

TEMPLE BETH TORAH

WHERE MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCES TAKE ROOT AND GROW

Mission Statement

Temple Beth Torah is a vibrant Reform Jewish congregation committed to inspiring acts of loving kindness, while merging traditional values with contemporary ideals to cultivate a thriving and nurturing community.

Large enough to serve a diverse, multigenerational community with various educational and social opportunities, yet intimate enough to promote close ties between the clergy and our congregation.

We are committed to the development of the Jewish identity and spiritual growth of our partners and future generations through Torah, Workshop, and Tikkun Olam.

By the numbers

- 499 Partner Families
- 420 candles were lit during our Chanukah Shabbat Service
- 110 smiling and happy students in the David Joshua Berg Early Learning Center
- 210 ambitious students in the David Joshua Berg Religious School representing 7 school districts
- 103 enthusiastic teens participating across 7 significant programs
- 31 talented children and adults within our congregation that participated in the TBT production of “Beauty and the Beast”
- 122 delicious loaves of Challah made at our Temple Challah Bake, (37 were donated to The Lend A Hand Project)
- 83 enlightening Village programs for active adults looking for purpose and meaning
- 3.5% increase in revenue from Commitment to Giving - it works!

Testimonial

Temple Beth Torah is so much more to me than just a synagogue, it is truly family. In times when I didn't know what to do Temple Beth Torah was there. When we were at a loss and totally overwhelmed, our doorbell rang and it was dinner from Temple Beth Torah, just what I needed at the exact time I needed it. Temple Beth Torah is a home away from home for my children. They love going to Hebrew School more than I ever did. The friendships they have made will be with them always.—Beth Henkel



TEMPLE BETH TORAH COMMITMENT TO GIVING

ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP PLEDGE LEVELS

2022-2023

Now is the time to join your fellow congregants in supporting Temple Beth Torah for the 2022-23 year. Please pledge with your heart as you reflect upon what TBT means to you. Thank you for your consideration and support!

Pledge Level		Benefits Included
Lifetime Partnership	\$50,000	One-Time Commitment, Tickets to Galas, Events*, HH Parking, Gift Partnership, Security Fee, Shabbat Dinners, Plaque
Visionary	\$10,000	Tickets to Galas, Events*, HH Parking, Gift Partnership, Security Fee, Shabbat Dinners and includes RS tuition up to 3 kids**
Torch Bearer	\$5,000	Tickets to Galas, Events*, HH Parking, Gift Partnership, Security Fee, Shabbat Dinners
Shamash	\$3,600	Tickets to 1 Event*, HH Parking, Gift Partnership, Security Fee, Shabbat Dinners
Menorah (Sustaining Level)	\$2,900	Security Fee, Shabbat Dinners
Ner Tamid	\$2,450 + Security Fee	
Flame	\$1,950 + Security Fee	
Candle	\$1,500 + Security Fee	<i>Not Available for Families With Children 3rd – 7th Grade</i>
Virtual Supporter**	Suggested Pledge \$360-\$720	<i>Available to those living off of Long Island. Access to all online services and events</i>
Voluntary Family	\$____ + Security Fee	<i>Only Available for Families With Children Up Through 2nd Grade</i>
Voluntary Young Adult	\$____ + Security Fee	<i>Only Available for Adults Under 36 Years Old Without Children</i>
Financial Consideration	Need-based + Security	

*Certain event exclusions may apply

** New this year

Not included in your Commitment to Giving pledge:

- Tuition for the David Joshua Berg Early Learning Center (ELC) and Religious School
- Extra High Holiday tickets for extended family members
- Building Fund
- B'nei Mitzvah fees

2022-23 SECURITY FEES \$250.00 TBT Partners \$300.00 All ELC Families
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Please contact Kathy in the office with your pledge level and to set up your payment plan by June 15, 2022
631-643-1200 x310, Kathy@tbtny.org



PARTNERSHIP 2022 -2023: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

COMMITMENT TO GIVING

Our Commitment To Giving Is A Success!

