

## TEMPLE BETH SHALOM ~

### DEAR FRIENDS,

**T**hank you for your interest in Temple Beth Shalom! There are many words that are regularly used to describe our congregation: warm, creative, dynamic, Jewishly inspiring, and community-focused. Yet for those who have chosen to become a part of Beth Shalom, the most important word used to describe our congregation is, “home.”

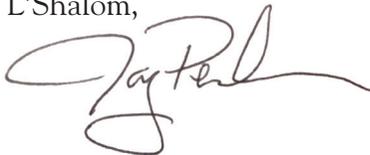
Ours is a communal family that is continually striving to make the beauty and spiritual insight of our Jewish tradition come alive for all of our members. Our learning for children and adults of all ages is engaging, compelling, relevant, and inspiring. The spirit of our prayer invites us to pray, sing, reflect, and celebrate as a congregation of thoughtful individuals connected through our shared traditions. Our dedication to social justice and compassionate outreach to those in need enables us to live our Jewish values and to make a genuine difference in the world around us.

We care about the people in our community, embracing each individual and family as we walk life’s path together in the spirit of growth, exploration, and discovery. If you find that Temple Beth Shalom is right for you, we would love to welcome you into this extended family.

Enclosed, you will find a little more information about our congregation. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out by calling 781-444-0077, and our team will be happy to help you.

If we can be of any help to you as you learn more about Temple Beth Shalom, please do not hesitate to contact us at any time. We look forward to getting to know you in the days ahead!

L’Shalom,



Jay C. Perlman, Rabbi



Todd A. Markley, Rabbi



## TEMPLE BETH SHALOM ~

# WE CARE FOR ONE ANOTHER AND FOR OUR WORLD

To paraphrase a great teaching from Rabbi Hillel:

“If we are not for ourselves, who will be for us?  
**Yet, if we are only for ourselves, what are we?**  
And, if not now, when?”

**W**e each benefit from living together in sacred community at Temple Beth Shalom, but true gifts come when we give of ourselves to create a congregation so much greater than the sum of its parts. Because this is so, many who have received support from our chesed (caring kindness) group are then moved to offer help others to when they are experiencing illness, loss, or a major life change. We share together in learning from our Jewish tradition to help us be the best children, siblings, parents, and grandparents that we can be. We also seek to reach beyond the boundaries of our own families and congregation to bring healing to our Greater Boston community, to our nation, to our people’s homeland in Israel, and to our world. From the youngest to the oldest in our congregation, we find value and enrichment in giving back...

- **volunteering** in our literacy program for children in need of learning support,
- **donating** food to Family Table to feed the hungry,
- **collecting** winter clothing for those who are not blessed to have a warm place to be during Boston’s winter months,
- **training** our teens in the art of political advocacy so that they can be meaningful and thoughtful contributors to our society,
- **inviting** our young adults who become bar and bat mitzvah and their families to a social action project that is meaningful and important to them,
- **teaching** our children how to collect and allocate tzedakah (philanthropic giving) when there are so many worthy recipients,
- **joining** with other communities of faith to work towards shared goals for creating a more just and righteous world.

Our Jewish tradition – and our TBS community – inspire us to engage in acts of tikkun olam, repairing that which is broken in our world.



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# WE ADD MEANING TO ONE ANOTHER'S LIVES

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**A**t Temple Beth Shalom we recognize the need to nourish our souls and to care for ourselves spiritually. To that end, we create a wide array of opportunities for prayer, reflection, meditation, and song. Above all, we see value in the uplift that comes from living in sacred community, sharing in meaningful relationship with our neighbors. From the sanctuary to the softball field, from Shabbat evening services to Shabbat morning yoga, from our classrooms to our caring community support groups, we enhance our own lives by living them in support of one another.

