

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

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LEONARD LONDON 2010
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IN LOVING MEMORY

HONORARY TRUSTEE EMERITUS:
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PAST PRESIDENTS & TRUSTEES:

WILLIAM J. ROOS 1960-1975
LEONARD WEISS 1975-1984

SISTERHOOD TRUSTEE:

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PAST PRESIDENTS:

SAMUEL FRANKEL 1849-1859
J. LEVY 1859
SAMUEL FRANKEL 1859-1864
W. WEISS 1864-1883
M. GOLDSMITH 1883-1885
W. WEISS 1885-1894
JACOB KATZ 1894-1895
LEOPOLD BLUMENTHAL 1895-1920
EDWARD A. KATZ 1920-1933
ISADORE ROOS 1933-1952
IRVING NEWMAN 1952-1960

RABBIS WHO HAVE

SERVED THE CONGREGATION:

JOSEPH FRIEDMAN 1939
BARUCH BRAUNSTEIN 1940-1942
HERBERT WEINER 1943-1944
RAFIEL HELMAN 1945
JAY ROBERT BRINKMAN 1946
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BERNARD ZLOTOVITZ 1952
KENNETH RIVKIN 1953
JEROME DAVIDSON 1954
JULIUS KRAVITZ 1958
HARVEY ROSENFELD 1970-1971
LEWIS BOGAGE 1972-1978
LEONARD TROOP 1978

Congregation Members and Friends,

Our Holy Days will begin Friday evening, September 18, 2009, and Saturday morning, September 19, and continue Sunday evening, September 27, and Monday morning, September 28.

Evening services begin at 8:00PM. Morning services at 10:00AM. Afternoon services will be announced by Rabbi Smith.

We will celebrate Simchat Torah Friday, October 9, at 8:00PM. Rabbi Smith will announce the beginning of Religious School on Saturdays at 9:00AM.

As has been our tradition, we will seat Members and their families in the Sanctuary who have made arrangements in advance. We will also observe traditional seating for Member families who have been worshipping with us for many years.

Those who cannot be seated in the Sanctuary will be seated in the Social Hall where there is closed-circuit television. Rabbi Smith always makes a special effort to involve everyone in the rituals and dynamics of the service.

For Members who wish to make arrangements for their families or themselves, please call me at 570-226-4571.

Soon we will begin our Jewish New Year 5770. This is our Congregation's 160th year. We are the second oldest Jewish Synagogue in the United States at the same location (since 1855) - this is Rabbi Smith's 37th year as our spiritual leader, and our Congregation Choir's 21st year.

All are reasons for Celebration.

L' Shana Tova.

HENRY M. SKIER
President