

Beth El Congregation of Baltimore Security Statement

We look forward to welcoming the 5780 Jewish New Year and celebrating the High Holy Days with our Beth El family. As we enter the most reflective period of the Jewish year, we strive to maintain a warm, welcoming, and most of all, secure space in which to come together.

The security of our congregants, community, and facilities is of paramount concern and we take your safety very seriously. While Beth El makes security an integral part of our culture year-round, we remain especially vigilant during the High Holy Days. Along with many large congregations throughout the country, Beth El will implement several new security measures this year to ensure appropriate levels of preparedness for the busy High Holy Days season.

Please be advised that additional security may create delays. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience these security measures may cause. We are grateful for your patience and understanding as we work diligently to ensure everyone's safety during the High Holy Days.

- **TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR "EXPRESS" ADMISSION TO ALL HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICES.**

Please double-check to ensure you, and everyone in your family has their ticket and is prepared to show them to volunteers and security guards. Individuals without tickets will not be turned away but will experience delays when entering our facility which will include showing I.D. to our security team and volunteers and entering through a designated line for non-ticket holders. Please bring your tickets during open-seating portions of the holidays as well.

- **IF YOU ARE A MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION AND NEED AN ADDITIONAL GUEST SEAT TO THE BERMAN-RUBIN SANCTUARY OR OFFIT AUDITORIUM.** We are just about sold out for the High Holy Days at Beth El in the Berman-Rubin Sanctuary and Offit Auditorium but have a few guest seats left for members to purchase. Please contact Randy Arndts, our Director of Finance at 410.484.0411 or randy@bethelbalto.com.

- **R.S.V.P. IN ADVANCE TO ALL OPEN COMMUNITY FAMILY SERVICES.** Beth El requires all guests to register in advance for open services, including the Early Childhood and Family Service. If you plan to attend one of these services, please pre-register at bethelbalto.com/worship/high-holy-days.

- **LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL BE ON SITE.** A team of off-duty Baltimore County Police officers will patrol the Beth El campus during the High Holy Days. Please note that their presence does not indicate an active threat.

- **ALLOW EXTRA TIME.** With new security procedures in place, we ask community members to allow sufficient time to park, show their tickets to security, and to find seats. As in past years, our parking attendants will be on-site to guide congregants with parking. Thanks to the generosity of the Stoler family, our shuttles will be running again for off-site parking.

We are privileged to live in a community that takes security seriously. Beth El values the relationships with our partners, including The Associated, the Baltimore County Police, and many other local, state, and federal authorities.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. Additionally, Beth El's High Holy Day Volunteer Ambassadors will be on site to greet you as you enter the building during the High Holy Days, direct you to your service, and answer your questions.

Wishing you all *K'tivah VaHatimah Tovah*,



Josh Bender, *Executive Director*



Dr. Ed Mishner, *President*