

Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation AG Beth Israel Bulletin

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Rabbi Meyers' Message

Hamelech Basadeh - The King is in the Field

The renowned teaching from the Ba'al HaTanya (Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Liadi), "Hamelech Basadeh" ("The King is in the Field"), serves as a powerful parable that illustrates the unique opportunity to connect with G-d during the month of Elul.

In this sacred month, G-d, as it were, leaves His majestic palace and enters the field, making Himself accessible to all who seek a connection. This image of the King in the field symbolizes an extraordinary closeness, where the usual barriers between us and the Divine are lowered, inviting us to approach without hesitation. It is truly a once-a-year opportunity to prepare ourselves for the High Holidays.

Yet, the challenge is that we often find ourselves preparing for Elul in more mundane ways:

- We plan menus,
- Go grocery shopping,
- Cook,
- Clean,
- Shop for new attire,
- Reserve seats in shul, etc...

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IRA Funds Can Be Donated To Charitable Organizations

- Your gift must come to us outright - it cannot be used to establish a life-income arrangement or support a donor-advised fund or certain types of supporting organizations;

- Although the distribution will be free from income tax, it will not generate an income tax charitable deduction;

- In order to qualify for this special tax treatment, your gift must be distributed directly to LJCAGBI by your plan administrator - not from your IRA to you and then to LJCAGBI.

You can make this type of gift until December 31 and still elect for it to count as both a gift and as your minimum required distribution for this year.

IRA administrators don't always include the donor's name on distribution checks. If you're planning to make a distribution to us from your IRA, please let us know in advance so that we'll be able to identify your gift.

For 2024, the total QCD limit for all donations made in the year has increased to \$105,000 per taxpayer. You can also use up to \$53,000 of a QCD to make a one-time donation to a Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA).

Donations may be made to any number of charitable 501c(3) organizations and there is no minimum donation, only the yearly limit. QCDs are valid ONLY for taxpayers 70 1/2 or older, please advise others who meet the rules of this opportunity.

Please call the LJCAGBI office at 847-676-0491 to advise us of your intent and contact your IRA plan administrator today for further information.

Thank you! LJCAGB

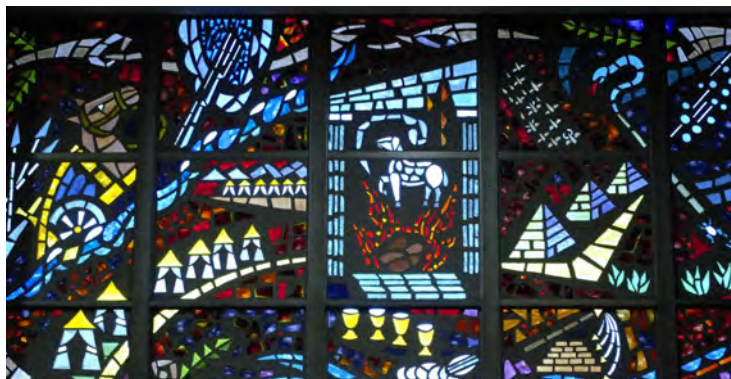
Illinois Unclaimed Property - Official State Site

Enter your family's last name and see if or what funds your family is still missing

<https://icash.illinoistreasurer.gov/app/claim-search>

Your presence is greatly needed: please attend

Lincolnwood Jewish Congregation A G Beth Israel, our Shul, has always maintained two daily minyanim for Shacharit and for Mincha/Maariv (or just Maariv during the winter months). It continues to be difficult to guarantee that 10 men will be present for davening. **Your help is urgently needed to ensure that a full minyan is present for everyone, especially those who have Yahrzeit or are in their year of mourning. Please attend whenever you are able.**



Please note that this bulletin is online at www.ljcagbi.org
 To print calendars, flyers or order forms, go to the bulletin page needed, and print the page(s) you would like. Perfect for refrigerator door decor.

Announcements

Mazal Tov

- To Ron Ganellen & Natalia Pascal on the birth of a grandson
- To Meisel & Alon families on the Aliyah of Rachel, Ariel & family
- To Barbara & Cary Schiff on the birth of granddaughter, Malka Hadassah

Refuah Sheleima

- To Helaine Ellenby
- Phyllis Kaplan
- Renee Silberman

Condolences to the family of

- Marty Fishman
- Arlene Spiro

Please get your articles in for the shul bulletin
 If you have a program, announcement or event, please get your information to the Shul *Bulletin* so everyone will know about it! Send your electronic submissions to the editor at: bulletin@ljcagbi.org or submit a hard copy to the Shul office before the deadline, **October 2024 issue, Wednesday, September 18 2024**. All material is subject to approval by the editor and may be modified for space or content. Inserts must also be approved by the editor before inclusion in the *Bulletin*. Please email bulletin@ljcagbi.org for further details.

