



BCC-JCG NEWS

Bethesda Chevy Chase | Jewish Community Group

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Please join us for High Holy Day Services. Open to all, no tickets required

Services conducted by Rabbi Judith Kummer and Cantor, Deborah Melkin. Services are expected to be held at Churchill High School and streamed online via Zoom.

Details will be published on the web and sent by email closer to the High Holidays.

Schedule

Erev Rosh Hashanah	Fri., September 11, 7:30 pm
Rosh Hashanah Day	Sat, September 12, 9:30 am
Rosh Hashanah Family Service	Sat., September 12, 2:45 pm
Kol Nidre	Sun., September 20, 6:45pm
Yom Kippur Day	Mon, September 21, 9:30 am
Yom Kippur Family Service	Mon, September 21, 2:45 pm
Text Study and Neilah	Mon, September 21, 5:30 pm



Since we are in person as well as online we will be using our prayer book, The New Mahzor (Mahzor Hadash.) A pdf file will be available for people joining on zoom. You may also purchase a prayer book from us for \$20. Contact Sarah Krosner at 301-221-4771 or skrosner@bccjcg.org.

Kids Wanted

for Family Services Readings

Children have been a part of BCC-JCG **family services** for decades. This year will be no exception. We have short, medium, and long parts for both Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The prayers, stories, and other readings are almost entirely in English; a few have a word or two of Hebrew. Any child who can read is eligible. Parts will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Dave Cahn at admin@bccjcg.org or 301-704-0677 as early as possible to set up a brief Zoom meeting for your child.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers help make these open High Holy Day services possible. Here is a chance to start the new year with a mitzvah already under your belt! We need help for:

- Setting up prayer books and putting them away
- Greeting people as they arrive
- Checking and responding to phone messages
- Setting up tables/food and cleaning up before/after the Rosh Hashanah Oneg
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- Planning for community events throughout the year

If you can help, please call Sarah Krosner at 301-221-4771. Even an hour can make a difference!

Contributions Requested

The BCC-JCG has provided a family-oriented approach to Jewish Education and life since 1941. We are entirely dependent on charitable contributions, which are tax-deductible. A remittance envelope is included with this newsletter and a donation form can be downloaded from our website at: www.bccjcg.org (click on the 'Donate' button.)



Four ways to make a donation to the BCC-JCG

Go to our website, www.bccjcg.org and click on the 'Donate' button. You can then choose from the following options to make your donation:

1. Pay by Zelle. Use email address bccjcg.bookkeeping@gmail.com. To get an acknowledgement letter complete the donation form online. Please put in the comment line that payment will be made via Zelle.
2. Click on the Paypal option. You do not need to have a Paypal account to use this option. When you select this option you will then complete the donation form and then be taken to the Paypal secure site to make the donation. Thank you to Cheri Borsky who helped set up the form pages and Paypal account.
3. Click on the Facebook option. From our Facebook page click on the Donate button and follow the instructions..
4. Choose the 4th option to view/print our donation form and mail that in along with your check. A remittance envelope is included with this newsletter. The Yizkor Booklet form is included with the insert in this newsletter.

Thank you for donating and making it possible for us to continue to offer Open High Holiday Services.

Jewish Adult Learning - 2026

Check out Adult Education with Rabbi Kummer. We typically meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month. We will complete our fifth class for 2026 on August 12. It's not too late to register. We'll start a new session after High Holidays. You can register for one class (\$25 per class) or register for all six (\$125.) Tentatively classes will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month beginning in January. Due to the Passover Holiday, we will skip the month of April. Each session will run from 7:30-8:45 p.m. and will be virtual ("Zoom"). Participants can register for all classes or individual sessions. Any session for which there are fewer than 4 registered participants will be cancelled. . Schedule of classes for 2026 will be available by Rosh Hashannah.

Topics may include: Facing the future without fear; Hope – a Jewish concept?; Traditional Jewish Approaches to the Problems of Evil and Suffering; The Development of Hassidism; Who wrote the Bible? The Golem, Demons, and Other Mythical Creatures in Jewish Lore; As the Year Turns: Moses Mendelssohn, Herald of the Jewish Enlightenment; Jews and the American Revolution; The Noahide Laws: Do Universal Standards of Morality Exist? Jewish Denominations - Jewish renewal.

NOTE: We have one last class remaining in 2026 on Wednesday, August 12. Go to our website to register. Cost is \$25. Topic is: Zionism: Source of Jewish Vilification or Jewish Pride?"

The Group welcomes all people of any race, color or ethnic origin.

Tashlich & Silent Auction | Sunday, September 22, Noon - 3 pm- Save the Date! Join us for Bagels and 'Shmears' and a short Tashlich service starting at approximately 12:30 pm. Since this the second day of Rosh Hashanah we will also blow the shofar which we cannot do on the first day since it is also Shabbat. We'll be meeting inside the community building and will meet 'RAIN OR SHINE.' We'll take a short walk to the nearby stream for Tashlich.



