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MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE

Building a Stronger Tomorrow Together

Reflecting on a Year of Growth. A look back at how Beth Israel Malden grew, built, and gave this past year — plus a few reminders, and the many ways to be part of what comes next.

Dear friends,

What a year it's been! We poured the concrete for a new dish mikvah, resurfaced our bathroom floors, rebuilt the stairs and walkway at the Rabbi's house, and got an AED hanging in our main hallway, all while volunteers quietly transformed our coatroom, planted a new garden out back, and carved out a proper Stroller Parking spot by the front stairs.

None of it happens without our volunteers, either. Thank you to Colleen Mitchneck and Rochelle Ettlinger for the new garden, and to Jim Mitchneck, Adam Mitchneck, and Elon Malkin for the coatroom and lockers - and to Jim Mitchneck for the countless hardware fixes he has provided to the Shul. We also need to show gratitude to our kiddush crew, our committee members, and our Board, who give their time week after week, month after month, and year after year in ways too numerous to name individually but never too numerous to appreciate.

If you have a skill you'd like to put to use for the Shul, please reach out to the office. We might not have an immediate need for it, but it's good for us to know who we can call on, and when.

As we head into the High Holidays, I'm asking you again to be as generous as your circumstances allow this year, whether through your membership, a High Holiday gift, a kiddush sponsorship, or the Book of Remembrance. Every level matters, and if none of our standard membership levels work for your family this year, please reach out to me directly and confidentially. Your place in this community matters more than the number on the form.

Thank you, as always, for everything you do for this community.

May you and your families be written and inscribed for a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

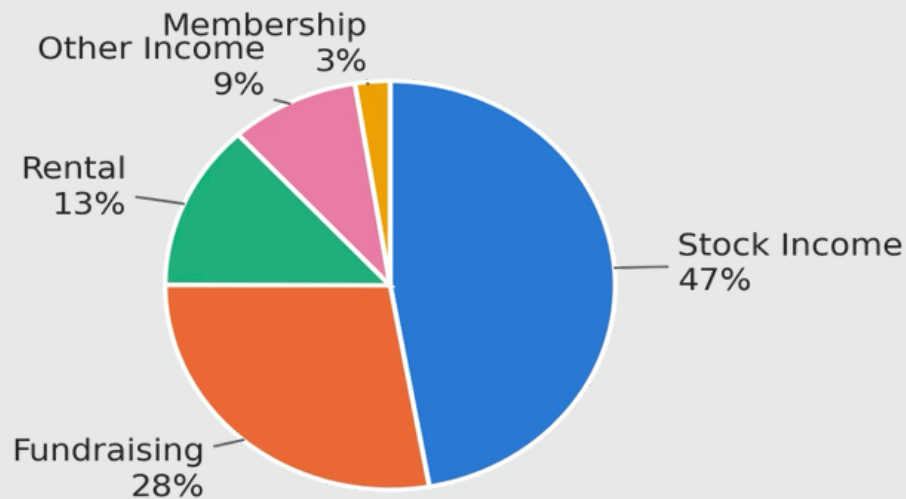
G'Mar Chatima Tova,

Matthew Garland
Executive Director, Beth Israel Malden

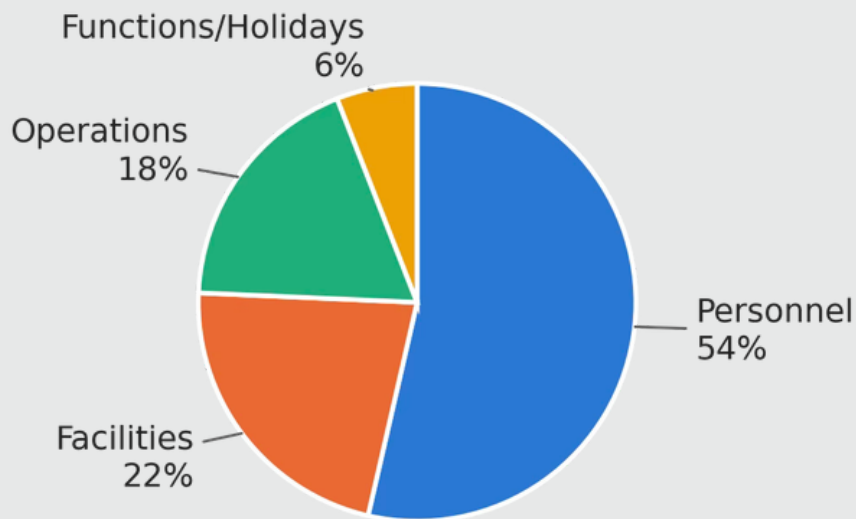
Financial Snapshot

Our money - where did it come from, where did it go?

Income



Expenses



Around the Building

This year in projects

The biggest project was a new dish mikvah, sponsored by Jay and Cheryl Lamport in memory of Cheryl's parents, Clarence and Lillian Zitaner - long time pillars of our community. It has been in the background for many years and was poured this summer.

