

September-October 2026

Bet Knesset Bamidbar



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President's Message

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Happy New Year

Good Health, Be Active and Come to Services
Arlene Goodman, President



Membership

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As mentioned in another newsletter, if you see a new face at Friday Night Services or another BKB event, reach out and introduce yourself. Tell your friends/family what a wonderful group of people we are.

Believe it or not, 2027 is fast approaching and it will be time to renew your annual membership. Kindly make your checks payable to BKB and mail them to:

Harriet Jacobson
Membership Chairperson
P.O. Box 33503
Las Vegas, NV 89133

You can also pay online by credit card at www.bkblv.org and click Membership. Annual Membership is \$146.00 for a single person and \$287.00 for a couple (whether married or not, living in the same household).

Should you have any questions regarding membership, please reach out to me at the email or phone number above.

HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES 2026/5786-87

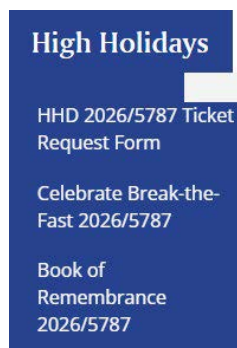
Erev Rosh Hashanah	FRIDAY	September 11	6:30pm
Rosh Hashanah	SATURDAY	September 12	10:00am
Shofar Blowing & Tashlich at Mountain Shadows	SUNDAY	September 13	10:00am
Kol Nidre	SUNDAY	September 20	6:30pm
Yom Kippur	MONDAY	September 21	10:00am
Yizkor (approximately)	MONDAY	September 21	12:00pm (Noon)
Afternoon Service and Neilah	MONDAY	September 21	3:30pm—5:00pm

This year, we are no longer mailing out information about the High Holy Days. Read through this article and look for emails with instructions on how to request tickets for the High Holiday Services, submitting Yahrzeit names for the Book of Remembrance and the Break-The-Fast which will occur after the Neilah service.

The emails will instruct you to click on a picture below the email text and to print out each form. Complete the forms, and with your checks, mail them to Arlene Goodman (Tickets), Darlene (Book of Remembrance) and Ivy (Break-The-Fast).

Or

For your convenience, you will now be able to complete the forms to pay by credit card online from the BKB website - <https://www.bkblv.org/>. From the menu above, click on **High Holidays** to access all the forms:



Or

If you do not have the ability to print out the ticket form or to access the form and pay online, all forms will be available at all future Friday evening services.

Moreh Alan Spector

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A SEASON OF HOLIDAYS

Every year, as the summer winds down and the machzorim come out of storage, I'm reminded that Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur ask something of us that no other moment on the calendar does: they ask us to actually look at our lives.

It would be easy to let the High Holidays pass as a season of long services and familiar melodies. But underneath the ritual is something far more urgent — an invitation, renewed every year, to become who we're capable of being.

A Day of Judgment and a Day of Hope

Our tradition calls Rosh Hashanah Yom HaDin — the Day of Judgment. But judgment in our tradition has never meant condemnation. It means honest accounting. The shofar's blast isn't a siren of doom — the Rambam calls it a wake-up call: "Awake, you sleepers, from your sleep, and you slumberers, arise from your slumber." It's a sound meant to shake us gently back into attention, not to frighten us into paralysis.

The Ten Days Are the Real Work

What happens between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur matters as much as the two days themselves. This is the season of teshuvah — not merely "repentance," but literally "return."

We reach out to people we've wronged. We make the phone call we've been avoiding. We give a little more tzedakah. Teshuvah isn't a feeling; it's a set of actions, and the tradition gives us these ten days as a container to actually do them.

It's worth remembering, too, that Yom Kippur atones for what stands between us and God — but not for what stands between us and each other. That work is ours to do first, in person, before the day even begins.

Why It's Not Just About Guilt

If the High Holidays were only about guilt, they wouldn't have endured for three thousand years. They endure because they offer something better than guilt: the belief that we are not fixed, finished creatures. Who we were in the last year does not have to determine who we are in the next one. That's the deeper meaning behind the image of the Book of Life — not a threat, but a promise that the story isn't over, and that we still hold the pen.

L'shanah tovah tikatevu — may we all be inscribed for a good year.

Blessings and Peace,

Moreh Alan



Sisterhood

Vicki Socol, President (818) 399-7748, vicknvegas@aol.com



The New Year has begun with lots of fun and memorable Sisterhood events to experience in the upcoming days and months. Ladies, just as a reminder, if you are a member of BKB, you are automatically a member of the Sisterhood. Sooo, please join us for some or all of our upcoming events.

