



LIFE & LEGACY CASE STATEMENT

Temple Beth Shalom: Joyful, Personal, Accessible

Temple Beth Shalom (TBS) is a community of all ages, with diverse backgrounds, and a wide range of interests and passions. What we have in common is a deep commitment to promoting an inclusive and responsive connection to Judaism that is actively Joyful, intentionally Personal, and Accessible to all who wish to join us.

Joyful. Whether we are virtual or in-person, TBS is a place of joyful connection. Joy is a message that sustains us and helps guide us through the everyday adventures of life. Our services are unique and inspiring, featuring toe-tapping musical performances and insightful speakers. TBS' dynamic Kehillat Torah Religious School provides a lasting foundation of Jewish life for over 250 students, fostering strong peer bonds and friendships that last a lifetime.



Personal. At TBS, Personal is a verb. We find God and godliness in our connections to one another: In every meal brought to someone recovering from an illness, in every laugh around a Shabbat dinner table. Many arrivals to Columbus quickly find that TBS is the perfect place to call their new Jewish home.

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, however they may be searching. We welcome those who are "twice blessed" in the LGBTQ community; those from a variety of socio-economic backgrounds; interfaith households; those who are Shabbat and program regulars; and, those who might occasionally participate. People of all faiths—or no faith—are always encouraged to come celebrate with TBS.



The values of Joyful, Personal, and Accessible have never been more important. During COVID-19, TBS was the first synagogue in Columbus to offer a Drive-In Shabbat, and the Temple staff worked tirelessly to provide innovative, daily virtual programming. As we move forward as a world and society, your legacy gift will ensure that all who seek a warm and inclusive Jewish home will have one for generations to come.