



BHHHC

BRIGHTON & HOVE
HEBREW CONGREGATION

— EST. 1824 —

ROSH HASHANAH 5787

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Renewal • Reconnection • Community

“One Community. One Home. One Future.”



A Rosh Hashanah Message from the Board

Dear Members, Friends and Families,

As the sun sets on Friday evening and we gather to welcome Rosh Hashanah 5787, we enter one of the most profound moments in the Jewish year. The sound of the Shofar calls each of us to stop, to remember, to reflect and, above all, to return.

The Hebrew word Teshuvah, so central to these High Holy Days, is often translated as repentance. But its deeper meaning is return - a return to our values, to our faith, to one another and to the community that connects us.

For us at Brighton & Hove Hebrew Congregation, that message feels particularly meaningful this year. This will be our first Rosh Hashanah serving you as the new Board of BHHC.

One Community. One Home. One Future.

When we first wrote to you following our election, those words were our commitment. They were never intended simply to be a slogan. They represent what we believe BHHC can and must become - a synagogue in which everyone feels welcome, everyone feels valued and everyone knows that they belong.

From intention to action

In the short time since then, we have begun turning those words into action. We promised greater openness and communication, renewed energy within our community, more opportunities to participate and a synagogue that is not simply a place of prayer, but a place of friendship, learning, celebration, support and belonging.

We are already seeing people returning, volunteering, participating and reconnecting. Some changes are visible; others are happening quietly behind the scenes. Together they are beginning to create a renewed sense of momentum.

Perhaps most importantly, we promised to work towards greater unity within Jewish Brighton & Hove. We are particularly pleased that we have made significant progress in bringing former HHC members into our community and creating a stronger and more united Jewish home. There is more work to do, and important news that we hope to share with you very soon.

“A return not to the past, but to one another.”

Your Board - Serving Our Community

Since taking office, the new Board has been working collectively to strengthen BHHC while bringing clearer responsibility and accountability to the key areas of our community. Alongside their formal positions, Board members are taking leadership across governance, safeguarding, communications, community engagement, education, hospitality, heritage and our wider partnerships.

Jonathan Polin

HONORARY CHAIRMAN

Governance and legal oversight, safeguarding, and senior internal and external relationships.

Laurence Alexander

HONORARY VICE CHAIRMAN

Strategy, communications and publicity, community development and external relationships.

Ian Ashleigh

HONORARY TREASURER

Financial stewardship, compliance, health & safety, safeguarding and policy.

Jack Rose

HONORARY SECRETARY

Board and company secretarial responsibilities, governance administration and formal records.

Ron Amram

BOARD MEMBER & WARDEN

Synagogue services, congregational support and the smooth running of religious life.

Sarah Chasen

BOARD MEMBER

Community engagement, communications, hospitality and adult education.

Lucinda Lewis

BOARD MEMBER

Hospitality, Kiddush programme, member welcome and adult education.

Melanie Seligman

BOARD MEMBER

Community operations, hospitality and support for the synagogue office.

Simon Seligman

BOARD MEMBER

Cemetery matters, heritage and associated community responsibilities.

Michael Shaw

BOARD MEMBER & WARDEN

Synagogue services, religious operations and cemetery matters.

Rachelle Silver

BOARD MEMBER

Designated Safeguarding Lead; community engagement, hospitality and liaison relating to Middle Street and our heritage.

Ben Tobin

BOARD MEMBER

Strategic liaison across Holland Road, Middle Street, JLiving, burial arrangements, heritage assets and cemetery projects.

Jonathan Hyman

WARDEN

Supporting the conduct and organisation of synagogue services and religious life.

WORKING TOGETHER

While individual Board members have particular areas of responsibility, we operate as one team. Our objective is simple: clear responsibility, good governance and a Board that is visible, accessible and accountable to the community it serves.

The meaning of return

As we approach Rosh Hashanah, there is something deeply appropriate about people who may have travelled along different paths finding their way back together. That is Teshuvah too.

It is a recognition that what unites us is infinitely more important than what may once have divided us, and a belief that the future of Jewish life in Brighton & Hove will be stronger when we build it together.

Rebuilding and strengthening a community cannot happen overnight. It happens conversation by conversation. Shabbat by Shabbat. Family by family. And person by person.

Our responsibility as a Board is to provide leadership, but BHHC belongs to all of us. Every person who walks through our doors adds something. Every volunteer makes us stronger. Every child who learns a Jewish tradition helps carry our story into another generation. Every person who attends a service, joins a Kiddush, visits someone who is unwell, welcomes a new member or reaches out to someone who may be lonely strengthens the invisible bonds that turn a congregation into a community.

The High Holy Days

Over the coming weeks, our synagogue will once again be filled with the extraordinary prayers and traditions that have connected Jewish communities for generations. We will hear the Shofar. We will stand together for Kol Nidre. We will remember loved ones during Yizkor. We will ask forgiveness of others and of ourselves. We will sit together in the Succah. And finally, on Simchat Torah, we will dance with the Torah before beginning our story once again with Bereshit.

We want these High Holy Days to be about more than attending services. We want them to be about being together.

Looking beyond ourselves

At Rosh Hashanah we naturally think about our own families and community, but our prayers also ask us to look beyond ourselves. These remain challenging and uncertain times for the Jewish people. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jews everywhere who enter this New Year carrying anxiety, grief or uncertainty. We pray for the people of Israel, for all those who have suffered and continue to suffer, for the safety of Jewish communities throughout the world, and for a year in which hatred gives way to understanding, division gives way to humanity, and conflict finally gives way to peace.

Our hope for 5787

As your Board, we begin this New Year enormously optimistic about the future of BHHC. We know there is much more to accomplish. But something important has already begun.

