

High Holidays 5787/2026

As the month of Elul gives way to Rosh Hashanah, we stand once again at the threshold of possibility. Judaism teaches that each new year is not simply another turn of the calendar but an invitation to begin again—to reflect on where we have been, to celebrate how far we have come, and to imagine who we still have the capacity to become.

This year our congregation begins a new chapter. We are delighted to welcome our new Cantorial Soloist, Lydia Watkins, whose gifts, spirit, and love of Jewish music will enrich our community in countless ways. Music has always been one of Judaism's most powerful pathways to the soul and one which truly nourishes and embodies our synagogue community. It has the ability to comfort us in moments of sorrow, lift us in moments of joy, and open our hearts to God's presence in ways that words alone often cannot. We look forward to the renewed enthusiasm, vibrant energy, and expanded spirituality that Lydia will bring as we pray, learn, celebrate, and grow together.

Every Rosh Hashanah asks us to look both inward and outward. On a personal level, may this be a year in which we deepen our relationships—with those we love, with our tradition, with ourselves, and with God. May we find the courage to let go of what diminishes us and embrace those qualities that allow us to become our most authentic selves. May we cultivate gratitude more readily than grievance, curiosity more often than certainty, and compassion more deeply than judgment.

As a synagogue family, may we continue to build a community where every person is welcomed, valued, and inspired. May our congregation be a place where lifelong friendships are formed, where children discover the joy of being Jewish, where adults continue to learn and grow, where music and prayer elevate our spirits, and where acts of lovingkindness become the measure of our faith. Together, may we create a sacred community that reflects our highest Jewish values—a congregation filled with generosity, purpose, learning, and hope.

Our prayers and hopes also extend to our nation and to our world. We enter this new year longing for greater understanding in a time of division, for civility in an age of harsh words, and for leaders who choose wisdom over anger and dialogue over discord. May we never lose sight of the truth that every human being is created b'tzelem Elohim—in the image of God—and therefore worthy of dignity and respect. May we have the courage not only to pray for peace, but to become people who create peace through our words, our actions, and our willingness to truly listen to one another.

The shofar reminds us that the future is never predetermined. Each blast awakens us to the possibility that tomorrow can be different because we choose to be different. Hope is not passive optimism; it is the sacred work of believing that our choices matter and that, together with God and one another, we can help bring healing to a fractured world.

As we begin 5787, may it be a year of health and happiness, of learning and laughter, of meaningful connections and renewed purpose. May our prayers be heartfelt, our music uplifting, our community ever stronger, and our lives filled with blessings. May the year ahead bring blessing to your home, strength to our congregation, hope to our nation, and peace to our world.

ל'שנה טובה תכתבו L'shanah tovah tikateivu

May you be inscribed for a year of life, blessing, and peace,
Rabbi Andrea M. Gouze

All forms must be in by Friday, September 4

Please print and fill out the forms that pertain to your situation. If your bank allows memo notations, payment can be made through online banking. Please remember to include what the check is for in the memo line. Guest passes may be purchased online. See page 4 for a link.

If you want to receive a hard copy of this packet, please contact office@TempleBethDavid.com

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the cost of your High Holiday pass(es) will be deducted from your pledge.

High Holiday & Festival Service Schedule 5787/2026

Community Healing Shabbat Service

Saturday, **August 29** **10:00** a.m. Facilitated by Rabbi Gouze & Susie Rosenwasser

Selihot Service

Saturday, **September 5** **7:15 p.m.** “Looking at Forgiveness and Repentance through the
Lens of Pop Culture”

Rosh Hashanah

Friday, **September 11** **7:30** p.m. Evening Service (Zoom available)

Saturday, **September 12** **10:00** a.m. Morning Service (Zoom available) & *Tashlich*

10:30-12 Children’s Service

Sunday, **September 13** **10:00** a.m. Sephardic Seder (Zoom available)

Yom Kippur

Sunday, **September 20** **6:30** p.m. *Kol Nidrei* Service (Zoom available)

Monday, **September 21** **10:00** a.m. Morning Service (Zoom available)

10:30-12 Children’s Service

Bring your shofar for the T’kiah G’dolah (Grand Shofar Blast)

2:45 p.m. Spirituality Walk or Meditation Service

4:00 p.m. *Yizkor* Service - time approximate (Zoom available)

4:45 p.m. Mincha

5:45 p.m. Neilah

Attendance in Person Service Pass Policy

All outstanding pledges for the prior year must be paid in full, along with 25% of the pledge commitment for the 2026-27 fiscal year. If the timeliness of payments is an issue and/or you need to request a confidential adjustment of your pledge, please contact Temple Treasurer Debby Stein-Sharpe at Treasurer@templebethdavid.com.

- Free passes are provided to each adult and any child no older than 21 years in households that are in good standing.
- College and graduate students are welcome to worship with us at no charge by presenting a valid student identification upon arrival, so they can be directed to pick up their passes.

