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
We are thrilled with your interest in becoming part of the Temple Beth Torah Family! TBT is a thriving Reform Jewish synagogue centrally located within the Melville/Dix Hills area. We offer diverse programming and community support at all stages of life. We keep people connected and engaged while meeting the needs of our partnership and community.

Temple Beth Torah fosters an inclusive community where deep connections are formed. We have social and learning opportunities for everyone. Beginning with our highly-rated Early Learning Center and our interactive Religious School to our socially conscious youth group and teen program, TBT is a place for children of all ages to learn, make friends and grow spiritually. But TBT is not just for kids! Over the years, partners have enjoyed casino nights, golf and tennis outings, comedy nights, wine tours and galas. Opportunities for singles, couples, new parents through empty nesters to learn, socialize, be spiritual, participate in community service and form new friendships are abundant.

Temple Beth Torah’s partnership program, **Commitment To Giving**, is a compassionate way for you to partner with TBT at different stages of life while supporting your synagogue. We recognize that one size does not fit all. With **Commitment To Giving** TBT allows for those who can provide greater support, to do so. We rely on the generosity of our Temple partners to maintain a vibrant community today and for generations to come.

Please take the time to carefully review the enclosed materials which highlight our programs and partnership options, and visit our website at tbtny.org. To become a partner or for additional information contact **vanessa@newmanfamily.us**, 516-662-9493 or Kathy in the temple office, **kathy@tbtny.org**, 631-643-1200 x310.

We look forward to you becoming part of our temple family!

*L’Shalom,*

Vanessa Newman and Brooke Gottesman
Partnership Co-Chairs
Temple Beth Torah
You’re a part of something special
Where meaningful experiences take root and grow

A thriving community for learning, celebrating and living Jewish values, committed to meeting the needs of all.
Welcoming to interfaith families and the LGBTQ+ community

House of Prayer · House of Study · House of Gathering

SPIRITUALITY   CONNECTION   COMMUNITY   TRADITION

♦ The David Joshua Berg Early Learning Center
♦ The David Joshua Berg Religious School
  (grades K–12)
♦ Hebrew High School – Teen Programming
♦ Youth Group (grades 3–12)
♦ Programs for Children with Special Needs
♦ Adult Education Programs
♦ Adult B’nei Mitzvah/Adult Confirmation
♦ Sisterhood
♦ Brotherhood
♦ TLC@TBT – Temple Loving Care
♦ Friday Night Speaker Series
♦ Social Action/Mitzvah Projects
♦ Adult & Teen Bands
♦ Trips to Israel
♦ The Village: Active Adults

Prayer Experiences: Zoom, Live Streaming and In-Person Services

Weekly Shabbat Services – Friday Evening
Saturday Morning – Torah Study & B. Mitzvah Service
TOT Shabbat – 0-7 Year of Age
Musical Shabbatot – Adult Band/Teen Band
High Holiday Traditional, Collage and Children’s Services
Special Holiday Services Throughout the Year
Family Shabbat Services (led by each grade)

Social Action
At Temple Beth Torah, Social Action is one of our cornerstones. Partners of all ages engage in Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, through Religious School mitzvah days, Nursery School Tzedakah projects, synagogue-wide community service.

Rabbi Susie Heneson Moskowitz, Sr. Rabbi
Rabbi Rachel Wiesenber, Associate Rabbi
Cantor Sarene Appelbaum
Rabbi Marc Gellman, Rabbi Emeritus
Jennifer Fusco, Early Childhood Director
Beth Archer, Youth Director
Dr. Brian Goldstein, President
Kathy George, Administrator

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Gala Exclusive In-House Caterer

Union for Reform Judaism
Collage is what we call the foundation of our school model. We value partnering with families to create a strong Jewish Identity for our children. Each grade has a unique curriculum, PACT (Parent And Children Together) programs and opportunities for meaningful Jewish experiences on your family’s schedules. Collage means piecing together your family, our events, and Jewish tradition into something beautiful.

**ENRICHMENT**
Each grade enjoys – Music, Art, Israeli Dance, Computers, Camp TBT (camp style programs for Hanukah and Passover), Teen Tutors, Tefillah

**SPECIAL NEEDS/LEARNING CHALLENGES**
An inclusion learning environment. We offer paras/shadows, one-to-one learning and pull-out clinic.

**BUDDING FRIENDSHIPS** – A socialization program.

**TEMPLE BETH TORAH YOUTH GROUP (TEmBY)**
Beth Archer – Director

**YOUTH GROUP 3RD – 6TH GRADERS**
Designed to enhance the experience of TBT’s youth

* A place to have fun, be comfortable and make friends!
  - 2x per month directly after Religious School
  - Included in Religious School Tuition
  - Favorite Events: Chinese Food and Movie Night, Edible Art, Purim booth making for Carnival and Minute to Win It

**TEEN PROGRAMMING 8TH–12TH GRADE**
Designed to inspire and encourage teens to become active participants in their Jewish community, develop strong Jewish values, and lead our teens into Jewish adulthood.

Leadership Development · 10th Grade Confirmation Community Service Projects · Budding Friendships Madrichim/Hebrew Tutoring · Teen Band

**DAVID JOSHUA BERG EARLY LEARNING CENTER**
Jen Fusco – Early Childhood Director 631 643 1200 x327

The David Joshua Berg Early Learning Center at Temple Beth Torah offers your children the best opportunity to grow and explore. We are proud of our innovative and experiential curriculum which promotes learning “by doing”.

Our children additionally benefit from the involvement of our Rabbi and Cantor in building a strong foundation for lifelong Jewish learning.

**Hands-On Learning**
Supports All Learners!

- Outstanding Covid protocols in place
- Outdoor classrooms
- Daily enrichment activities in art, music, sports, science
- Warm nurturing teachers
- Mommy and Me/Separation Class
- Afterschool programs
- Beautiful facility
- Flexible schedule – Stay and Play
- Outstanding Pre-K readiness program “Handwriting Without Tears”
- Summer program ages 2 – 5

Licensed by NYS Office of Children and Family Services
Now is the time to join your fellow congregants in supporting Temple Beth Torah for the 2022-2023 year. Please pledge with your heart as you reflect upon what TBT means to you. Thank you for your consideration and support!

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*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

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
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.