

CONGREGATION B'NAI ISRAEL 5779

ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

Who We Are

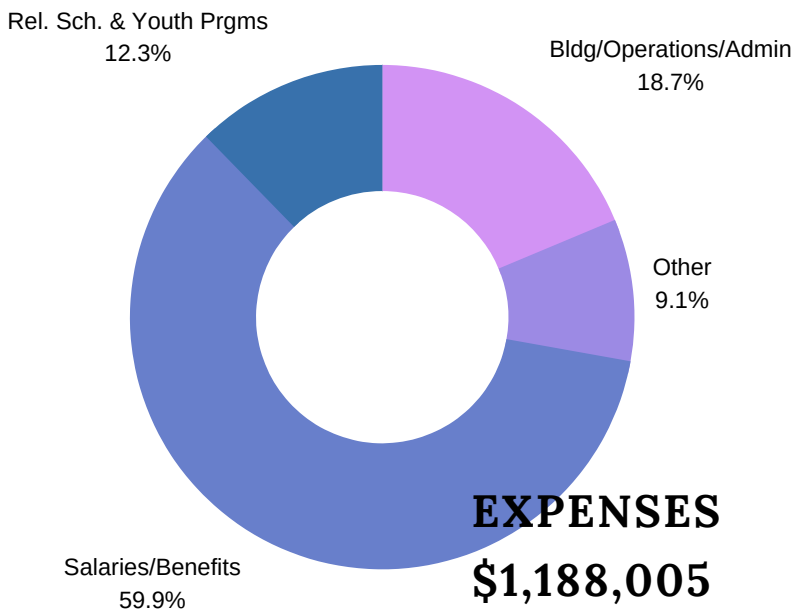
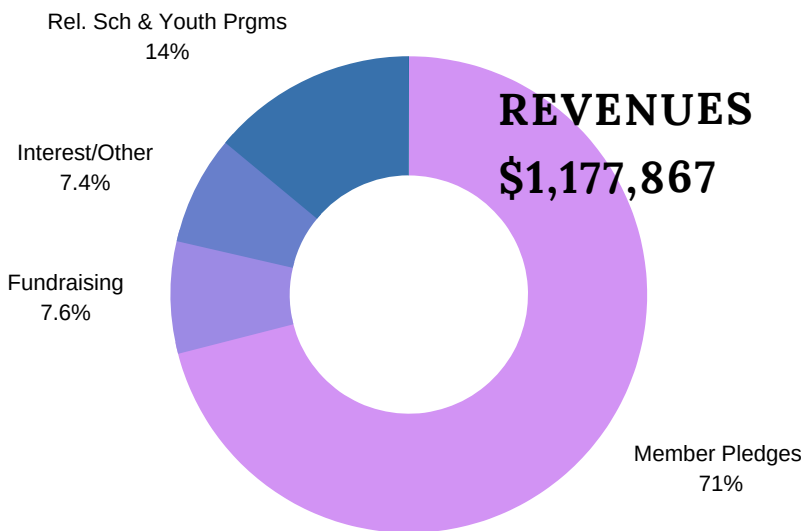
Congregation B'nai Israel is a reform Jewish congregation committed to creating a welcoming, inclusive, sustainable community for our diverse membership and building connections to the larger Jewish community.

We provide a spiritual and intellectual Jewish home through holiday celebrations and life cycle observances, dedicated to enhancing our member's relationships with God, Torah, and the Jewish people.

We are a house of study and educate our youth and adults in the joy, practice, and strength of Judaism. We are committed to Tikkun Olam through education, social activism and community service.



BY THE NUMBERS 2018-2019



CARING FOR OUR HOME

COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Received second OES Security Grant- \$115,000
- Technology upgrades, campus-wide WiFi
- Moved accounting to QuickBooks
- Install of new fire alarm system
- Campus-wide landscaping
- Improved sound system in Sanctuary & Soc. Hall
- North playground fence
- Blast film on Riverside windows
- Curtains in Religious School classrooms

IN PROGRESS

- Significant upgrades to Heritage Hall
- Exterior painting
- Upgrade Religious School bathrooms
- Repair and replace doors
- Resurfacing of parking lot
- Implementing security grant projects
 - blast film - security system - fence
 - bollards - cameras

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Courtyard maintenance and canopy repairs
- Chapel upgrades; chairs, wall coverings
- Upgrades to courtyard classrooms (windows, flooring, and paint)
- Kitchen redesign and storage improvements
- Playground and outdoor learning space upgrades



**“L’FUM TZARA AGRA,
ACCORDING TO
THE EFFORT
IS THE REWARD.”**

– BEN HEI HEI,
ETHICS OF THE FATHERS, 5:26

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018-19 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL & YOUTH PROGRAMS



58

**CBI STUDENTS ATTENDING
JEWISH OVERNIGHT CAMP**

100+

**KIDS PARTICIPATING
IN THE NFTY-CENTRAL WEST
REGION SPRING CONCLAVE HOSTED AT CBI**

55

**TEENS ENJOYED
THE REINVIGORATED BISIY MATZAH BALL**

180

**CARE PACKAGES
BIRTHDAY, AND GRADUATION CARDS MAILED
TO CBI COLLEGE STUDENTS**

61

**DOZEN HAMENTASCHEN BAKED
BY THE COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE COMMITTEE**

193

Religious School
Students

42

Madrichim
"Student Leaders"

58

Early Childhood
Education
Programs

28

Mitzvah Projects
completed by our
students

**LOOK AT ALL
WE'VE DONE!**



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2018-19

- Down & Derby netted \$35,000+
 - including \$18,000 for Fund-A-Need!
- Camp Nefesh Inaugural summer serving 60 Afghani refugee children involving 60 teen counselors and 30 adult volunteers
- Celebrated Rabbi Alfi with a 50th Birthday Havdalah!
- Applied for and received second federal Security Grant - \$115K
- Congregational Book Reading of "The New Jim Crow"
- New Fund Development Committee is launched
- Rabbi Alfi has essay published in "Moral Resistance and Spiritual Authority: Our Jewish Obligation to Social Justice" and joins the board of the Central Conference of American Rabbis
- Denise Crevin, Director of Education, earns Masters Concentration in Israel Education
- 17 Adult B'nai Mitzvah led by Cantor Steinberg
- Volunteer Safety Patrol is in full effect
- Sosnick Library launches online catalog
- Family Promise Hosted 8 Families (16 people)
- Simchat Torah Street Fest, food trucks & teens acting out Torah
- New Hebrew Curriculum for our Religious School
- 15 Chromebooks purchased for Religious School instruction & Chugim (electives)
- Over \$1,100 raised by our Religious School for Tzedakah
- \$20,000 awarded in scholarships for camp and Religious School

560 MEMBER UNITS

41 NEW MEMBERS

140 ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES, TALKS, STUDY SESSIONS

300 MITZVAH DAY PARTICIPANTS

171 CAMPER UNITS AT CAMP SHELANU

200 PARTICIPANTS AT HAVDALLAH IN THE HOOD

68 ATTENDEES AT OUR NEW MEMBER MIXER

89 PARTICIPANTS IN LEGACY GIVING

23 ACTIVE CBI COMMITTEES