



CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM
BLOOMINGTON, IN

High Holy Days Schedule with Sukkot

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🧸 = Childcare Available: [Sign up for Childcare](#)

Tots & Kids Programming: [Read Here](#)

All Non-Members: [Sign up to Attend](#)

Scroll past the schedule for helpful information about attending.

Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah – Monday, September 22

- **7:30 pm: Evening Service** 🧸
in the Sanctuary and on [Livestream](#)
- **9:00 pm: Pitch-in Dessert Social**
in the Back Social Hall — [Sign up here!](#)

Rosh Hashanah Day 1 – Tuesday, September 23

- **9:30 am: Traditional Service** 🧡
in the Back Social Hall and on [Livestream](#)
- **9:45 am: Liberal Service** 🧡
in the Sanctuary and on [Livestream](#)
Rabbi Noach's Rosh Hashanah d'var Torah (sermon) will take place during the morning service; the Liberal and Traditional services will join together during this time for a shared experience.
- **10:00 - 10:30 am: Tot Service**
in the Library
- **11:30 am - 12:15 pm: Kids Service** — **Note the new time!**
in the Library
- **1:15 pm - 2:45 pm: Catered Rosh Hashanah Lunch**
at St. Thomas Lutheran Church (next to Beth Shalom)
If you haven't RSVP'd, please email the office.
- **3:00 pm: Tashlich**
Griffy Lake Boathouse
3400 N Headley Rd, Bloomington, IN 47408

Rosh Hashanah Day 2 – Wednesday, September 24

- **9:30 am: Traditional Service** 🧡
in the Sanctuary and on [Livestream](#)

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 28

- **9:30 - 11:30 am: Cemetery Clean-Up Day**
at Beth Shalom Cemetery in Valhalla Memory Gardens, 310 N Johnson Ave

We will clean all the gravestones and say Kaddish for those who are buried within our cemetery. Please wear clothes you can get dirty and bring gardening tools and gloves. We thank Judith Rose, head of our cemetery, and Rabbi Leon, who will lead us in the Mourner's Kaddish.

Kol Nidrei – Wednesday, October 1

- **7:30 pm: Kol Nidrei Service** 🧸
in the Sanctuary and on [Livestream](#)
Rabbi Noach's Yom Kippur d'var Torah (sermon) will take place during this service.

Yom Kippur Day – Thursday, October 2

- **9:30 am: Traditional Service** 🧸
in the Back Social Hall and on [Livestream](#)
- **10:00 am: Liberal Service** 🧸
in the Sanctuary and on [Livestream](#)
- **10:00 - 10:30 am: Tot Service**
in the Library
- **11:30 am - 12:15 pm: Kids Service** — **Note the new time!**
in the Library
- **2:15 pm: Yizkor** — **Note the new time!**
in the Sanctuary and on [Livestream](#)
- **4:00 pm: Afternoon Study** — **Note the new time!**
in the Library

Discussion of Rabbi Alan Lew's modern High Holy Days classic [This Is Real and You Are Completely Unprepared](#), led by Zain Clements-Hall, Lierin Holly and Haylie Romer

- **5:00 pm: Traditional Minchah Service**
in the Sanctuary and on [Livestream](#)

- **5:00 pm: Renewal Meditative Gathering**
on the Patio (rain plan: in the Library)
- **5:30 pm: Kids and Families' Break-Fast**
at Park Ridge East Playground, 4500 E Morningside Dr
[Sign up here!](#)
- **6:45 pm: Ne'ilah Service** 🧸
in the Sanctuary and on [Livestream](#)
 - **8:00 pm: Havdalah and Final Shofar**
All are invited to bring shofars to blow together at the end of the service! Children from childcare will join for this part.
- **8:15 pm: Break-Fast**
Catered by Gable's Bagels
In the Back Social Hall

Sukkot

Erev Sukkot – Monday, October 6

- **7:30 pm: Social Action Committee's 1st Meeting of the New Jewish Year!**
in the Sukkah, weather permitting
With Social Action head Zach Harrison and Rabbi Noach. We'll start with singing kiddush & motzi for the first night of the holiday; feel free (but not obligated) to bring a snack to share. [RSVP here](#)

Sukkot Day 1 – Tuesday, October 7

- **10:00 am: Sukkot Day 1 Service**
in the Sukkah, weather permitting
- **7:30 pm: October 7 Memorial**
in the Sukkah, weather permitting

Sukkot Day 2 – Wednesday, October 8

- **10:00 am: Sukkot Day 2 Service**
in the Sukkah, weather permitting
- **7:30 pm: Climate Action Task Force's 1st Meeting of the New Jewish Year!**
in the Sukkah, weather permitting
With Deb Allmayer and Rabbi Noach. Learn why taking action is important and how to do so. We can all play a role as individuals and as a community to fulfill our responsibility as Jews to protect our world.
[RSVP here](#)

Erev Shabbat Chol ha-Mo'ed Sukkot* – Friday, October 9

**Eve of the Shabbat of the Intermediate Days of Sukkot*

- **6:00 pm: TGI Shabbat with Rabbi Noach & Clergy Intern Nava Teller** 🧸
in the Sanctuary and on [Livestream](#)
Early, abbreviated service with childcare available.
- **7:00 pm: TGI Shabbat Catered Communal Dinner** 🧸
in the Sukkah and Social Halls
Members Chef Lee and Efrat Rosser will prepare a delicious meal. [RSVPs needed by Monday morning](#). Free for members thanks to our Mental Health Initiative grant from the Center for Congregations.
Non-members: \$20.