Following Tashlich we'll also be having a small (20 - 30 items) Silent Auction. Bidding on items will start online and finish at 2:00 pm on the 22nd.

WHERE: Tilden Woods Local Park ~ 6800 Tilden Ln, Rockville, MD
SAVE THE DATE!



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About Rabbi Judith Kummer



Rabbi Judith Kummer was ordained as a rabbi at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in Philadelphia in 1995 and has been leading High Holiday services with the BCC-JCG since 2002. She is a board-certified interfaith chaplain, working in a spiritual care private practice, “Spiritual Support for Life’s Journey,” where she provides remote and in-person spiritual care visits, bereavement support, lifecycle events and eldercare programming. Rabbi Kummer served as Executive Director of the Jewish Chaplaincy Council of MA for nearly two decades and has served as spiritual leader of synagogues in New Jersey and New York. Prior to her work in the rabbinate, she served as the Housing Director at Barnard College and worked in low-income housing finance with the City of New York. Rabbi Kummer received her BA in environmental studies and urban planning from Barnard College. She currently resides in Boston, MA.

About Cantorial Soloist Deborah Melkin



Deborah Melkin had served for many years as cantorial soloist at the Vilna Shul in Boston. Since 1998, she has been a member of the illustrious Zamir Chorale of Boston and has sung as part of a High Holiday solo quartet for Temple Israel in Sharon, MA. She was also a member of Il Concerto di Salamone Rossi Hebreo, a Boston-area group that performs Friday night Shabbat services using the Renaissance music of Jewish composer Salamone Rossi. She has sung a cappella with the Honorable Menschen and was a founding member of Brandeis’ a cappella group Manginah. In her non-singing life, Deborah lives in the greater Boston area with her husband and dog, spending her days working with data and databases. She is a regular speaker at industry conferences across the country.



Canned Food Drive

Last year we collected over 600 pounds of food for Manna Food Center. We’ll collect food at Churchill H.S. during High Holiday services. You can also donate online (www.mannafood.org/give-food/donate-food-to-manna/) or drop off food at their warehouse (9311 Gaither Road Gaithersburg, MD 20877). We’ll also collect food during Tashlich.



Torah Rentals

‘The Traveling Torah’, is available to rent (including an ark, yad, and if needed tallitot and kipot) for bar and bat mitzvahs. Contact Daniel Ellenbogen: 202-255-7207 | Daniel.Ellenbogen1@gmail.com

Rabbi Judith Kummer, Spiritual Support for Life’s Journey

Rabbi Kummer offers warm life-cycle officiation at events such as weddings, funerals and other services. Also, as a board-certified chaplain, Rabbi Kummer provides professional spiritual counseling and guidance for life’s journey. In a time of life transition or in navigating medical issues or grief or complicated family dynamics, people often need someone to help them work through their emotions and spiritual issues. Concerns or questions about issues such as personal meaning, purpose, legacy and hope can be addressed in private conversations in person in her office or remotely by Zoom or by phone. She provides a listening heart, professional pastoral counseling skills and religious resources when desired.

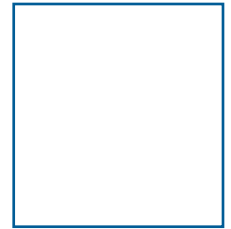
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August / September Calendar

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BCC-JCG Book of Remembrance/Yizkor Book Entry Form

August 2026

Dear Friend:

With the approach of the High Holy Day season, many of us wish to acknowledge our love and dedication to dear ones who are no longer with us. To help you do this with dignity and tzedakah, the BCC-JCG is publishing a BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE.

This BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE, or YIZKOR BOOK, will contain the names of all the relatives and friends whose memory you wish to honor together with the appropriate prayers. The Yizkor Book will be distributed on Yom Kippur at the Yizkor Memorial Service at approximately noon.

Please complete the form below, attach your check and mail it to the BCC-JCG at the address below, no later than September 1, 2026. You can also send the information via email to skrosner@bccjcg.org and make payment online via Paypal, Facebook, or Zelle (Use email address bccjcg.bookkeeping@gmail.com.)

May the Almighty bless you and yours and inscribe you this New Year of 5786.

BCC-JCG Religious Committee

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE - 5787 Please inscribe the name of my/our departed ones as follows in the
BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE JEWISH COMMUNITY GROUP
BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Check here if you want to use the same inscription as last year.

In Memory of

Remembered by

In honor of the above inscription(s), I am forwarding a voluntary donation in the amount of \$_____. (A minimum donation of \$36.00 is suggested; \$54.00 for three names or more)

Subscriber: _____ Phone: _____

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Please mail forms and payment to:

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