

2023-2024 Temple Beth Shalom Community Commitment Packet



TEMPLE BETH SHALOM
JOYFUL · PERSONAL · ACCESSIBLE

My house shall be called a House of Prayer for all peoples.

Isaiah 56:7

Dear Friends,

Temple Beth Shalom (TBS) means “house of peace,” and that idea is imbued in everything we do. At TBS, all people can find empathy and peace on their Jewish journeys. Together, we have created a community of individuals and families who are committed to the ideals of being Joyful, Personal, and Accessible. Put quite simply: there is a place for everyone at TBS.

As a Reform Jewish congregation, we believe in striving for meaning and modern relevancy in everything that we do. We define our ideals as follows:

- **Joyful:** Whether we are collecting items for the New Albany Food Pantry, sharing a meal after a “First Friday” Shabbat service, or enjoying the Jewish holidays, TBS is a place of Joyful connection.
- **Personal:** At TBS, Personal is a verb. We find God in our connections to one another: in every meal brought to someone recovering from an illness, in every laugh around a Shabbat dinner table, in every hug comforting a mourner, in every simcha and lifecycle event.
- **Accessible:** We are guided by the holy standard from the Book of Isaiah, “My house shall be a house of prayer for ALL people.” TBS is a Jewish home to anyone who is searching.

Our community supports one another, engages in learning and activities together, and joins together to find light in even the darkest times. We are excited to connect and worship with you throughout 2023-24.

Why A TBS Membership Is Important – Now More Than Ever

Since 1977, TBS has been a source of light and positivity in the lives of so many people. Our clergy and Temple community have been there in times of need, sharing the joys and sorrows of life together. Our TBS community is stronger than ever today, and we continually find new ways to support one another. However creating the community and programs that we have come to love and expect has a cost, just like any other business. **Because of this, standard dues for 2023-24 have increased by \$100.**

As the cost of doing business has risen for TBS, the cost of running a family has also increased. In keeping with the values that have sustained our Temple since its creation, we want you to know, **even if you are currently in a financial situation where you can't contribute to TBS or can't contribute at the level you hope, we want you to renew your TBS membership for 2023-24.**

Fortunately, our community is thriving today in part because of the generosity of many in our congregation who have stepped up to support TBS. If you are in a position to donate a little more this year, your contribution will go far to ensure the Temple can maintain the high level of services, programs, connection, and lifecycle and pastoral guidance that define our community.

As we look forward to an exciting 2023-24, it is clear the future is bright for TBS. We are grateful for everything that you have done for TBS in years past, and for considering renewing your support for 2023-24. Thank you for making TBS your Jewish home.

L'Shalom,

Evan DuBro, Board President

Rabbi Benjy Bar-Lev, Senior Rabbi

Bobby Covitz, Executive Director

2023-24 Temple Beth Shalom Membership

TBS opens its doors to anyone whose heart so moves them to express themselves Jewishly. TBS relies heavily on the generosity of each family to help support our Temple community, and we work hard each day to be good stewards of your generosity. Your support enables TBS to fulfill its mission of being Joyful, Personal, and Accessible.

Membership Categories	24-31 yrs and/or single-adult household	32 yrs+ and/or two-adult household
<p>Sustaining Annual Support (including children ages birth to 23 years old)</p> <p>Please consider committing to the recommended dues contribution based on your household</p>	<p>\$1,400*</p>	<p>\$2,425*</p>
<p>Friends of TBS For those who do not reside in Central Ohio or who are in good standing with another Central Ohio synagogue but still wish to affiliate with TBS</p>	<p>1/2 of the appropriate dues category listed above</p>	<p>1/2 of the appropriate dues category listed above</p>
<p>* includes the \$275 facility fee</p>		

Giving Above & Beyond

At TBS, we believe strongly in the benefits of a Temple membership being available to anyone who is interested. As such, we will not turn away any household due to an inability to pay standard dues. TBS is able to subsidize its membership due to the generosity of its **Above & Beyond** supporters, who provide support “above and beyond” the standard commitment. **Whether it’s \$100 above standard dues or one of the levels below, please consider an Above & Beyond commitment. It truly makes a difference for the TBS community!**

- **Kindle the Flame Level:** \$3,000-\$4,999
- **Sustain the Flame Level:** \$5,000-\$7,499
- **Eternal Light Level:** \$7,500+

In addition to fulfilling the mitzvah of *Tzedakah*, Above & Beyond members receive additional benefits such as donor receptions and special recognition throughout the year. If you’d like to discuss your contribution, please be in touch with Executive Director Bobby Covitz at bobby@tbsohio.org or (614) 855-4882.

2023-24 TBS Religious School

Tuition & Class Options

We are excited for the 2023-24 Religious School year! TBS's Religious School is one of the largest synagogue schools in Columbus, and our goal for our students is to develop a deep and lasting sense of Jewish identity (and have fun in the process!).

Registration is required for all new students and incoming 3rd graders.

We auto-enroll students each year. **Please let us know if your child is not returning!**

2023-24 Tuition and Add-Ons (tuition includes snacks, books, and materials)

Tuition

Grades K-2	\$425
Grades 3-6	\$930 - Includes Hebrew
Grades 7-10	\$425
Grades 11-12	Madrichim

Optional Add-Ons

Aftercare: K-2 2nd session	\$180/year or \$20/week
Madrichim in Training: 7th Grade	Included in tuition
6th Grade Retreat	\$100 (billed separately)
10th-12th Grade Trip	\$500 (billed separately)

B'nai Mitzvah Fee (billed separately)

7th Grade	\$1,000
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Questions about Religious School?

Contact Rabbi Lenette Goldman at rabbilh@tbsohio.org.



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