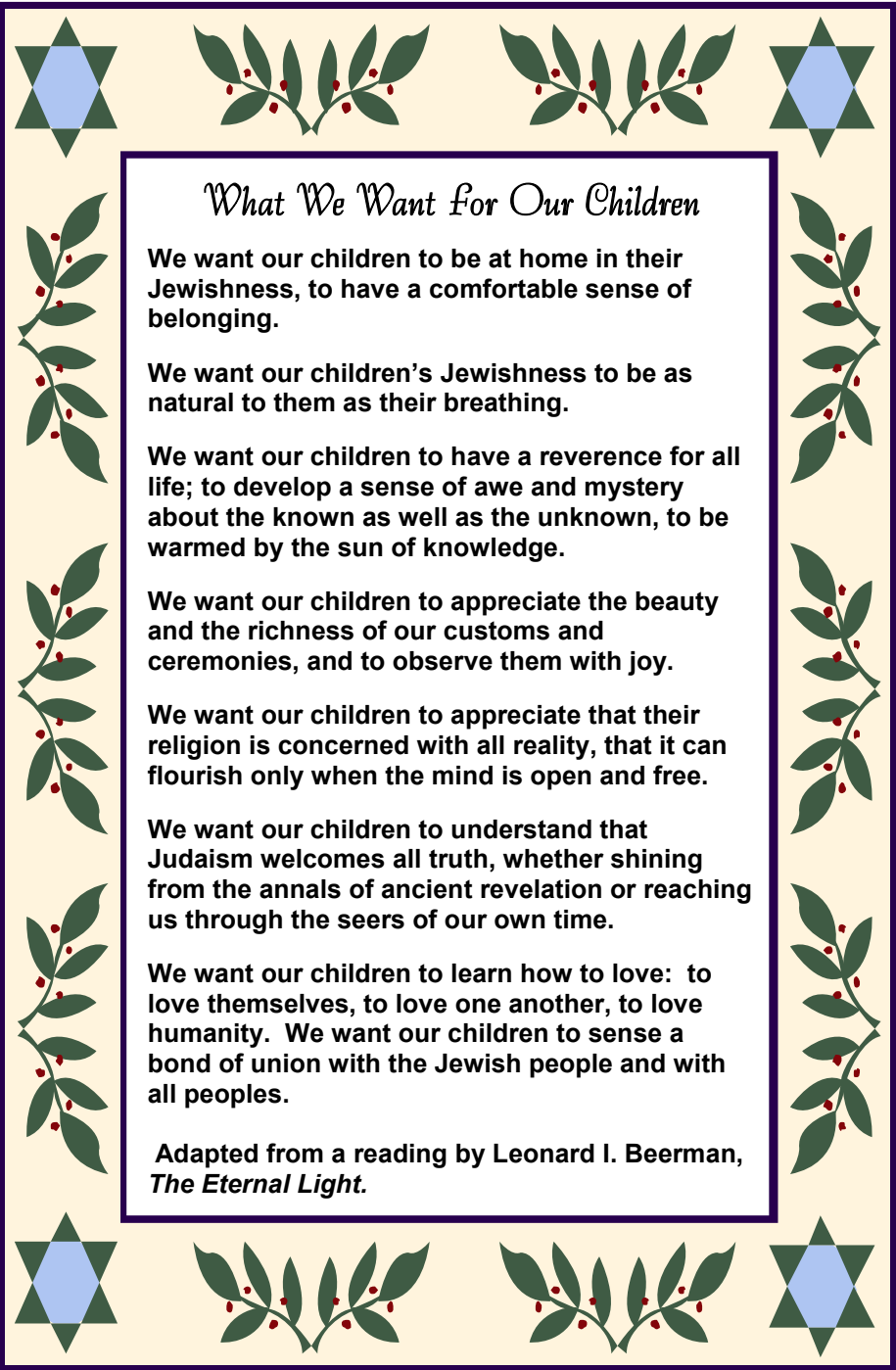




Mission Statement

***Congregation Beth Emeth
is a community committed
to the principles of
Reform Judaism.***

***The Mission of its
Religious School is to
create an educational
environment in which
children and parents
acquire knowledge and
through that knowledge a
love and commitment
to living a Jewish life.***



What We Want For Our Children

We want our children to be at home in their Jewishness, to have a comfortable sense of belonging.

We want our children's Jewishness to be as natural to them as their breathing.

We want our children to have a reverence for all life; to develop a sense of awe and mystery about the known as well as the unknown, to be warmed by the sun of knowledge.

We want our children to appreciate the beauty and the richness of our customs and ceremonies, and to observe them with joy.

We want our children to appreciate that their religion is concerned with all reality, that it can flourish only when the mind is open and free.

We want our children to understand that Judaism welcomes all truth, whether shining from the annals of ancient revelation or reaching us through the seers of our own time.

We want our children to learn how to love: to love themselves, to love one another, to love humanity. We want our children to sense a bond of union with the Jewish people and with all peoples.

**Adapted from a reading by Leonard I. Beerman,
*The Eternal Light.***