



Dear Friends,

Welcome to Congregation Beth Shalom. CBS is known for its joyful prayer, music, membership involvement, activism, and Jewish food. We are a forward thinking, tradition loving, multi-access House of Worship re-imagining what it means to be Jewish in the 21st century.

We welcome with love all who come to explore and connect. We value and embrace the full diversity of today's Jewish community. We are seekers. We study Torah, we live Torah's message of Social Justice and offer classes in Hebrew, Jewish Ethics, Reform Judaism and Jewish cooking.

We have embraced the Biblical model of synagogue sustenance called Terumah. Moses framed these gifts as gifts of the heart ("ko/ ish asher yidvenu libo," "everyone whose heart is moved"). (Exodus 25:2) 12th century commentator Rashi read the language "yidvenu libo" ("whose heart is moved") as a description of generosity and good will. In the Terumah model, the essence is willingness. Everyone donates what they can in a variety of ways to uphold the vitality, integrity, and growth of our congregation.

We are multigenerational. Our educational program, Neshama, the Hebrew word meaning Soul, includes Toddlers through High School students. We invest in the Jewish journey of individuals and families at every stage of life and recognize our responsibility to honor the depth and creativity of our Jewish tradition.

Congregation Beth Shalom is the kind of synagogue in which you feel at home because the warmth of members touches the soul.

I look forward getting to know you and consider it an honor to be your Rabbi.

Shalom,

Rabbi Nancy Wechsler



Welcome to the Family of CBS,

As you consider membership with CBS, you are being introduced to a new model of synagogue membership. Our membership is based on the unique talents and gifts that each member brings to our family of faith. It is a model for membership development and financial stability based on "Terumah; Giving from the Heart." Under this model of "giving from the heart," no one is denied membership because of financial abilities and no one has to justify their level of financial support for CBS.

The Terumah model comes to us from Leviticus and the admonition of Moses to build a tabernacle in the wilderness. Each person was asked to search their heart and give as they were able. The result was that more than enough was given for the completion of the tabernacle. The admonition to give from the heart is our model for sustaining Congregation Beth Shalom.

The "Terumah, giving from the heart," model asks each member to consider what they can contribute, knowing the financial needs of our synagogue, and then making a pledge within their financial means. It is a confidential, heartfelt and prayerful decision. Our financial committee will share the cost of sustaining our synagogue programs and suggest the average cost of maintaining our temple. Each person and family is asked to consider supporting our program as they are able. New members are invited to join and be part of the dynamic growth that happens with the Terumah model. We welcome all who find a home at CBS.

The Bet Terumah level is the sustaining level that will help us meet our budget for the year. We recognize that some people will be able to give more and some will need to give less. Working together, we will be like the Israelites building the tabernacle and meet our needs. We are an inclusive congregation and everyone who finds a spiritual home at CBS is welcome to join. Those who cannot contribute financially at this time in their life are welcome to be part of our community. There are opportunities for everyone to contribute time and talents using the volunteer forms included in this membership application.

The board appreciates your consideration of membership and welcomes your comments, suggestions and prayers. Thanks for your financial, volunteer and prayerful support of our work.

Roy Schutzengel, president

# Congregation Beth Shalom Membership Information Page

*(Please print clearly)*

*Member #1*

*Member #2*

Last Name		
First Name		
Hebrew Name		
Street Address		
City, State, Zip		
Home Telephone		
Work Telephone		
Cell Phone		
E-mail Address		
Fax Number		
Date of Birth		
Wedding Anniversary		
Occupation		
Employer		
Address		

*Unmarried children of all ages in the household:*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Gender</i>	<i>School Grade</i>

I/We hereby apply for membership in Congregation Beth Shalom.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Member #1 Additional Information

*(Please print clearly)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Previous congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Secular Education \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Education \_\_\_\_\_

**Yahrzeits: List any additional names on an additional sheet of paper**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Passing: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date of Passing: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

☐ Honor on the Gregorian Date

☐ Honor on the Jewish Date

## Member #2 Additional Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Previous congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Secular Education \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Education \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Passing: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Date of Passing: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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congregation beth shalom  
2022  2023  
Giving from the heart.  
**Terumah**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

We invite you to make a gift from the heart.