Elsewhere, the bathrooms were resurfaced with a durable, slip-resistant epoxy floor after the old tile began to fail; the Rabbi's house got three rebuilt exterior staircases plus a new rear walkway and retaining wall; and an automated external defibrillator, provided by the Combined Jewish Philanthropies, now hangs in the main hallway.

Around back, volunteers Colleen Mitchneck and Rochelle Ettlinger planted a new garden, while Elon Malkin and Jim Mitchneck moved lockers into the coatroom renovated by Jim and Adam Mitchneck, freeing up the space for a dedicated Stroller Parking nook.



The concrete for a new dish mikvah, poured this year by Matrix Concrete — the same contractor that built our original mikvah.

Around the Building

This year in projects



A beautiful flower garden now adorns the enclosed back yard, thanks to Colleen Mitchneck and Rochelle Ettlinger.



A CJP-funded AED now hangs in the main hallway.



Bathrooms resurfaced with durable, slip-resistant epoxy.

Around the Building

This year in projects



The coat room, renovated by Adam and Jim Mitchneck, was finished off this summer by Jim Mitchneck and Elon Malkin moving the lockers to the far wall, to make space under the stairs for a Designated Stroller Parking area (below)



Community Life



Beyond the balance sheet and the building, it was a year of just being together, too. A group of us took a trip to Strawberry Banke in Portsmouth, NH, for a picnic lunch and a tour of the historic Puddle Dock neighborhood, including a look at its own Jewish history. And a shul bowling party rounded things out for anyone looking for something a little less formal.

As usual, we celebrated the completion of each book of the Torah with a Shabbat Chazak Luncheon - except for Bamidbar, which we celebrate two weeks later on Shabbat Nachamu. We celebrated Purim with a family Se'udah - costumes always encouraged - complete with a bounce house for the kids. Lag B'Omer brought a backyard BBQ, with burgers and hot dogs off the grill, and s'mores straight from the fire pit. The Shavuoton Dinner and Late Night Learning stimulated the appetite AND the mind, and the Fourth Annual Shabbat Afternoon Teas brought the community together once a month to members' houses in all corners of the Eruv for an afternoon oneg Shabbat.

Many of our yearly library acquisitions are based on specific, as well as general, member requests. If there's something you want to see in our library, please speak to Solomon Davidoff, Volunteer Shul Librarian, and he will put it on the list for consideration. **NB - you must sign out all books and sefarim that you remove from the Library. If you desire to check out a book on Shabbat or Yom Tov, please notify Solomon and fill out the library form during the week.**

Community Growth

This year we also put real energy into attracting new families to Malden. Our Community Growth Committee has been working on a new outreach website, WelcomeToMaldensShul.org, that will be backed by an ad campaign across Facebook, Instagram, and Google. We shot real photos and video around the neighborhood, including drone footage of the West End, so prospective families can see what our community actually looks like. We're still working on ways to reach people who aren't on social media at all.

We also sat down with young families in person and over Zoom, to ask what actually matters to them in an Early Childhood Center. The clearest answer: extended childcare hours, followed closely by cost. We've also had conversations with the Combined Jewish Philanthropies and their Early Childhood consultant. There is still more information we need to make a decision about proceeding, and we are working on choosing the best path forward for the community.

If you know a family considering Malden, send them our way. Word of mouth is still our best recruiting tool.

Know Before You Go:

Policy Reminders

Full text of any policy is available in the coat room, outside the Library,
and obtainable from the Shul office on request.

Cell Phones:

Following congregant feedback, we adopted a formal Cell Phone Policy this year.

Phones should be silenced - vibrate only, no sounds or notifications - before services begin in the Beit Midrash or Sanctuary, and not checked or used during services.

Siddur apps aren't permitted; ask the Librarian if you'd like help finding a siddur in your preferred nusach, language, or translation.

In an emergency, please step out quietly.

Firearms:

Our Firearms Policy permits concealed carry only for those with a current MA or LEOSA license on file with the Shul office (members) or shown to the Security Committee (visitors). Open carry is never permitted, and anyone carrying must inform a member of the Security Committee.

Decorum:

A few highlights:

Proper footwear at all times;

Active play and fooling around belong in the Youth Room;

Please avoid congregating in the Lobby, Hallway, or Social Hall during davening;

No one may enter the Sanctuary during the Rabbi's drasha,

All food and beverages must be kept out of the Sanctuary and Beit Midrash during services.

Parents, thank you for helping your children, and yourselves, uphold these standards, and for helping tidy up afterward.

Health:

Please stay home with a fever or heavy cough, If you're recovering from something contagious please mask up (and skip the kiddush table, but feel free to ask someone to fill you a plate; anyone would be happy to help), Wash your hands before kiddush if you are or have recently been under the weather.

