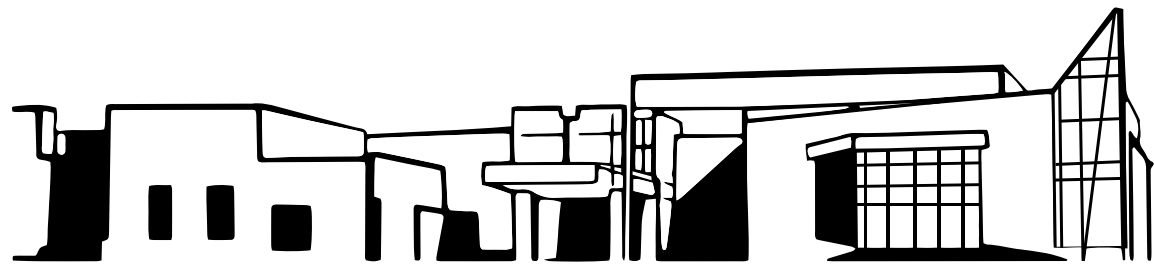




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Welcome ^{TO} Temple Beth El



Temple Beth El

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Temple Beth El has a place for You!

We are a warm, welcoming congregation, offering educational, spiritual and social opportunities for members of all ages and walks of life.

We are dedicated to providing a nurturing environment in which all generations feel at home and share each other's simchas and sorrows.

In the spirit of Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), we embrace the larger community in which we live, the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

As an affiliate of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, the congregation maintains the rich heritage and tradition of Judaism interpreted in the light of modern thought.



Our school has received the "Framework for Excellence Award" from our parent organization, The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. This is the highest award given to religious schools in Conservative Judaism. Our success is due to both an outstanding faculty who are skilled at sharing their love of Judaism and due to our supportive parents, who extend our lessons into their homes.

For more information about our curriculum, our school hours, or any aspect of our educational program, please contact me at the synagogue. I would love to hear your vision for your child's education and see how we can meet your needs.

Thank you for considering our Religious School as a place to nurture your child's spirit and Jewish future.



Shalom!
Alicia Zahn
Religious School Director

Temple Beth El Men's Club

Shalom,

On behalf of the Temple Beth El Men's Club, I want to welcome you to our beautiful synagogue.

The TBE Men's Club primary mission is to provide support for the wide variety of services, educational and social programs available at Temple Beth El. This includes providing ushers during the High Holidays, setting up and taking down the Temple's sukkah, and helping with special projects to keep Beth El a vital part of our community.

We also sponsor social events for our members and their families such as outings to Iron Pigs games (complete with kosher tailgating), Phantoms games, and our "Almost Monthly Poker Night," which is open to all synagogue members and their guests, alike. We also sponsor the TBE "Music on the Patio" outdoor series, along with our "Sunday Brunch" guest speaker events.

If you have any questions about the Men's Club feel free to contact me. I'm looking forward to meeting you!

Roy Benasaraf
President, TBE Men's Club



Over 90 years ago,

Temple Beth El was a little room and a big dream.



June 4th, 1929

Nineteen founders met to formulate the aims of a new Temple dedicated to the principles of the Conservative Movement, then developing in the United States.

Their first services were held in a room, gradually moving into a hall, and finally to a private home on 12th & Walnut Streets that the 50 member families remodeled to function as a Temple.

1935

The congregation continued to grow until it was necessary to rent a large auditorium for High Holiday and Confirmation services. The Hebrew School needed larger classrooms and the congregation needed space for social functions.

Welcome to Religious School

Dear Parents,
E. G. Scoblionko Religious School of Temple Beth El strives to be an inclusive, joyous and supportive learning environment in which G-d, Torah, and community are the foundation of the learning experience. We believe that Judaism is joyous, and so our school is a place of learning, a place of fun and, a place of friendship. We are an inclusive school and we work towards fulfilling the commandment of teaching ALL our children from PreK through 12th grade.

