

BELSIZE SQUARE SYNAGOGUE

*HIGH HOLYDAY GUIDE*2023 / 5784



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

DEAR MEMBERS

Welcome to Belsize Square's 2023/5784 High Holyday guide! Please take some time to read through this helpful booklet and see what Belsize has to offer this year. A great number of people are involved in planning and organising our beautiful services and while I won't thank them individually, I would like to acknowledge the time and effort this takes, I am very grateful.

In this booklet you'll find details of friends & family tickets, prayer books, parking arrangements, transport, the creche and booking food during Yom Kippur for children and others who need it.

Also enclosed are your High Holyday tickets and the synagogue calendar for 2023/24. Please note that our Kol Nidrei Service will start at the earlier time of 6.45pm this year.

Please read through the booklet to understand all that's on offer from the synagogue.

TICKETS & SEATING

Security remains an absolute priority and admission to the services is by ticket only. It should be noted that tickets are named and numbered and are not transferable. Please read on for the 2nd day Rosh Hashanah arrangements. Tickets do not represent a reserved seat as all members have the same right to choose their seats, as at our weekly services. It is advisable to sit in the front section of the sanctuary if you wish to take advantage of our hearing loop system.

DECORUM

To preserve decorum we ask that you're respectful when entering the main service, particularly when the Ark is open, during the sermons, silent prayers and Mazkir on Yom Kippur. Ushers will be in the sanctuary to advise you when it is appropriate to enter and they will direct you to available seats.

FAMILY SERVICES & CRECHE

We have revamped our regular Youth Services and created a new, interactive, Family Service which I hope you'll find fun and inspiring. Family Services will be held during the morning services in the hall, check your tickets for the timings. We hope to be able to admit everyone but as seating is limited, adults will need to be aware of whether space is available. Our second day Rosh Hashanah Family Service will have a more relaxed feel. Please do feedback to us afterwards!

Ilana Banana will lead the under 5s service in the creche on first day Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur – more details further on in the booklet.

OFFICE HOURS

As well as normal opening hours, the synagogue office will be open between 10.00-12.00 (noon) on Sunday 10 September to enable you to collect prayer books, parking vouchers and visitor tickets which have been pre-booked.

WEBCAST

Anyone who comes on to the Bimah for an Aliyah, Ark opening or to take part in the service will appear in our webcast, BelsizeLIVE. If you have a problem appearing on the livestream then unfortunately you will have to decline this invitation. We sincerely hope that this will not be the case.

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Please do tell you friends and family who belong to a Synagogue that keeps only the first day of Rosh Hashanah that they are welcome to join our Rosh Hashanah second day service as long as they are able to show a ticket from their own Synagogue.

If you have any questions on any of the contents of this booklet, please contact the synagogue office.

On behalf of the Ministers, Honorary Officers and the members of the Board I wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

Jackie Alexander Chairman

BelsizeLIVE

If you're unable to attend Services, don't worry, we've got you covered!

All of our Services will be streamed on BelsizeLIVE.



Accessing BelsizeLIVE could not be easier. Just follow these simple instructions:

- 1. From your computer, smartphone or tablet visit the Synagogue website www.synagogue.org.uk
 - 2. Click on the BelsizeLIVE button at the top of the page



3. The screen will display the current service or an upcoming service. Click on the Play button in the centre for your video to start.



CRECHE FACILITIES



We will be operating a crèche run by qualified nursery staff for children from 6 months old to 6 years during the daytime High Holyday Services.

Please note that the crèche will **not** operate during the evening services on Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidrei.

Nursing mothers are advised to use the crèche if they require some privacy. Changing facilities can be found in the ladies' toilets.

We are delighted that children's entertainer, Ilana Banana will be involved in our creche Services on 1st Day Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Check out your ticket for Service times.



FOOD FOR UNDER 13s ON YOM KIPPUR

Do you have to leave early on Yom Kippur to feed your children?

Do you want to stay in the main service while your kids are fed and looked after?

Well we have the SOLUTION for you! A dedicated group of volunteers will be preparing lunch packs for children to eat following the Family Service on Yom Kippur.

Lunch packs will include:

- Sandwich (cream cheese or strawberry jam)
- Crisps
- Cake
- Apple
- Carton of juice



The cost to order a lunch pack is only £5. Complete the relevant section at the back of this book or book through the synagogue website. Lunch packs must be ordered in advance by Wednesday 20 September.

The hall is also available following the youth services for any congregant who is unable to fast due to health concerns

CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

There are no parking facilities at the synagogue. It would be helpful if, as many members as possible share cars, come by public transport or walk.

There are very few pay and display bays in the area. The Residential Controlled Parking in the Belsize Park area CA-B is from 9.00am - 6.30pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am – 1.30pm on Saturday. We have some residents parking vouchers available from the Synagogue Office. Please note that you can only have a maximum of 4 hours permits on display in your car at any time. After 4 hours it will be necessary to move your car and put more vouchers on display.

Please calculate how many vouchers you would like and indicate with your payment at the back of the booklet or contact the synagogue office. Vouchers will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. **BOOK YOUR PLACES NOW.** No payments can be made on the day.

There is a car park under the Swiss Cottage Odeon (Regency Car Park) at a cost of £19 per day which can be booked directly on www.parking-here.com

Drivers who have a "**Blue**/Orange badge" may park in the area in the usual way, in accordance with the rules laid out by the Council who issued the badge.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Please use public transport wherever possible.