Shabbat Chol ha-Mo'ed Sukkot, Cont'd. – Saturday, October 11

- **10:00 am: Traditional Service for Shabbat Chol ha-Mo'ed Sukkot**
in the Sanctuary and on [Livestream](#)

- **10:30 - 11:30 am: Kids' Shabbat Together** (formerly Tot Shabbat)
in the Sukkah, weather permitting
Through songs and hands-on crafts, this program offers a space where children under 10 can experience the joy of Shabbat and Sukkot and parents can connect.
- **8:00 pm: Havdalah, Songs, and Teaching for Sukkot**
in the Sukkah, weather permitting
Join Sue Swartz & Barukh (Bruce) Solomon and friends in Beth Shalom's sukkah to mark the end of Shabbat with Havdalah, singing, teaching and good company!

Sukkot Day 6 – Sunday, October 12

- **9:45 am - 12:30 pm: Religious School with Sukkot Festivities**
in the Sukkah
- **11:15 am - 12:30 pm: Class with Rabbi Noach:**
Existentialist Joy: The Wisdom of Sukkot
in the Social Hall and [on Zoom](#)
Part of our Exploring Judaism series. [RSVP here](#)
- **12:30 pm - 2:00 pm: Annual Membership Brunch**
in the Sukkah and Social Halls
This event is for EVERYONE: new, returning and prospective members. Bagels, lox and all the fixings will be provided. Please [RSVP here](#) and (optional) volunteer to bring a side/dessert or to lend a hand. We look forward to celebrating in community with you!
- **6:00 - 8:00 pm: Teen Game Night in the Sukkah**
in the Sukkah
For teens 8th-12th grade. Bring your own games. Pizza and drinks provided — [RSVP here!](#)

Erev Sh'mini Atzeret* – Monday, October 13

**Eve of the End of Sukkot*

- **7:15 pm - 8:45 pm: "From Iron Curtain to Promised Land: Personal Stories from Dov-Ber Kerler" with Kesher - Israel Connection**

in the Sukkah, weather permitting

Together we'll honor the holiday and explore the powerful significance of Simchat Torah for Soviet Jews, hearing heroic first-hand stories of resilience and hope. Enjoy candle-lighting, kiddush & motzi (and a light nosh). [RSVP here](#)

Sh'mini Atzeret and Erev Simchat Torah* – Tuesday, October 14

**The VERY end of Sukkot – and with it, our whole yearly cycle of reading the Torah!*

- **10:00 am: Sh'mini Atzeret Service with Yizkor**
in the Sanctuary and on [Livestream](#)
- **6:00 pm: Simchat Torah Celebration with Rabbi Noach and Clergy Intern Nava Teller**
in the Sanctuary and on [Livestream](#)

How to Attend

Members

There are no tickets to attend High Holy Day services. Current members may attend services without pre-registration; just use your key fob or give your name at the door. If you have not already, please make a payment toward your 2025-26 dues.

Non-Members and Guests

We are delighted that you are taking part in the High Holy Days with us! All non-member guests must be signed up through [this form](#). We ask that you contribute financially to help us defray the expenses involved in offering High Holy Day events and keep pace with rising costs. In case of financial need, no one is turned away. We ask that you contribute:

- For general non-members: \$218 (*This amount can be counted toward your dues if you decide to become a member!*)
- For relatives of members, including children older than 22: \$54
- Children ages 22 and younger and IU students come for free or for a donation of your choice. (You still must complete the sign-up form linked above.)

We are grateful for your support, which makes it possible to sustain Jewish life in the Bloomington community.

Childcare 🧸

Childcare will be provided for most services; please [click here](#) to sign up in advance to give us a sense of numbers to ensure adequate staffing. Drop-off for childcare will be at Stefanie's classroom in the back of the building. Please escort your children across the patio so as not to disturb the service in the back social hall and introduce yourself to the teachers. Remember to pack a lunch or snacks as appropriate.

Tot and Kids Programming

[Click here](#) for more information about our services and programming for tots and kids!

Accessibility and Available Accommodations

- Both of our front entrances open directly onto street level via a curb cut. There are no steps or ramps necessary to enter the building. The entire building consists of one floor. There is one wheelchair-accessible restroom in the lobby and there are two in the back hallway. Chairs can be moved to accommodate mobility devices; ask any friendly face for help.
- Those who are Deaf or hard of hearing are welcome to sit near the front of the room. We recommend arriving to services early to ensure seating near the front of the room.

- If you would like to request a large-print copy of the machzor (High Holy Days prayer book), please reach out to us at the email address below.
- If you have any other special needs, please reach out to us by emailing office@bethshalom-bjc.org.

Special Considerations

- There is one gender-neutral restroom in the lobby and two in the back hallway.
- For those who refrain from using electricity on Shabbat and yontif, there are two restrooms that have no automatic switches in the back hallway.
- For those who choose, it is a tradition on Yom Kippur to wear white, as an embodied spiritual practice to symbolize the clean slate we can attain through repentance.
- Dress in layers for comfort; a coatroom is located just outside the sanctuary.
- Please refrain from wearing strong fragrances/scents.

Food Drive

Please join us in doing an act of tzedakah by bringing a non-perishable food item to donate when you attend High Holy Day services. There will be collection bins for Hoosier Hills Food Bank in the lobby. Hoosier Hills Food Bank provides over five million pounds of food annually to over 100 non-profits serving people with low incomes and personal challenges, children, and seniors in our area. For more information about Hoosier Hills Food Bank, [click here](#).

**We look forward to sharing these
sacred days together in community.**