Our next Ladies only event is Thursday, September 24th, 10am at The Egg Works (2025 Village Center Circle). It's \$10 cash for a full breakfast/brunch including drink, tax and tip. The Sisterhood picks up the difference. Of course, we will still have our 50/50 drawing. Our own Barbara Holland will be our guest speaker. She is a dynamic world traveler and a column writer for the Review Journal Newspaper. She is a whirlwind of information and life in pictures.

Our October event on October 22nd will be for both men and women. It will again be at The Egg Works for the same price as above. The "can't miss" guest speaker will be our Las Vegas Mayor, Shelley Berkley. Signups for these events are required. Please put your name on the signup sheets at our BKB Services, or call me and let me know you wish to come: (818) 399-7748. Seats are Limited!!!

The Sisterhood has a *Knit and Chat* group going. Some ladies like to knit, others crochet. Beginners or experienced are welcome. Dates for our meetings are variable, so watch for eblasts, or listen to any announcements from the Bima at Temple. If you need more information, please don't hesitate to call me. Looking forward to a great New Year.

Vicki Socol



Men's Club

David Kandel, President, (949) 697-8162, zzdavidk@gmail.com



BKB Men's Club will finish off the summer with some events that all will enjoy, as always.

Our September 15th Egg Works Breakfast Meeting will be an Open Forum Discussion. This meeting will be for men only! Men, if you are a BKB member, you are also a member of the Men's Club. We look for a great turnout for this one, so please make a point to join us.

In October, we have two events you will not want to miss. The Tuesday, October 20th Egg Works Breakfast Meeting will have as our guest speaker, Joanne D. Gilbert, the author of "Women of Valor," and other great books. Then, Thursday, October 8th at 5 PM, another fun-filled Friendship Dinner! This time, at Dom DeMarco's. Both October events will be for men and women.

Please mark your calendar and don't miss out.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Singles Group

Helene Orenstein, (702) 763-4117, BKBSingles@gmail.com



The goal of the BKB Singles Group is to provide a monthly entertaining social activity so that the Single and "Socially Single" members of BKB can get together to celebrate holidays, get to know each other, enjoy a great activity and participate in Jewish community activities. In addition, we will have monthly dine-outs and potlucks.

Membership in the BKB Singles Group is complementary with your BKB membership. It is open to all members who pay a single membership fee regardless of their social status, members who have lost a spouse or partner during the year, and members who are "socially single," i.e., their partner due to health or other reasons is unavailable to participate in social activities.

The BKB Singles will meet on September 11th, Friday, at 4PM for dinner at the Rampart Casino Buffet. The BKB Singles will meet again on October 25th, Sunday, at 4pm for dinner at a location to be decided later.

If you would like to join the Singles email list, you can send a message to BKBSingles@gmail.com.

Yahrzeit Contributions

Sheila Cohan, (860) 478-1246, sheila0424@gmail.com



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May their memory be for a blessing

Birthdays

9/5	Lawrence Kaufman	10/18	Paul Lipton
9/11	Eleanor Wilchins	10/20	Kenneth Resnik
9/12	Stanley Madris	10/20	Latona Blackburn
9/24	Nadine Carter	10/21	Elayne Tessler
9/24	Leonard Newman	10/21	Phyllis Stouber
9/25	Ronny Mayer	10/25	Eunice Shafer
10/1	William Golub	10/28	Elliot Alterman
10/3	Marla Goldberg	10/29	Judith Katzin
10/11	Sue Ellen Knieper	10/29	Stuart Ruthman
10/17	Dahlia Premack		



Anniversaries



9/26	Sanford & Ruth Mintz
10/4	David & Stephanie Droker
10/16	Edward & Mary Benstock

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP



Are you a caregiver for your spouse, mother, father or child? This is something we didn't sign up for. But we must do it. It's very hard work, physically and emotionally. I'm sure you've all called family and friends and told them about your problems. They all probably said "I'm sorry" and they meant it. Unless they are going through the same predicament, they have NO idea what you're going through.

But we do. There are no books to help you. We meet once a month. We talk about what we are going through, and it's usually something we've all handled before. We help each other with our experiences. You are not alone.

Come and meet us the **second Monday every month at Desert Vista, Room 3 at 10:00 AM.** There are no dues. Only love and understanding. Any questions, call me, Ivy Goldman, (224) 715-9629.