Dates to Pick up your High Holiday Passes

If you prefer to pick up your passes at the Temple, you may do so on the following dates:

- Sunday, August 23: 4-7:00 p.m., during Open House and Welcome Back Barbeque
- Tuesday, August 25: 5-7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, September 10: 6-8:00 p.m.

Other times can be individually arranged with Andrea by contacting her at office@templebethdavid.com. She is usually in the office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

We require everyone to show their High Holiday passes before entering the building. No one will be denied entrance. This is only a security procedure. As a community, we are committed to including everyone who wants to pray with us.

Attendance in Person Guest Passes

Passes for relatives and children over the age of 21 who are not in college or graduate school are \$125. The price is \$200 for neighbors and friends. Please note that any expenditure for passes will be applied toward their first-year membership pledge, should your guest join Temple Beth David. [Click here](#) or scan the QR code to purchase guest passes.



Attendance via Zoom only

If you choose to attend TBD High Holiday services via Zoom only, there is a \$100 charge for a guest pass. There is no additional cost for temple members. Registration for these sessions will be required. [Click this link](#) to register or scan the QR code below to register. You only need to register once; you will be sent a link that will provide you access to all services.



Attendance in Person Reciprocity

If you have family members who belong to a congregation associated with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), they are eligible for pass reciprocity. Your relatives must contact their congregation to email a URJ Courtesy Seat Request to membership@templebethdavid.com. If we receive the email before Wednesday, August 26 we will send the reciprocal passes.

Otherwise, we ask that your family members introduce themselves at the door so they can be directed to check in and pick up their passes.

If you need a URJ Courtesy Seat Request for yourself, please contact Temple Presidents Marilyn Whipple or Ari Levitt at president@templebethdavid.com.

If you join TBD by *Simchat Torah* (**October 2**), the cost of your High Holiday pass(es) will be deducted from your pledge.

Pass Order Form - Due Friday, September 4

We automatically provide free passes to all members in good standing (see top of page 3) at no charge. Please use this form to receive your passes by mail and to purchase additional passes for your guests. You may order and pay for passes online by [clicking here](#). If you require special accommodations, please complete that form.

Non-members and relatives of Temple Beth David members may buy passes for:

- Relatives of TBD members \$125 per person
- All other guests \$200 per person
- Zoom only \$100 per person

Individuals who purchase in-person passes may also attend any of the services on Zoom.

[Click here for Zoom registration](#)

Name(s) _____ Telephone # _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Please mail passes for these persons:

Price

Member's name _____ **Free**

Member's name _____ **Free**

Children younger than 21 years:

Name _____ Grade _____ **Free**

Name _____ Grade _____ **Free**

Name _____ Grade _____ **Free**

Name(s) of guest(s)

Relationship

City

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____ (Your check should be payable to Temple Beth David.)

Please return this form, with your check, to Temple Beth David by **Friday, September 4** to:

Temple Beth David
Attn: High Holiday Pass
PO Box 479
Canton, MA 02021

For more information, please contact us at office@templebethdavid.com or 781-828-2275.

Special Arrangements

Parking

To ensure safe parking at all times and allow access to the building in case of an emergency, please follow these parking guidelines:

A limited number of handicap parking spaces (marked HP) are available for those persons who have a valid handicap sticker or placard. Please do not park on the grass, in the fire lanes, or block access to the building.

When the parking lot is full, a cone or barricade will be put in the driveway; and entry will only be allowed for dropping off passengers. Parking on the street is permitted. A police officer will be on duty at peak times. Please follow the officer's instructions. Any vehicle that is left where it poses a safety hazard will be removed at the owner's expense.

Seating in the Sanctuary

Temple Beth David has an open seating policy for High Holiday services, but arrangements can be made for anyone with special needs by completing the Special Arrangements form. It should be returned at pass pick-up or mailed with the Pass Order form by Friday, September 4. Persons who need special seating will have different-colored passes and must arrive 30 minutes before services begin. They will be allowed into the sanctuary first, to claim their seats. (No seats will be reserved after that time.)

To allow families to sit together, each person may save his/her own seat plus no more than 3 others - a total of 4 seats for each person. The person saving the seats must remain seated in the sanctuary and may not simply leave books or personal items on empty seats. Please follow this policy, out of consideration for your fellow worshippers.

Special Accommodations

The building is handicap accessible, with a wheelchair ramp and a handicap restroom equipped with a changing table.

We have a limited supply of large-print prayer books.

We need to know in advance if you need space for a wheelchair, walker, or baby carriage so that we can make the necessary accommodations, because chairs must be rearranged to avoid blocking the aisles. A quiet and private space is also available for nursing mothers.

For any of these special services, please complete the Special Arrangements form and return it to the temple by **Friday, September 4.**

Special Arrangements Form Due Friday, September 4

If you need special seating for a health problem, space for a wheelchair, walker, or baby carriage (which fire regulations do not allow in the aisles), a large-print prayer book, please complete this form:

Name(s) _____ Telephone # _____

Address _____ Email _____

Special Seating

Such as: hard back, soft seat, near an aisle, etc.