People are talking. People are returning. People are volunteering. People are reconnecting. And slowly, the bonds of community are becoming stronger.

Our ambition is not simply to preserve a congregation founded more than two centuries ago. It is to ensure that everything previous generations built and entrusted to us continues to flourish for generations still to come.

Our founders could never have imagined the world of 5787. But they would recognise something immediately: Jews coming together to pray, to celebrate, to remember, to support one another and to ensure that the next generation knows where it belongs.

When we hear the Shofar this Rosh Hashanah, perhaps we can hear within its ancient call something very simple:

COME BACK.

Come back to your synagogue. Come back to your community. Come back to old friends. Make new ones. Bring your children and grandchildren. Become involved. Help us build what comes next.

Because BHHC is not simply a building or an institution. It is our Jewish home. And its future belongs to all of us.

On behalf of the entire Board of Brighton & Hove Hebrew Congregation, we wish you, your families and all those you love a year of health, happiness, peace and fulfilment.

May 5787 be a year of renewal. A year of reconciliation. A year of greater kindness. A year of stronger community. And above all, a year of Shalom - within ourselves, within our families, within our community, in Israel and throughout the world.

גמר חתימה טובה

Gmar Chatimah Tovah - May you be sealed for a good year.

Shanah Tovah U'Metukah.

The Board of Brighton & Hove Hebrew Congregation
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Women of the Year

Angela Samuels and Lesley Shaw

Following discussions with Rabbi Rader, we are delighted to announce this year's Women of the Year: Angela Samuels and Lesley Shaw.

This special recognition honours their many years of dedication to BHHC and to the wider Brighton & Hove community.

Angela and Lesley make significant - and often unsung - contributions to caring for and supporting residents, as well as warmly welcoming visitors to our community.

Please join us for a Kiddush in their honour

Shemini Atzeret

שמיני עצרת

Saturday, 3 October 2026 | 22 Tishrei 5787

**We look forward to celebrating
their remarkable contributions together.**

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High Holy Day Services 5787

BHHC service times for September and October 2026

DATE / FESTIVAL	SERVICE TIMES
Erev Rosh Hashanah - Fri 11 Sep	Selichot 6.45am Shacharit 7.30am Mincha/Maariv 7.00pm Candle lighting 7.06pm
1st Day Rosh Hashanah - Shabbat 12 Sep	Morning 8.15am Torah 10.00am Musaf 11.00am Sermon 12.30pm Mincha 6.55pm Maariv 7.20pm
2nd Day Rosh Hashanah - Sun 13 Sep	Morning 8.15am Torah 10.00am Shofar 10.45am Musaf 11.00am Sermon 12.30pm Tashlich meet 6.40pm Yom Tov ends 8.09pm
Fast of Gedaliah - Mon 14 Sep	Fast begins 4.47am Selichot & Shacharit 7.00am Mincha & Maariv 6.50pm Fast ends 7.51pm
Shabbat Shuva - Fri 18 / Shabbat 19 Sep	Fri: Candle lighting & Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat 6.50pm Shabbat: Shacharit 9.30am Mincha 6.40pm Ends 7.55pm
Erev Yom Kippur - Sun 20 Sep	Selichot & Shacharit 8.00am Mincha 2.00pm Kol Nidre 6.35pm Candle lighting & fast 6.45pm
Yom Kippur - Mon 21 Sep	Morning 9.30am Torah 11.30am Yizkor 12.15pm Sermon 12.30pm Musaf 12.50pm Mincha 4.50pm Neilah 6.35pm Fast ends 7.50pm
Erev Succot - Fri 25 Sep	Candle lighting 6.34pm Mincha & Kabbalat Shabbat 6.35pm
1st Day Succot - Shabbat 26 Sep	Morning 9.15am Torah 10.30am Musaf 11.30am Mincha & Maariv 6.30pm Candle lighting after 7.39pm
2nd Day Succot - Sun 27 Sep	Morning 9.15am Torah 10.30am Musaf 11.30am Mincha 6.25pm Yom Tov ends 7.36pm
Hoshana Rabbah / Erev Shemini Atzeret - Fri 2 Oct	Shacharit 7.00am Candle lighting 6.10pm Mincha & Maariv 6.10pm
Shemini Atzeret - Shabbat 3 Oct	Morning 9.15am Torah 10.30am Yizkor 11.10am Musaf 11.30am Mincha 6.05pm Maariv & Hakafot 6.35pm
Simchat Torah - Sun 4 Oct	Morning 9.15am Hakafot & Torah 10.30am Musaf 12.15pm Mincha 6.10pm Yom Tov ends 7.21pm

Please check the synagogue's latest communications for any subsequent service-time changes.





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*A time
to reflect,
a time to renew,
a time to be
together.*

— ♥ —

*Shanah Tovah
U'Metukah*

ROSH HASHANAH

Refreshment Station

COME • CONNECT • CELEBRATE

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We will be offering
HOT DRINKS, CAKES, BISCUITS
in the **RABBI'S OFFICE**



from **8:30am**
until **10:45am**

ON BOTH DAYS OF
ROSH HASHANAH

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*In the
Succah we
remember
that our
greatest
strength
is together.*

— ♥ —

SUCCOT LUNCH

FOOD • FRIENDSHIP • COMMUNITY

Our annual Succot Lunch will take place this year
on the first day of Succot, **Shabbat 26th September**,
after the service.



A beautiful
3 course
meal



With wine



A vegetarian
option
is available



For children
of primary school age
the cost is **£10**,
with a maximum
of **£75** per family

JUST £25.00 PER PERSON



To book, please contact the Shul office on
01273 888 855 or
office@bhhc-shul.org

All are warmly welcome

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Chag Sameach