Our curriculum includes Torah in many forms: Jewish Practices & Beliefs, Holidays & Traditions, Hebrew, Prayer, Israel, Jewish History, Mitzvot and Middot (values). We provide many opportunities for parents and families to get involved and welcome all levels of participation.



COME JOIN US!

PreK - Grade 7
Sunday mornings
Grades 7 - 9
Mondays evenings
Grades 2 - 6
Tuesday afternoons
Grades 10 - 12
2 evenings per month



Sisterhood Message

Welcome to Temple Beth El. As a potential member of our congregation, you are invited to participate in our numerous activities. We offer something for everyone.

Our Sisterhood organization has programs that are educational, inspirational, social and fun. We welcome Jewish women of all ages to join us and your participation in the Temple Beth El Sisterhood will give you the opportunity to make new friends from your community.

We have so much to offer such as book clubs, Mah Jongg club, Sisterhood Shabbat, Hanukkah Giftique, paid-up events, donor events, organizing Passover food baskets for those in need, Vashti Banquet, Purse Bingo and brunches, just to name a few. Sisterhood supports many aspects of our synagogue through our Religious School, Youth Programs, special projects and more.

As you walk through our building, stop by our beautiful gift shop to enjoy lovely Judaica, jewelry, children's educational toys & books, along with other gift items.

Our dedicated volunteers and friends warmly invite you to join us. Feel free to contact us with any questions. We look forward to getting to know you and having you join us in our many worthwhile endeavors.

Amy Jaffe, Chelsea Karp, and Rachel Shurman
Co-Presidents



1947

Priorities and shortages during World War II made it necessary to wait to break ground for a new Temple on 17th and Hamilton Streets.



1949

The first religious services were held in the unfinished building on Rosh Hashanah.



1958

The Temple grew again when the new Education Wing was dedicated.

2006

Temple Beth El has continued to grow and thrive because of a committed membership who shares the determination of the founders. Temple Beth El determined that a new building would better serve our needs. We moved into our new home on Springhouse Road.



I am pleased to welcome you to Temple Beth El. We strive to meet diverse spiritual needs and offer numerous educational and social opportunities for members of all ages and walks of life.

I encourage you to participate in any of our activities to whatever extent you desire and recognize that your time constraints and interest will change over the years. Whether you are looking to fulfill social, educational, spiritual or religious needs, Temple Beth El has a place for you.

We have an active Sisterhood and Men's Club who plan activities such as wine tasting, sporting events, book clubs and speakers to name a few. The planned activities are both interesting and provide funds that support various internal programs. Our Social Action committee focuses on projects in the community at large and our Keruv Outreach committee was initiated to ensure that our interfaith families feel welcomed. We have an ambassador program that is designed to get to know your TBE family and help you engage in Jewish Life in our community. You will be assigned an ambassador who will be reaching out to you when you join. They will be reaching out to you three to four times a year. If you do not want to participate in this program, you can opt out when joining.

I hope you take the time to explore Temple Beth El and learn more about our clergy, professional staff, lay leadership and members. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

We look forward to getting to know you.

Sincerely,

Morgan Godorov
President
610-217-7182 or president@bethelallentown.org

Join Us!

We welcome you to Temple Beth El and Jewish Family Education, a vibrant, integral part of our synagogue community.

- Attend our great activities
- Volunteer to help with Programs
- Share your ideas on our committee
- Sponsor a program



Shabbat Celebration

BimBom Buddies – Monthly parent/child play group

Dor I'Dor – Shabbat morning or Havdallah monthly family service and activity

GPS– Guided Prayer Service – Monthly adult Shabbat morning learning

Kindershul and Tot Shabbat – Monthly age-appropriate children services through our Religious School



Tzedakah

- Craft projects benefiting Shabbat Angels & Jewish Family Services
- Cooking projects benefiting local shelters
- Donating to ChanuCan
- Working in our Community Garden

Parent Enrichment

Clergy and professional-led discussions with topics relevant to Jewish family life





From Our Rabbi

A number of years ago I was struck by the title of a book on education in American society called Schoolhome. The thesis of the book was simple, schools ought to provide the same type of nurturing, warm environment that we find in the most supportive of homes. What a wonderful vision! It is a vision that could just as easily be applied to synagogues. It is a vision that we share at Temple Beth El. We too believe that synagogues ought to be spiritual havens. They ought to be friendly, spiritually enriching and educationally stimulating environments, such as we find in the most caring of homes.

