

# BETH JACOB ATLANTA

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Dear Congregants,

It's hard to believe that summer is drawing to a close shortly, and that we will soon be preparing—physically and spiritually—for the High Holidays. It has been our experience that the tactical arrangements for the holidays—shopping, cooking, cleaning—can be easily overwhelming and sometimes leaves us little or no time or mindshare for the important spiritual work we need to do as we prepare for the Days of Judgment and Atonement.

The Almighty in His infinite wisdom gave us an early "bell" in the form of a daily shofar sound, to remind us to prepare, by designating the time beginning with Rosh Chodesh Elul through Yom Kippur, as the Yemai Ratzon. A full 30 days in advance of Rosh Hashanah, we are told the window has opened for us to communicate more intimately with G-d, reflect on our behavior, repent, and give charity:

תשובה, צדקה, ותפילה מעבירין את רוע הגזירה

We are fortunate that Beth Jacob affords us the space, provides meaningful services multiple times daily, and enables us to focus on our spiritual preparations through ongoing educational programs. Giving *tzedaka* (charity) to Beth Jacob fulfills the third important component of G-d's prescription for our success.

At this time of year, we encourage you to bring your Beth Jacob account current by paying off outstanding dues, pledges and other commitments to the shul. Take advantage of this rare opportunity which provides fulfillment individually (to realize a charitable deed) and communally (by supporting your synagogue).

As per our Congregational Bylaws, passes for High Holiday services will be mailed at the end of this month to Members-In-Good-Standing. Should you need to discuss your account, either Miriam Cann, Executive Director, or Zahava Kurland, Treasurer, will be happy to work with you on a payment plan.

Associate Members may purchase tickets for \$180 per person. Additional passes will also be available for \$180 per person for out-of-town visitors, non-members and guests.

Each member of Beth Jacob is receiving a copy of this letter along with an enclosed statement that details any amounts currently outstanding. If you believe that our records do not reflect your obligations or your payments, please contact the Synagogue office.

Thanks as always for doing your part in support of the physical and spiritual welfare of our community.

Sincerely,



David Mitchell  
President

cc: Miriam Cann  
Zahava Kurland