There are so many opportunities for people to engage spiritually at TBS:

- **Spirited monthly Simchat Shabbat services** with our congregational band and our youth choir singing
- **Tot Shabbat** (preschool) and **Kehillah Kids** (kindergarten-1st grade) services for families with younger children.
- **Monthly contemplative Shabbat services**
- **Life cycle moments** marked with family and community to welcome new life and to mourn loved ones' passings, to celebrate love in preparation for marriage and coming of age ceremonies at b'nei mitzvah, to ritualize special life moments like anniversaries or moving to a new home. Jewish tradition adds meaning to all of these precious moments.
- **High Holy Day and festival celebrations** for families with members of all ages
- **Shabbat morning yoga**
- **Daily minyan services** for those who seek regular prayer community



Through learning, meditation, prayer, and celebration, we seek to make the most of our lives by drawing on the best spiritual practices which Jewish tradition has to offer.



## TEMPLE BETH SHALOM ~ WE ARE LIFELONG JEWISH LEARNERS

**I**f prayer is an opportunity for us to speak to God, then engaging in Jewish study is an opportunity for God to speak with us. Our community includes a wide variety of adult learners, from those who have been learning Torah for decades to those who are just experiencing Jewish life for the first time in adulthood. We strive to help all of our adults take next steps on their Jewish learning journeys. The opportunities to engage are abundant and varied so that people can engage with topics of interest and during times that accommodate their schedules:

- Weekly Shabbat morning Torah study (and bagels!) to stimulate the minds of newcomers to Jewish text study and longtime learners too
- Brotherhood and Sisterhood spirituality retreats
- Parenting Through a Jewish Lens classes for parents of children of all ages
- 3-5 session learning opportunities with our rabbis and master teachers on topics of tradition, spirituality, Israel, ethics, the possibilities are limitless...
- Family Camp retreat weekend for entire families to learn and experience Shabbat together while building relationships with other families too
- Scholar-in-Residence and Artist-in-Residence weekends to broaden our horizons, bringing nationally renowned teachers to our community



*“Do not say ‘I will learn Torah when I have the time,’ for perhaps you will never have time.”*

Mishnah Pirkei Avot 2:5

**A**t Temple Beth Shalom, inviting our children into positive, rewarding, and enriching relationships with their Judaism through deep learning is one of our foremost goals. From our youngest newborns through our high school seniors, our children and teen programs are nationally recognized for their creativity, depth, innovation, and ability to truly engage our children and their families in active Jewish learning journeys. We do so by focusing on the values that shape all of our children's learning:

### OUR TBS COMMUNITY

**Kehillah Kedoshah**

**קהילה קדושה**

Our children's learning takes place within the context of our TBS community, which is crafted with intentionality to deepen relationships so that we can better care for one another and, together, strive to achieve those higher goals we could not accomplish alone.

### FAMILY

**Mishpachah • משפחה**

Families play an integral role in developing a child's Jewish self as they learn, celebrate, and make Jewish memories together. Adults are also on Jewish learning journeys of their own, and we support them as individuals alongside our children.

### ACTING ON OUR JEWISH VALUES

**Derech Eretz • דרך ארץ**

Our Jewish values provide guidance and framing for what we believe and how we act toward ourselves, each other, and the world. Each of us is a role model for our children through living – and making explicit – our Jewish values, and we provide opportunities for children to do the same.

### IT TAKES A VILLAGE

**Morim Chachamim**

**מורים חכמים**

As a community of parents, clergy, educators, and staff we all share in caring for, nurturing, and teaching Jewish tradition to our children. Our educators are reflective in their practice and are lifelong learners themselves.

### DEEP LEARNING

**Limud • לימוד**

Time is dedicated to children's authentic experiences, as they grapple with high interest and complex questions that invite them to participate in constructing their own learning. In knowing the whole child, we help each one to better know him- or herself in the context of our community, Jewish tradition, and in the world.

### RICH LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

**Makom • מקום**

Excitement for learning is cultivated through surroundings that inspire curiosity and wonder. The physical space and materials, along with intentionally designed experiences, bring our values to life, enhance our curriculum, and build a sense of belonging.