- Because of the kindness and generosity of this congregation, we **reached our goal** for pledges. Nearly half the congregation pledged at the **Sustaining Level** or above.
- Pledges from **Commitment To Giving increased our revenue** by 3% each of the last two years which makes up 40% of our total revenue in our overall budget.
- Your volunteer leadership was dedicated to a higher level of financial transparency to ensure you understood what it took to provide the exceptional level of programming and support to your temple community.
- In an extremely challenging year, this financial support allowed us to maintain our outreach in the community and kept you engaged and connected.
- Offering **greater flexibility and ownership** in determining your level of financial participation resulted in more families remaining committed to the temple beyond lifecycle events and less families on financial assistance.

How Do We Maintain Our Level Of Success?

- Encourage higher pledges to help keep your temple strong going into the future while maintaining financial stability.
- Continue to provide exceptional services and programming.
- Maintain our **culture of philanthropy** and partnership which leads to financial sustainability and greater support from our community.
- Grow the congregation through a campaign to increase new partners, invite back former partners, and actively seek out **new Lifetime Partners**.
- Remain transparent regarding temple finances.
- Start our Legacy Giving and Endowment campaigns.
- Continue to rely on the generosity of TBT congregants through fundraising; pledges alone cannot sustain TBT.

Get The BEST VALUE, Become A Lifetime Partner!

- This is a completely different way to partner with Temple Beth Torah. If you see yourself remaining connected to TBT for many years to come, regardless of where life takes you, this is the right choice for you.
- **Pay one time** and receive **all offered perks** for a lifetime. This one-time payment goes directly into our Lifetime Partnership account to help create a vision for the future.
- **Tax deductible** (speak to your accountant).
- Feel the **personal reward** of philanthropic giving while sustaining your temple, supporting the community, and helping ensure TBT is around for the next generation, just as past generations have done for you.
- **We have three Lifetime Partners! We are looking for more. Could that be your family?**



Facts And Details About Commitment To Giving

- For families with children not yet in third grade, **voluntary family partnerships** are available.
- Families are welcome to join at their comfort level from \$1,500 and up while families with children in 3rd - 7th grade may pledge at \$1,950 and above, all with full benefits.
- Special arrangements will be made for partners in need of financial assistance.
- Pledges are **tax deductible** (speak to your accountant).
- Your support of **Commitment To Giving** at the highest tier possible enables TBT to build up reserves to be **more financially stable**, compensate for short falls in other areas, and **make more capital improvements**. (This year we are getting a new roof and repairing the parking lot).
- If you pledge at the Shamash Level or above you are part of the **Rabbi's Circle** and will be included in special events.
- **Gift Partnership** - Give the gift of a one-year free Candle Level partnership to a new family for each year you pledge \$3,600 and above.
- **Young Adult Partnership** (part of the voluntary pledge system) - Families (with children not yet in 3rd grade) and singles (under the age of 36) are invited to join the TBT community by pledging any amount.
- **Virtual Supporter** - (formally known as Out of Town Membership) Is available to those who live off of Long Island and would like to still have a connection to TBT and to be part of our virtual family.

Why Should One Family Contribute More While Others Contribute Less?

- Giving is a personal choice and there are many factors to consider. You are contributing to your temple and your community, not paying for your fellow congregant. This model helps to build our **culture of philanthropy** by enabling individuals to **feel good** about the support they are providing. Philanthropic giving (charities & fundraisers) has historically been at different levels based on the donor's desires. You are **partnering** with your temple family and giving with your heart.
- The **Commitment To Giving** model has levels which enables you to determine the appropriate contribution for your family towards the overall costs of Temple Beth Torah. The **Sustaining Level** of \$2,900 represents the "fair share" of these costs per family and **should be a starting point** with adjustments made based upon your individual situation and your commitment. **We are counting on the generosity of those who choose to contribute more**. All of us in the TBT family have some level of connection and it is important that we continue to ensure our Temple's viability for future generations.

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MAKE YOUR
2022-23
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PLEDGE