The color of your pass will allow you to enter the sanctuary when the doors open 30 minutes before services begin, for you to choose your own seat(s).

Reason for this accommodation _____

Number of seats requested (no more than 4) _____

Other Needs

_____ Space for wheelchair, walker, or baby carriage

_____ Large-print prayer book*

*Our supply is limited.

Services You Will Attend

_____ *Erev Rosh Hashanah* (9/11)

_____ First day: *Rosh Hashanah* (9/12)

_____ Second day: *Rosh Hashanah* (9/13)

_____ *Kol Nidrei* (9/20)

_____ *Yom Kippur* Morning (9/21)

_____ *Yom Kippur* Afternoon (9/21)

Please return this form to Temple Beth David by **Friday, September 4** to:

Temple Beth David

Attn: High Holiday Special Arrangements

PO Box 479

Canton, MA 02021

For more information, please contact us at office@templebethdavid.com or 781-828-2275.

High Holiday Children's Services

Services will be held from 10:30-12:00 on *Rosh Hashanah* Day 1 and *Yom Kippur* Morning in the Library. These services are open to elementary school students.

The Children's Service will consist of an abbreviated, child-friendly Service as well as storytelling, snacks and other interactive activities that will be meaningful and spiritually enriching.

We encourage you to register your child(ren) so that we can plan accordingly. As there will be three leaders and if there are enough children, we hope to have the opportunity to have smaller break out groups, based upon ages, so that developmentally-appropriate activities are utilized.

I would like to register the following child(ren) for the High Holy Day Services:

Name	Age	<i>Rosh Hashanah</i> Day One	<i>Yom Kippur</i> Morning

Please return this form to Temple Beth David by **Friday, September 4** to:

Temple Beth David
Attn: High Holiday Children's Services
PO Box 479
Canton, MA 02021

For more information, please contact us at office@templebethdavid.com or 781-828-2275.

Yizkor Remembrances due Friday, September 4

This year we will be honoring the memories of our loved ones through an "In Memoriam" video. We invite you to send in the names and pictures of those whom you want to remember during the Yizkor Service. They will then be added to the presentation that will be shown during the Service.

If you would like to include a picture of the person, please send it as either a JPEG or a PDF and include the name with the picture (but not on it). Hard copies of pictures will be accepted as well; if so, please let us know if you want the pictures returned.

The cost for each name is \$5.00. For name and picture combination, the cost is \$10.00; \$50.00 maximum per family. Please complete this form and send electronically to rabbi@templebethdavid.com or hard copy.

Your name: _____

Names to be remembered:	Picture included:	Price:
_____	Y: ____ N: ____	_____
_____	Y: ____ N: ____	_____
_____	Y: ____ N: ____	_____
_____	Y: ____ N: ____	_____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Yahrzeit Information due September 4

Please help us update our *yahrzeit* records by completing this form. To ensure accuracy, please print.

Your name for our <u>records</u> _____			Do you want to receive <i>yahrzeit</i> notices?
Name of the deceased	Date of his/her death	Person observing the <i>yahrzeit</i> & their relationship	Do you prefer the Hebrew or English date?
Gus Langenthal	6-20-98	Sharon's grandfather	☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Hebrew ☐ English
			☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Hebrew ☐ English
			☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Hebrew ☐ English
			☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Hebrew ☐ English
			☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Hebrew ☐ English

Please return this form, with a check payable to Temple Beth David by Friday, September 4 to:

Attn: Yizkor Remembrances / Yahrzeits PO Box 479 Canton, MA02021

Memorial Plaque Form due Friday, September 4

In order to be posted by *Yom Kippur*

The memory of the righteous is a blessing.
Proverbs 10:7

What is the blessing? It is not a statement about the righteousness of the one who has died. The act of remembering that person is a blessing. In medieval times, one prayed for the soul of the departed. Today, we understand it differently. The blessing of remembering is that it connects us to past generations, and models for our children the power of standing in a line, a chain of tradition: *shalsholet ha-kabbalah*.

*I will give them, in My House
And within My walls,
A monument and a name...
I will give them an everlasting name
Which shall not perish.*
Isaiah 56:5

Name of your loved one _____.

English date of death _____.

*Hebrew date of death _____.

Your name _____.

Address _____.

Phone _____ Email _____.

* If you do not know the Hebrew date of death, we can determine that for you, as long as you provide the English date, including the year.

Each plaque is **\$400**, payable in advance.
If the price is a challenge, please contact Rabbi Gouze at rabbi@templebethdavid.com

Please return this form with a **check payable to Temple Beth David** by **Friday, September 4** if you want it **posted** by *Yom Kippur* to:

Temple Beth David
Attn: Memorial Plaques
PO Box 479
Canton, MA 02021

For more information, please contact the Temple office at office@templebethdavid.com or 781-828-2275.