September 2024 Calendar of Events

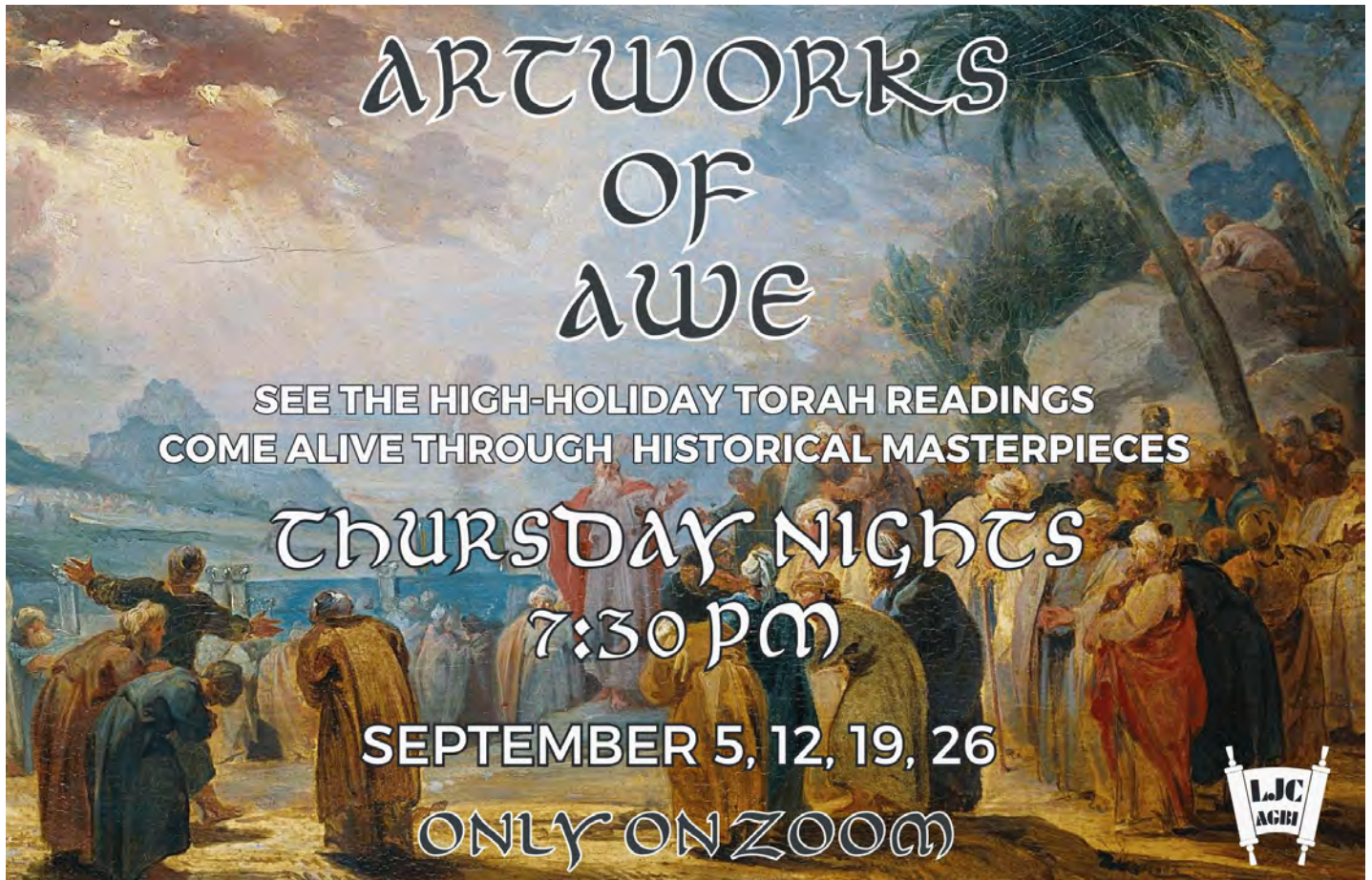
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| Monday, September 2 | Labor Day |
| Tuesday, September 3 | Rosh Chodesh Elul- Day 1 |
| Wednesday, September 4 | Rosh Chodesh Elul- Day 2 |
| Wednesday, September 18 | Board of Directors Meeting |



While these preparations are important and necessary, they remind us of a deeper, more spiritual preparation that Elul calls us to undertake. It is a time to ready our hearts and souls for the High Holidays, to begin the journey back to the palace.

This Elul, I invite you to join us on this journey. Let us each look within and determine the next step in our own unique Jewish journey back home.

The beauty of Elul lies in knowing that we aren't expected to make it all the way inside the palace by ourselves. The King is already outside the palace, in the field, waiting to greet us and ready to help escort us back inside. Our task is simply to step into the field, where the King awaits with open arms.



**ARTWORKS
OF
AWE**

SEE THE HIGH-HOLIDAY TORAH READINGS
COME ALIVE THROUGH HISTORICAL MASTERPIECES

THURSDAY NIGHTS
7:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 5, 12, 19, 26

ONLY ON ZOOM

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Off the Subject

Shapiro met his friend Moshe, and exclaimed, "Moshe, whenever I see you, I'm reminded of Goldberg, may he rest in peace."

