

B'NAI ISRAEL

For almost 90 years, B'nai Israel has been our spiritual home, a flourishing center for Jewish living, and a welcoming setting for community. Our magnificent building hums with the sounds of meaningful and diverse Jewish experiences every day of the week.

We maintain a warm, welcoming, egalitarian and inclusive Conservative synagogue committed to the spiritual growth of our members, across the generational lines. Our community is grounded in Judaism's core values: study of our tradition, worship of God, social action, and concern for the needs of the Jewish people here, in Israel, and worldwide.

We are all touched by B'nai Israel. It makes a difference in our lives. And it is our endeavor to ensure that it makes a difference in our community for many years to come.

As our parents planted for us, let us sow the seeds that will make a difference for our children and grandchildren (Talmud Ta'anit 23a).

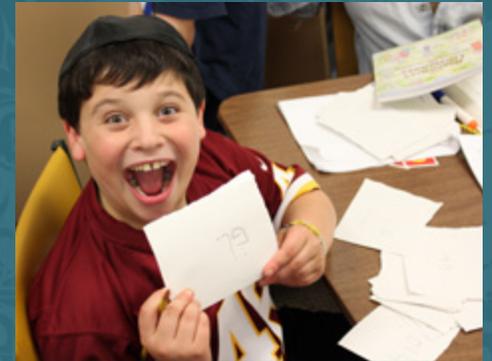
B'nai Israel Congregation has been a central focus for our family for more than half a century, and participating in all aspects of synagogue life has added a significant dimension to our lives. Because we wanted to ensure that our vibrant congregation continues to remain a dynamic and thriving institution for generations, our family created two endowments, so both current and future members of all ages can share in the richness of our Jewish heritage.

—Sherry and Larry Wachtel

My husband and I were always observant Jews, but we never became members of a congregation. When he passed away I started attending services at B'nai Israel to recite Kaddish. From the beginning I felt I belonged. I became a member, knowing I had finally found a home.

—Dr. Patricia Greenwel-Rojkind

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Create Your Jewish Legacy

As we celebrate our successes, we are grateful for the commitment and generosity of those who came before us. Dues and annual donations do not provide sufficient resources for all we must do to sustain Jewish life at B'nai Israel. And so we invite and encourage you to create your own legacy.

It is so easy to make a planned gift or bequest through B'nai Israel's Create a Jewish Legacy Program. Simply include B'nai Israel in your estate planning as a beneficiary in your will, under your retirement plan or life insurance policy. It carries no financial obligation in the present, but it will have a huge and lasting impact on our future.



When praying at B'nai, I hear, see, and engage with my community. I enjoy listening to our shared voices in song, the rapid staccato of a Bar or Bat Mitzvah's Torah reading, Cantor Josh's t' fillah and the shouts of children before Adon Olam. When lifecycle events, special birthdays, or anniversaries are celebrated, I share in the happiness of my community.

—Dr. Jeff Fredman

Our son and daughter began their education at the wonderful Schilit Nursery School and then moved on to Talmud Torah, where they continue to build on their Judaic knowledge. Their teachers have been outstanding, and they both look forward to attending class each week. The most vital component is the Shabbat youth services, where they feel at home.

—Julie Barke

We have found the true value of the B'nai Israel community many times over. Even before we became members, the compassion and support of the clergy helped us deal with a very tragic family situation. Over the many years since, we have seen our connection to B'nai Israel further strengthened as it has become a focal point in our lives and those of our children.

—Carolyn and David Gordon

My daughter loves Talmud Torah! Not only is her teacher engaging and enthusiastic, she brings out the best of every child! My daughter looks forward to class each week, excited to tell us about what she is learning!

—Deb Abramowitz

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