age 6) and Maya

(age 4). When she's not working as a rabbi, she enjoys creative nonfiction writing, nature photography, spending time in or near water with her family, and trying to improve at mindfulness meditation.

If you haven't yet met Rabbi Adler, you can do so at High Holy Days services, which Rabbi Adler will be leading, along with returning cantorial soloist Zach Weiss. You can contact her at any time at RabbiJulieAdler@gmail.com or 224-300-3038.

Social Action

A big thank you to Missy Garman for providing dinner in July and August to the residents of the Hope Haven shelter. They were very appreciative. Thanks also to Rivka Baker who joined me at the Salvation Army Food Pantry guiding the shoppers up and down the aisles filling their carts.

Donations of nonperishable food, household goods, and personal care items are always welcome for the Food Pantry. There is also a constant need for plastic, paper, and/or reusable bags. There is a basket in the hallway of the synagogue for all of these donations.



Thank you to all of those who signed up to help the needy in DeKalb County. I still have openings to provide dinner to Hope Haven and to work a morning at the Food Pantry. Call or email me or find me in person and we will set it up.

— Karen Sinason, Social Action chair

More Thanks

Thank you to Rivka and Bill Baker and Linda Schwarz for hosting our first oneg of the season in August.

— Carol Zar, coordinator

Chatter

Mazel tov to **Karen and Dave Sinason**, whose son Josh was married to Stacy Issen in Aurora in August.

Phoebe Hanna, daughter of **Jason Hanna and Courtney Hanna-McNamara**, helped make and decorate signs supporting NIU's faculty union. Faculty members displayed the signs at a Board of Trustees meeting earlier this month.

Odds & Ends

The acclaimed production of *Fiddler on the Roof* in Yiddish—currently off-Broadway in New York—features James Monroe Števkó, who graduated from NIU's School of Theatre and Dance. Primarily known as a dancer, he plays the part of Mendel.

In a true act of loving kindness, in August, the Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette* donated the prize money it received for winning a Pulitzer Prize—for its coverage of the Tree of Life shooting in Pittsburgh in October 2018—to the congregation to help repair its bullet-riddled temple. The newspaper's executive editor, Keith Burris, stated that the *Post-Gazette* felt “bound” to the congregation and was just doing its duty. He went on, “We wish Tree of Life to have this gift—the newspaper's cash award for the Pulitzer Prize for spot news—as a sign of this bond and this service. We give it as a modest contribution toward the repair and rebuilding of the congregation's physical plant.” He presented the \$15,000 check to Rabbi Jeffrey Myers and Samuel Schachner, president of the congregation.

The Israeli national baseball team recently finished fourth in the European Baseball Championship. They are now participating in the Olympic qualifying tournament with hopes of making it to the Tokyo Olympics in 2020. (They probably won't qualify, but we can hope.) Many of the players are American Jews, who were required to become Israeli citizens in order to participate.

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.

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DUES CATEGORY

ANNUAL DUES

PAYMENT OPTIONS

If household income is:

Your annual dues are:

Check one Option

Under \$25,000

Please pay **\$275.00**

☐ One Payment of \$275

☐ Two Payments of \$142 each

\$ 25,000 - \$ 35,000

Please pay \$ **440.00**

☐ One Payment of \$440

☐ Two payments of \$225

☐ Three payments of \$150

\$ 35,000 - \$50,000

Please pay \$ **585.00**

☐ One Payment of \$585

☐ Two payments of \$295 each

☐ Three payments of \$200 each

\$ 50,000 - \$75,000

Please pay \$ **720.00**

☐ One Payment of \$720

☐ Two payments of \$365 each

☐ Three payments of \$245 each

\$ 75,000 - \$100,000

Please pay \$ **900.00**

☐ One Payment of \$900

☐ Two payments of \$455 each

☐ Three payments of \$305 each

\$100,000 - \$125,000

Please pay \$ **1150.00**

☐ One Payment of \$1150

☐ Two payments of \$580 each

☐ Three payments of \$390 each

Over \$125,000

Please pay \$ **1400.00**

☐ One Payment of \$1400

☐ Two payments of \$705 each

☐ 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.