Underground: Belsize Square Synagogue is equidistant from Belsize Park (Northern Line) and Swiss Cottage (Jubilee Line) underground stations. We are also walkable from Finchley Road Station (Jubilee and Metropolitan Line).

Overground Trains: Finchley Road and Frognal is the closest station.

Thames Link: West Hampstead then Jubilee Line to Finchley Road or Swiss Cottage Underground Stations.

Buses: 13 North Finchley via Golders Green to Swiss Cottage; **46** Kings Cross to Swiss Cottage; **113** Edgware to Swiss Cottage; **168** Euston to Belsize Park; **187** O2 Centre to Swiss Cottage; **268** Finchley Road Underground Station the O2 Centre, and Golders Green to St Peter's Church Belsize Square; **603** Muswell Hill to Swiss Cottage; **C11** Archway to Brent Cross.

NEED A LIFT / OFFERING A LIFT

In order to maintain, what has now become a Belsize Square Synagogue tradition of trying to ensure that as many members as possible are able to attend the High Holyday Services, we would greatly appreciate offers of lifts from those members who are travelling by car.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO OFFER A LIFT TO OTHERS IN YOUR AREA OR NEED A LIFT YOURSELF, PLEASE CONTACT THE SYNAGOGUE OFFICE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

FAMILY & FRIENDS TICKETS



We would love to welcome your family and friends to our Services. Attendance at Services is by ticket only so please order them through the office or on the website. Adult tickets are £55 and children up to the age of 21 years are free, but must have a valid ticket.

In the interests of security, each ticket will be numbered and allocated to a specific name. Tickets are not transferable. Please note that each ticket covers all High Holyday Services; reduced price tickets for individual services are not available.

Please complete the form at the back for Family and Friends ticket @ £55 each. **Tickets will not be** available for collection at Services.

PRAYER BOOKS

Edited and translated by Rabbi Rodney J Mariner
Published by Belsize Square Synagogue (prayer book details and ordering on back page)



Belsize Square Synagogue is unique in that it is the only Jewish community in this country which has published a collection of prayer books for Shabbat and the Festivals specifically designed to help worshippers to appreciate all aspects of its religious services throughout the year. Each volume features, in addition to the order of prayers and, in the case of the Festivals, the relevant Scripture readings, a selection of passages from rabbinic literature for study and contemplation.

Please note: Prayer Books will not be available for collection at the High Holyday Services.



COMFORT DURING SERVICES

Members should note if the sun is shining the Synagogue can get very warm and so the air conditioning will be on. To be comfortable if you are sitting by an air conditioning unit you may want to bring a cardigan or sweater.



TALLIT

Gentlemen are respectfully reminded that it is customary for a Tallit to be worn at the Kol Nidrei Service.

A small number of Tallitot are available if you do not have one.

BOOKING FORM

FAMILY & FRIENDS TICKETS

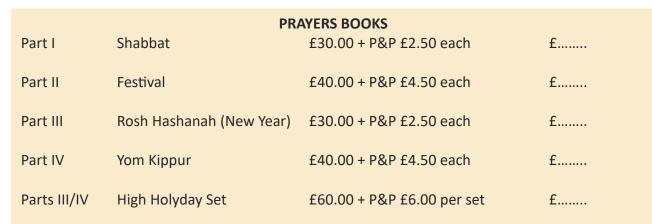
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Tickets cost £55 each. Please insert names and ages below; continue on a separate sheet if necessary.								
NAME	E				AGE			
PARKING VOUCHERS								
Please calculate how many vouchers you would like and indicate with your payment on the table below. Vouchers will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis; BOOK YOUR PLACES NOW. No payments can be made on the day. Vouchers cost £2 per hour .								
	Fri 15 Sept 1st Eve RH	Sat 16 Sept 1st Day RH	Sat 16 Sept 2nd Eve RH	Sun 17 Sept 2nd Day RH	Sun 24 Sept Kol Nidrei	Mon 25 Sept Yom Kippur	Total	
Tick as required	Not required after 6.30pm	4 hours max	Not required after 6.30pm	Not required (Sunday)	Not required after 6.30pm	9 hours max	hours	
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HIGH HOLYDAY APPEAL								
I enclose £ as a donation to the Synagogue High Holyday Appeal.								
I wish to make a contribution in memory of:-								
FOOD FOR UNDER 13s ON YOM KIPPUR								
Order your lunch packs for your children on Yom Kippur – £5 per pack.								
Number of packs Child's name(s)								

Sandwich: strawberry jam or cream cheese.....

PRAYER BOOK ORDER FORM



SPECIAL OFFER FROM 31 JULY – 15 SEPTEMBER FULL SET OF 4 BOOKS @ 25% OFF – ONLY £97.50!

BOOKING INFORMATION I am enclosing a cheque for £ _____ made payable to Belsize Square Synagogue. I will pay by credit/debit card on the Synagogue website – www.synagogue.org.uk I will transfer my payment on-line: Acc. Name: Belsize Square Synagogue Acc. No.: 00021904 Sort Code: 40-52-40 Bank: CAF Ref: HH + your family name Parking vouchers £...... Prayer Books £...... Lunch Packs £...... HH Appeal £...... Non-member Tickets £...... NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT Post Code..... Tel. No.....

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