



*“Open your hand and provide for every being.”*

*Psalm 145:16*

As you know, last year we changed our commitment model from dues-based to values-based. No longer would we require anyone to pay a set amount. Rather, everyone could provide a gift that was meaningful and affordable, and could help sustain our synagogue. Your generous commitments help BJBE continue to welcome everyone, regardless of their financial circumstances. For those that have not completed their form, please submit via mail or [online](#).

BJBE has always been focused on innovation and inspiration, creativity and community, and being a beacon of light for others to follow. We have long known what kept our community strong and together wasn't the financial commitment, but the bonds and values we all share, including G'milut Chasadim. It is with this knowledge and strong community, that we have decided to once again lead the way as a congregation.

With the High Holy Days approaching during this unprecedented period of isolation and separation, we will no longer require specific commitments to be made for anyone to attend this year's High Holy Days services.

As the gates open for us to reflect, atone, and walk through together, so too will BJBE open our doors for all that want to attend the High Holy Days. Whether it's your neighbors down the street or your loved ones across the country, they are all welcome to join.

The coming together of our community during this crisis has never been more critical to sustain ourselves and to sustain each other. No one should be left alone. Instead, let us all come together in greater numbers than ever before - spiritually and meaningfully. While we will not be in the building together for services this year, nothing can keep us apart.

Everyone will receive the service links prior to each High Holy Day service to join, share, and come together as a community.

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