We sincerely thank those who are able and willing to give towards the financial support of CBS. Membership is not contingent on making a financial pledge. We appreciate any gifts from the heart of finances, volunteer time, and talents. The categories below are financial guidelines to help members make a decision about their pledge, based on the budget needs of the synagogue.

The Bet  Terumah Pledge is our budget divided by the number of CBS members. We cherish the heartfelt generosity of those who can contribute this amount or more. We understand all family and individual members are different and encourage you to pick a Terumah pledge that is meaningful and appropriate for you. Pledges can be modified at any time during the year as your financial circumstances change. We are glad to have you as part of the CBS family.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aleph  Terumah Pledge   | \$4,000 and above            | Grants our synagogue community to truly thrive, with all of our employees, teachers, and directors earning a "living wage" and with our building receiving the TLC it deserves. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bet  Terumah Pledge   | \$2,750 and above            | Allows us to fully sustain our congregation and enables us to continue to provide security, meaningful and quality programming, worship and education.                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gimel  Terumah Pledge | \$1,850 and above            | Permits us to stay open and provide basic levels of service.  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dalet  Terumah Pledge | \$750 and above              | Supports robust congregational and education programs activities.   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> He  Terumah Pledge    | A gift of your choice. _____ |   |

- ☐ Vav  I am not able to make a Terumah Pledge at this time, but I joyfully join Congregation Beth Shalom.

CBS relies on the support of members in additional ways. Volunteers enable us to provide all of our many programs. Please consider joining one of the committees or volunteer opportunities listed on the next page. Your time, skills and talents make a difference.

Please return this pledge form, no later than 30 days from receipt, by mail, in person, or by emailing the form to [administrator@cbshalom.org](mailto:administrator@cbshalom.org). All financial donations are tax-deductible as allowable by law. As always, all financial information is confidential. Please PRINT name(s) of all adult household members legibly.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please make Congregation Beth Shalom a priority this year in your giving with both finances and time, so our community continues to thrive and flourish.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

I am enclosing payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards my Terumah Gift from the Heart.

Check is enclosed. ☐

Credit card information is below (3% fee added for credit card transactions)

☐ Quarterly

I prefer to pay by:

- ☐ Sending a check
- ☐ Auto Bill-pay set up with my bank
- ☐ By credit card (3% fee)

Statements will be mailed to you unless you check here to receive a paper statement by mail: ☐

#### **Credit Card Payment Authorization**

Card Type: ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ American Express

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ 3 or 4 Digit Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Name as shown on the card: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature Authorizing Use (Required): \_\_\_\_\_  
(This authorization will remain in effect for one year unless revoked in writing)

Please process my initial Terumah Gift for membership according to the instructions above.

Signature of Member 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Member 2 (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

#### **PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT TO:**

Congregation Beth Shalom  
4746 El Camino Avenue  
Carmichael, CA 95608

or

Scan all forms (if no check) and return by email to  
administrator@cbshalom.org

Questions? Please call the temple office at (916) 485-4478

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK THE AREAS WHERE YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER**

Website/Technology Projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	Helping at Services/Chanting Torah	<input type="checkbox"/>
Security Committee//Volunteer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Assisting with office work	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious Practices Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Annual Dinner Winter Fundraiser Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Food Faire Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Baking/Cooking for Events	<input type="checkbox"/>
Working in Gift Shop	<input type="checkbox"/>	Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Fundraising	<input type="checkbox"/>	Temple Band/Other Music	<input type="checkbox"/>
Give Rides to Seniors/ Shut-Ins For Shabbat	<input type="checkbox"/>	Art projects/Graphic Design	<input type="checkbox"/>
Building Maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater/Purim Shpiel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Brotherhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Action Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sisterhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	Interfaith Programming	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caring Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education Committee	<input type="checkbox"/>	Working in Library	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership Recruitment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Family Promise	<input type="checkbox"/>
Babysitting at Shabbat services/events	<input type="checkbox"/>	Coordinating Oneg Shabbat	<input type="checkbox"/>
Torah Study	<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Media/Advertising Events	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Board of Governors	<input type="checkbox"/>

After completing application, please email to: [administrator@cbshalom.org](mailto:administrator@cbshalom.org)  
or

Mail to: CBS 4746 El Camino Avenue, Carmichael, CA 95608