"What are you talking about," snapped Moshe, "I'm not a bit like him!"

"Yes you are! He also owed me money!"

parent-child learning

Torah learning, snacks, prizes and more!

Parshat Ki Teitzei
September 14th
5pm @ the Meyers

No need to RSVP!

To sponsor please contact the Shul office



SHABBAT AFTERNOON GEMARA SHIUR

JOIN US FOR A GEMARA SHIUR EACH
WEEK, 30 MINUTES BEFORE SHABBAT
AFTERNOON MINCHA



A Non-Shabbat Shuva Drasha

**Say it
like
you
mean it**

The significance of the High-Holiday Selichot in contemporary society.

Parshat Nitzavim-Vayeilech
Shabbat morning
September 28

To sponsor please contact the shul office



YOMIM NORA'IM - HIGH HOLIDAY

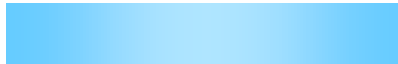
QUESTION & ANSWER

**WE KNOW THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS EXHAUSTING!
JOIN US AT SHABBAT MORNING KIDDUSH, PARSHAT KI TAVO,
SEPTEMBER 21ST, FOR A FUN, EASY AND CONVENIENT WAY TO
REVIEW THE LAWS OF ROSH HASHANAH, YOM KIPPUR AND SUKKOT !**

SEND QUESTIONS IN ADVANCE TO RABBI@LJCAGBI.ORG.

**Sponsorship opportunity available
Please contact the Shul office**





Schedule for Services & Candlelighting Times

SEPTEMBER 2024/AV-ELUL 5784						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Shabbat
1 S: 8:30am M/M: 7:05pm	2 LABOR DAY S: 8:30am M/M: 7:05pm	3 ROSH CHODESH ELUL-DAY 1 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:05pm	4 ROSH CHODESH ELUL-DAY 2 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:05pm	5 S: 7:00am M/M: 7:05pm	6 S: 7:00am CL: 6:56pm M/M: 7:00pm	7 SHOFTIM S: 9:00am M/M: 6:50pm H: 7:55pm
8 S: 8:30am M/M: 6:50pm	9 S: 7:00am M/M: 6:50pm	10 S: 7:00am M/M: 6:50pm	11 S: 7:00am M/M: 6:50pm	12 S: 7:00am M/M: 6:50pm	13 S: 7:00am CL: 6:44pm M/M: 6:45pm	14 KI SEITZEI S: 9:00am M/M: 6:35pm H: 7:43pm
15 S: 8:30am M/M: 6:40pm	16 S: 7:00am M/M: 6:40pm	17 S: 7:00am M/M: 6:40pm	18 S: 7:00am M/M: 6:40pm	19 S: 7:00am M/M: 6:40pm	20 S: 7:00am CL: 6:32pm M/M: 6:35pm	21 KI SAVO S: 9:00am M/M: 6:25pm H: 7:30pm
22 S: 8:30am M/M: 6:25pm	23 S: 7:00am M/M: 6:25pm	24 S: 7:00am M/M: 6:25pm	25 S: 7:00am M/M: 6:25pm	26 S: 7:00am M/M: 6:25pm	27 S: 7:00am CL: 6:20pm M/M: 6:25pm	28 NITZAVIM-VAYELECH S: 9:00am M/M: 6:10pm H: 7:18pm
29 S: 8:30am M/M: 6:15pm	30 S: 7:00am M/M: 6:15pm					KEY: S - Shacharit M - Maariv M/M - Mincha/Maariv CL - Candle Lighting H - Havdalah

Minyan times are subject to change. To confirm minyan time please check the shul website under the worship services tab or call/text Paul Kramer at 312.343.2200.

Holiday Opportunities

High Holiday Bimah Flower Fund contributions due by September 25. Donate by check or online. Contributions over \$18 will be recognized.

New Year's Greeting Publication contributions due by September 9. Greetings will appear in the LJAGBI Calendar. Minimum donation \$18. Donate by check or online.



LJAGBILS PROUD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SIMCHAT TORAH PROJECT

On this first Simchat Torah since the tragic events of October 7th and in the difficult months since, we are uniting to remember the over 1600 lives lost through a project that binds us in solidarity and resilience. Across 1600 synagogues globally, Torah scrolls will be adorned with special me'ilim (Torah Covers) each bearing the name of one of the kedoshim who were killed. Together, we will turn mourning into dance, ensuring that their memory inspires hope and unity. Am Yisrael Chai!

To participate in this special initiative please contact the Shul office.

Recommended donation of \$36

Deadline to participate, September 26th

For more info please go to
<http://www.thesimchattorahproject.org/>



THURSDAY NIGHT MEN'S MISHMAR

THURSDAY NIGHTS IN SEPTEMBER
@ 8:15PM