It is no accident that our synagogue is called Beth El – “Home of God.” God is found in the warmest of human interactions; in the smile that we share with the stranger, in the food that we provide for the hungry, in the prayer that we offer for the sick. In short, God is found in community.

We are a warm community and as you search for the right congregation for you and your family, I hope that you will seriously consider becoming a part of our community. In the process of exploring our synagogue please feel free to stop by my office so that we can have a chance to talk and get to know each other directly. It will be my privilege to help you learn as much about our temple as possible as you explore the possibility of membership.

L'Shalom,
Rabbi Moshe Re'em



Holiday Fun

A wide variety of programming celebrating our Jewish holiday rituals, including:

- High Holiday programs
- "Soup"er Sukkot Dinner
- Sukkot Family Fun and Potluck
- Simchat Torah Celebration
- ChanuCan and Chanukkah Party
- Chinese Dinner and Movies
- Tu BiShevat Dinner
- Purim Carnival
- Shavuot Play Date
- And Much More!



Ritual and Service of Temple Beth El

Under the guidance of Rabbi Moshe Re'em and coordinator, Shari Spark, Ritual and Service oversees and implements Jewish ritual life, prayer, life cycle events and Torah study. We look forward to your participation, leadership and learning.

Tefillah, Torah & Worship

The heart of our Temple Beth El community

Observances of Shabbat, holidays and life-cycle events reflect our Conservative, traditional orientation. Lively melodies mix with traditional modes to create an engaging and vibrant prayer atmosphere. Our members are welcome to lead from the bimah as well as join in from the "kahal" (congregation). Whether you participate in person, or join in virtually, our shul is a community where participants of all ages and life experiences come together, sharing in prayer, ritual and the study of Torah.

We follow the liturgy in Siddur Sim Shalom. While much of the service is conducted in Hebrew, English readings and transliterations are interspersed.



Friday night services are led by Rabbi with guitar for Kabbalat Shabbat and include hearty congregational participation. Our Friday services are often enlivened by our youth leaders. "Shabbat Under the Stars" is our beautiful, summer outdoor service. In the winter, we start early with a "Shmooze and Spirits" social half-hour, and in the spring/summer we begin later and stay after for Oneg Shabbat.

Morning services embrace the peace of the day and feature our congregants reading Torah and Haftara, and leading davening. Our prayer is relaxed and spiritual. Divre Torah often include congregational participation.

Several Shabbatot are enhanced: "Something for Everyone" welcoming our children for youth services, and adults for GPS/Guided Prayer Service; once a month celebrating Birthday Shabbat; honoring our Holocaust Torah annually; Sisterhood Shabbat with our members leading; Dor l'Dor family services; and more! Stay for delicious Kiddush lunch following services where we welcome you to our Beth El family.

Havdalah with Rabbi Re'em on Facebook Live brings our Beth El family together online. We welcome the new week in song as we join Rabbi for a virtual sing along! Several times during the year, we join for Havdalah in-person for our family Havda-lalala that includes candle lighting, story and song.

High Holidays at Temple Beth El focus on welcoming the New Year and preparing ourselves for the work of teshuvah. With opportunities for everyone—traditional to contemporary, for adults, families, teens and children—High Holidays at Beth El offer a deeply meaningful experience.

We welcome you to Temple Beth El's davening community: Dedicated families and individuals of different ages and life experiences, who participate in many different roles!

Contact Shari Spark, Ritual and Service Coordinator,
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