Tributes

Eunice Shafer, (702) 823-1474, euniceshafer8@gmail.com

IN SYMPATHY

TO:

Dr. Sofia Werner & Family

FOR:

Beloved Gigi

FROM:

Sue, Howard & Jessica Schweitzer

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

TO:

Myra Feldgreber
Darlene Vaturi
Alan Spector
Ivy Goldman

FROM:

Lonnie Wagman
Sheila Cohan
Sheila Cohan
Sheila Cohan

TO:

Alan Rosenberg
Pauline Mattes
Harriet Jacobson

FROM:

Sheila Cohan
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

TO:

Jay & Diane Shultz
Jay & Diane Shultz
Alex & Lilo Kuechel

FROM:

Lonnie Wagman
Sheila Cohan
Sheila Cohan

Donations to BKB

Pauline Mattes - Opening the Ark
Jay & Diane Shultz - General Donation
Alan Rosenberg - For Flowers
Sheldon Rosenberg - General Donation

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Vickie & Steve Yohay, celebrating Vickie's 77th Birthday
Harriet & Barry Jacobson, celebrating their 54th Anniversary
Bonnie Goldstein, celebrating her 83rd Birthday
Helene & Albert Lobel, celebrating their 57th Anniversary
Naomi & Stuart Ruthman, celebrating "LIFE"
Ivy Goldman, celebrating her 77th Birthday and her Mother, Harriet Wihschusen
Lilo & Alex Kuechel, celebrating their 71st Anniversary
Sheila Cohan, celebrating her brother, Lenard Greenberg's 71st Birthday
Alan Rosenberg, celebrating his 92nd Birthday
Susan & Rick Bindhamer, celebrating Rick's 67th Birthday
Sheila Cohan, celebrating nephew, Jason Greenberg's 56th Birthday
Sheila Cohan, celebrating great nephew, Owen Greenberg's 11th Birthday

Donation Opportunities

We have had a great response this year for members submitting donations online at the BKB website. If you would like to donate using our online process, please visit: **bkbiv.org**. On the Home page, click "Get Involved – Donation Opportunities." Under each option; Oneg Shabbat, Jewish National Fund, Tribute Cards, Yahrzeit and General Temple Donations, click **DONATE NOW** and complete the online payment form.

Yahrzeits

BKB maintains a calendar of the anniversaries of the death of your loved ones. In advance of that anniversary, we send out a reminder with the date of their service when that name will be read. If you wish to add a loved one, please call Sheila Cohan at: (860) 478-1246. You may also email her at: sheila0424@gmail.com. Send Sheila the first and last name of the person, his/her relationship to you and the date you wish to remember. Indicate if you want to remember the Hebrew date or the English date. It is also a tradition to honor the memory of the deceased by donating *tzedakah*, (a minimum amount of \$18 is being requested).

Tribute Cards

Remember friends and family with Tribute Cards while helping BKB. We have tribute cards for all occasions: Anniversary, Birthday, Get Well, Mazel Tov and Sympathy. Contact Eunice Shafer at (702) 823-1474, email: euniceshafer@gmail.com or 2229 Hot Oak Ridge St., Las Vegas, NV 89134.

Jewish National Fund

To Plant Trees in Israel through the Jewish National Fund, please call Marilyn Hirsch at (702) 243-9484. The cost is \$18.00 for each tree. Make checks payable to BKB. Trees can be planted for happy occasions as well as for sympathy.

Bereavement

After a BKB member passes away, our Sisterhood assists the family after the funeral by ordering and/or serving a sweet tray. If you need help with any of this, please call Arlene Goodman at (702) 228-6362.

Dedicating a Shabbat Service

Something new at BKB. Our Board of Directors has established a beautiful new opportunity for members to celebrate an occasion or commemorate a loved one or even just to express gratitude for the many blessings in life by dedicating a Shabbat service. It is considered an important Mitzvah to dedicate study or prayer to the memory of others or as a blessing for happy occasions. Our first dedicated service was at the last Shabbat Service in December 2025, and since then, every service has been dedicated. Some have already reserved future services throughout the year for their dedication. Please contact Arlene Goodman, 702-228-6362, for further donation and designation information.

Oneg

BKB Sisterhood likes to share your "Simcha" with you. The cost is just \$25.00. Sisterhood buys, arranges, sets up and cleans up. Your Simcha is announced from the Bimah, published in the Newsletter, and you receive a special blessing from our spiritual leaders. To pay online, access our website - **bkbiv.org** and click **DONATE NOW** below. If you wish to pay by check, make checks payable to BKB/Sisterhood and send to BKB, Attn: Arlene Gold, Box 33503, Las Vegas, NV 89133-3503.

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ANNUAL DUES FOR 2026

Single: \$146 Couple: \$287

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