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Our Mission Statement:

Temple Beth El of South Orange County is a welcoming Jewish home where individuals and families come together to celebrate, explore, and engage in diverse Jewish practices through mitzvot: prayer, learning and acts of loving kindness.

Dear Prospective Member,

Thanks so much for expressing interest in Temple Beth El of South Orange County. It is truly a special community and we hope these materials provide you with the information you are looking for to make the decision you to join us. If you have any questions about membership, please contact our VP of Membership, Tamara Griffin (tbesocmembership@gmail.com or 206- 953-2694) or our Executive Director, Bonni Pomush (949-362-3999 x 213 or bpomush@tbesoc.org.)

Our broad range of activities, programs, and services creates many avenues for each of us to become engaged in our synagogue life and to develop strong relationships with others in our Temple Beth El SOC community. Our volunteer driven committees and auxiliaries create programming to keep our community inspired, educated, and connected. We look forward to sharing this special community with you!

A secure future for Temple Beth El of South Orange County depends upon the dedication and investment of all our members in our community. In all the ways you choose to take part in our community – participating in prayer and study, volunteering in social action programs, attending High Holy Day services, celebrating *simchas* – your generous financial support is a key ingredient in our recipe for success.

Annual contributions are philanthropic gifts that we each make to help keep the doors open and programs running. Each year, we ask you to determine your annual, tax-deductible contribution to our Temple community, based on your ability to support our community with a meaningful contribution. While no one will be denied membership based on finances, we hope that you will make giving tzedakah to Temple Beth El SOC a priority in your charitable giving.

SUSTAINER SOCIETY

We created a Sustainer Society to celebrate and acknowledge those who contribute annually at or above the average cost per member family which has been determined to be \$4,500. We are incredibly grateful to those who are able to contribute at this level and we show our appreciation with benefits such as

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BE Sisters and Men's Club membership, reserved High Holy Day parking spaces, invitations to private events, and special recognition during the year.

GIVING LEVELS

We appreciate all levels of contributions and we only ask that whatever you give, is meaningful to you in your support of our community. Consider giving by selecting a category that best matches your ability to give: (Sustainers Society*)

Clergy's Circle*	\$20,000 and above
Benefactors*	\$10,000 - \$19,999
Sustainers*	\$4,500 - \$9,999
Pillars	\$3,600 - \$4,499
Guardians	\$2,400 - \$3,599
Builders	\$1,800 - \$2,399

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

Members are an integral part of our temple family; therefore, instead of asking each year, "Do you wish to continue your membership?", we will only ask you to reevaluate your annual contribution to our community. You will remain a member "forever," unless you advise us otherwise.

We hope you take this information into consideration when determining how much you contribute to support and sustain our community. We only ask that you give an amount that is meaningful to you, based on your ability to give. We also know that money isn't the only way to support our community and we greatly appreciate gifts of time and talents, in addition to your annual giving. Anything you can do to help will provide revenue to offset our operating costs.

With your financial support, we will continue to thrive as the hub of Jewish living in South Orange County – now and for generations to come.

With much gratitude,


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