### LIVING TORAH

**Torat Chayim • תורת חיים**

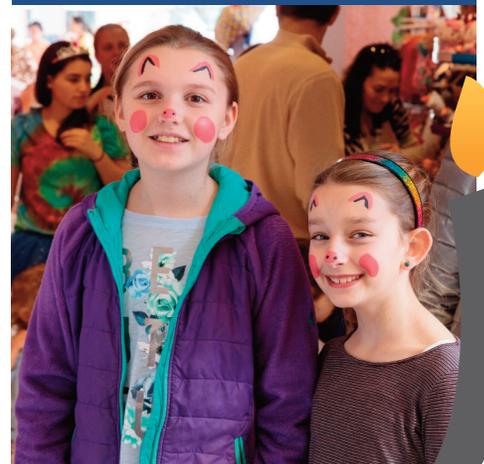
Our children's learning is grounded in the riches of Jewish tradition in ways that are accessible, relevant to their lives, and applicable beyond the walls of our temple home. In these ways we inspire children to develop relationships with Judaism that are ever evolving and growing.

For detailed information, visit these sites:

Ages 0-6: [tbsfamily.org](http://tbsfamily.org)

Grades K-5: [tbsmayim.org](http://tbsmayim.org)

Grades 6-12: [tbsetzim.org](http://tbsetzim.org)



## TEMPLE BETH SHALOM ~ JOIN US!

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**T**here are countless reasons to become a part of the incredibly special Jewish community that is Temple Beth Shalom. Become a part of our congregation, and experience the richness for yourself. If you have questions, we want to connect with you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to:

- Our Senior Rabbi, **Jay Perlman** at [jperlman@tbsneedham.org](mailto:jperlman@tbsneedham.org)
- Our Senior Rabbi, **Todd Markley** at [tmarkley@tbsneedham.org](mailto:tmarkley@tbsneedham.org)
- Our Managing Director, **David Kaplan** at [dkaplan@tbsneedham.org](mailto:dkaplan@tbsneedham.org)
- Our Director of Early Childhood Learning (from babies through age six), **Ellen Dietrick** at [edietrick@tbsneedham.org](mailto:edietrick@tbsneedham.org)
- Our Director of Kindergarten-12th Grade Learning, **Rachel Happel** at [rhappel@tbsneedham.org](mailto:rhappel@tbsneedham.org)

You can, of course, also reach us at 781-444-0077.

*We look forward to welcoming you into our community!*

Ready to join Temple Beth Shalom?  
Simply visit the online registration form here:  
<http://bit.ly/tbsmembership>



# TBS MEMBER COMMITMENTS FOR 2018 – 2019

## I. MEMBER COMMITMENT LEVELS:

*Note: Member Commitments are payable either in full by July 1, semi-annually in equal payments due July 1 and December 1, or in ten equal monthly installments from July 1 to April 1.*

<b>Membership Category</b>	<b>Category Definition</b>	<b>Commitment Level 2018-19</b>
<b>2 Adult Household</b>		\$ 3,780
<b>1 Adult Household</b>		\$ 2,490
<b>Under 36</b>	All adults under age 36 as of July 1	\$ 1,310
<b>Senior 2 Adult Household</b>	One or both spouses/partners are 66 or over as of July 1*	\$ 2,840
<b>Senior 1 Adult Household</b>	Single person who is 66 or over as of July 1*	\$ 1,940
<b>Associate</b>	For those who are members in good standing of another Reform congregation (must provide a letter from the Temple indicating good standing)	\$ 750

\*For those households where at least one adult is 90 years or over, the suggested commitment levels are those listed above. However, these members may set their own commitment level.

## II. BUILDING FUND:

The Building Fund amount is \$2,400 per member household.

This may be payable at \$300 per year for 8 years (waived in year 1 of membership).