And please go easy on perfume and cologne, some of our members have serious scent allergies.



High Holiday Security

Measures and Initiatives for Safety

The safety of our community is always front of mind, and this year we've made real investments: new rear doors were installed, shatterproof and reflective security film is being applied to our windows, and our Shemira Team continues to engage in health and safety training.

A CJP-funded AED (see above) now hangs in the main hallway should it ever be needed.

We don't have a formal guest policy for the High Holidays, but guests are always welcome!

If you're bringing a guest, please let a member of the Shemira Team know ahead of time. A quick heads-up means your guest is expected and welcomed at the door, rather than stopped for questioning by our shomrim.

As always, our Firearms Policy and Cell Phone Policy (above) apply at every service, including the High Holidays. If you have questions about High Holiday security arrangements, seating, or building access, please reach out to the Shul office or a member of the Shemira Team.

Membership Dues and Ways to Give

Your membership, at whatever level works for your family, is what makes all of this possible. Here's this year's membership structure, along with a few of the many ways to give beyond dues.

Membership Level	Dues	Notes
Pillar	\$3,600	Includes 4 complimentary High Holiday seats
Partner	\$2,500	Includes 4 complimentary seats
Benefactor	\$1,800	Includes 4 complimentary seats
Sustaining	\$1,000	Includes 2 complimentary seats
Standard Family / Single	\$600 / \$400	
Associate Family / Single	\$360 / \$250	
Special Circumstances	—	Contact the Executive Director for a confidential conversation. Your continued membership matters to us.

High Holiday seating is \$72 for members and \$125 for non-members.

Sponsorships

There are many ways to give, and many opportunities at any level to make a sponsorship in celebration, commemoration, gratitude, or just because.

Luncheon Pillar (all 4 luncheons, not including Simchat Torah) - \$1,200	
Lavish Kiddush Pillar (5 Lavish Kiddushes throughout the year) - \$600	
Gala Kiddush Pillar (5 Gala Kiddushes throughout the year) - \$500	
Kiddush Pillar (5 Standard Sponsored Kiddushes throughout the year) - \$400	
Luncheon - \$360	
Lavish Kiddush - \$150	Month of Learning - \$600
Gala Kiddush - \$120	Bronze Memorial Plaque - \$500
Sponsored Kiddush - \$100	Week of Learning - \$180
Month of Breakfasts - \$72	Seat Dedication Plaque - \$118
Se'udah Shlishit - \$54	Siddur/Chumash Dedication - \$72
Week of Breakfasts - \$18	Other Book Dedication - \$54
Breakfast - \$5	Day of Learning - \$50

For other sponsorship opportunities, please contact the Executive Director at mgarland@bethisraelmaiden.org

To join, renew, or update your membership, fill out the enclosed application or visit

BethIsraelMalden.org/membership.

Thank you for being part of the Beth Israel Malden community.

Membership Application Form

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For your convenience, you can submit this form online at BethIsraelMalden.org/membership

NEW OPTION: Membership Auto-renewal (you must opt-in for this to take effect)

☐ Yes, I want the office to automatically renew my membership in future years. I authorize the office to bill me for the same membership tier and seats as this year. I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to notify the office of any changes, and that this will remain in effect until I notify the office in writing.

☐ No, I do not want the office to automatically bill me for the same in future years.

All Members:

Name(s): _____

New Members:

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Hebrew Name: _____

Kohen: _____ Levi: _____ Yisrael: _____

If you would like to receive birthday/anniversary cards, or if you have loved ones for whose yahrzeits you'd like to receive notifications, please attach a list to this page.

Membership Level

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| ☐ Pillar: \$3,600 (includes 4 complimentary seats) | ☐ Standard Family: \$600 |
| ☐ Partner: \$2,500 (includes 4 complimentary seats) | ☐ Standard Single: \$400 |
| ☐ Benefactor: \$1,800 (includes 4 complimentary seats) | ☐ Associate Family: \$360 |
| ☐ Sustaining: \$1,000 (includes 2 complimentary seats) | ☐ Associate Single: \$250 |
- ☐ Special Circumstances: *(If you can't make the above levels work, please contact the Executive Director for a confidential discussion. Your continued membership is important to us)*

High Holiday Seating #M / #F

☐ Member Adult: \$72 ____/____

☐ Non-Member Adult: \$125 ____/____

Book of Remembrance (Deadline for submission is 9/14/26)

(If you have new names to list, or changes from previous years, please attach a list)

- ☐ Names Remembered \$5/name (suggested minimum donation)

You can also sponsor a larger portion in memory of your loved one(s):

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| ☐ Front Inside Cover \$180 (Contact Executive Director) | |
| ☐ Back Inside Cover \$125 (Contact Executive Director) | |
| ☐ Full Page \$100 | ☐ Half Page \$72 |
| | ☐ Quarter Page \$50 |