

## HOLIDAYS—2009/10

*Selichot* - September 12th

*Rosh Hashanah* - September 19th - 20th

*Yom Kippur* - September 28th

*Sukkot* - October 3rd - 4th

*Shemini Atzeret* - October 10th

*Simchat Torah* - October 11th

*Chanukah* - December 12th

*Tu B'Shevat* - January 30th

*Purim* - February 28th

*Passover* - March 30th

*Yom HaShoah* - April 11th

*Yom HaZikaron* - April 19th

*Yom HaAtzmaut* - April 20th

*Lag B'Omer* - May 2nd

*Shavuot* - May 19th

*Tisha B'Av* - July 20th

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Rabbi Edward M. Friedman

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We have an active Sisterhood and Brotherhood.

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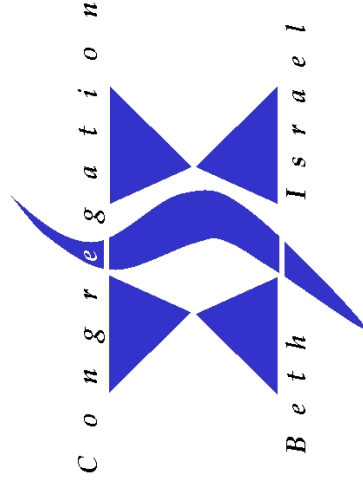
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# Congregation Beth Israel Andover, MA

The Merrimack Valley's  
**Welcoming** Conservative  
Congregation



## What we're all about

**Style**—Congregation Beth Israel is an egalitarian Conservative synagogue offering an atmosphere of warmth and friendship. We encourage our members to participate fully in all facets of synagogue life.



**Youth**—Our children energize us, teach us, and challenge us, and we do the same for them, providing a basis for their Jewish identity via positive Jewish experiences.

**Learning**—An excellent religious school is a pillar for our children's education, but we know that education and *age* are unrelated. Life long learning, religious and secular, is a Jewish value which we cherish. We offer a range of programs for teens and adults, including monthly programs like our popular *Lunch and Learns* and after Kiddush study with the Rabbi.

**Spirituality**—Our goal is that everyone who attends our services will experience *kavanah*, prayerful intention, and will gain a sense of fulfillment and belonging. Congregants of all ages lead portions of our services, bringing with them various styles of worship. While we value tradition, we also understand that we live - and pray - in a modern and changing world.

**Hospitality**— Congregation Beth Israel is a warm and welcoming *shul*. Our membership is as varied as the community in which we live, and all are welcome to our egalitarian, handicapped-accessible services.

**Social Action**—*Tikkun Olam*, or healing the world, is our mandate as Jews. At Congregation Beth Israel, we seek out opportunities, both locally and globally, to practice this philosophy.

## Our roots run deep

### Affiliation

We are affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (USCJ) and follow its standards of practice.

### History

Congregation Beth Israel was established in 2004, by combining two Merrimack Valley congregations, each with a long and interesting history. Temple Beth El, of Lowell, and Congregation Tifereth Israel, of Andover, were both hundred-year-old synagogues with a wealth of pride, experience and tradition. The logo of CBI represents, in its central element, both the Eternal Flame of Judaism and the Merrimack River which physically connects the two historic congregations.



Our historic ark

## Our Rabbi

We are proud to welcome Rabbi Edward M. Friedman, who joins us after successfully serving Conservative congregations in Manchester, NH, suburban Hartford, CT, and



Charleston, SC, among other locations. Rabbi Friedman brings with him 35 years of rabbinic experience and wisdom. Rabbi Friedman's powerful voice and strong presence on the *bimah* combine to make his services stirring spiritual experiences.

## Building from our roots

### Religious School and Youth



From *Tot Shabbat* services on Friday night for the little ones to M&M *minyans* (our junior congregation program) to an award winning USY youth group, our family based programming caters to our vibrant and growing group of young families. The religious school, led by our new dynamic Education Director, Rachel Silverman, meets twice a week and goes from Pre-K through our high school *Midrasha* program.

### Our new home

Congregation Beth Israel is building a new home on thirteen beautiful acres in Andover. The location is convenient to major highways and centrally located for our members from almost twenty communities in the region. Our new home will provide a center for Judaism in the Merrimack Valley, one which will provide a focus for prayer and study and will bring together all who are interested in spiritual renewal, education, tolerance, and social action. The campus will feature, in addition to a beautiful new sanctuary, a gracious social hall and an educational center. We envision a place where everyone can be part of a community coming together to pray, study and socialize. Congregation Beth Israel - a place to call home!

