

Membership Commitment 2023 - 2024

Your Membership Commitment, as part of Our Shared Commitment model, helps cultivate purposeful Jewish engagement for all synagogue members and provides a home for every soul who wishes to join our synagogue family. While we recognize that our members have different means and that each donation is personal, we ask that all members consider making a Membership Commitment at the **Sustaining Amount of \$3,869**. The Sustaining Amount represents the total contributions per household necessary to cover the annual operating expenses as projected for this year at Congregation Beth El.



Our Synagogue Home

We take our name, Congregation Beth El, from Torah scenes in which our patriarch Jacob names the place at which he senses God's presence. "Come, let us go up to Beth El," he declares. About Beth El, Jacob rejoices, "What an awesome place this is." We, too, believe our synagogue is an awesome place to go up to that we may elevate our sights and raise our spirits.

We view Congregation Beth El as our spiritual and communal Jewish home. A home in which we celebrate, learn, and create community. A home in which we seek to live meaningful Jewish lives. As a synagogue family, we gather for many occasions. We care for one another and the Jewish people. We serve others and our society.

In Hebrew, home or house is Bayit, **BEIT**, for short. As taught by Jewish tradition, we enter our synagogue home in three ways.

**Ours is a House of Community,
BEIT Kneset, or Beth El Is Together.**

**Ours is a House of Prayer,
BEIT Tefillah, or Beth El Is Tefillah.**

**Ours is a House of Learning,
BEIT Midrash, or Beth El Is Torah.**

Ours is a synagogue home of many other things, too. Most of all, ours is a synagogue home for you. A home in which you belong and connect with others. A home for you to attend, to participate in, and to volunteer through as you may choose. In our synagogue home, we seek to live meaningful Jewish lives.

The Meaning of Membership

At Congregation Beth El we are each part of a larger community embracing us as we encounter the ups and downs of our individual and family lives. The values, heritage, and relationships touching our lives as synagogue members sustain us. We gain inspiration, support, and home in a synagogue community personalizing for us what it means to be part of the Jewish People.

Belonging to Congregation Beth El roots all of us in a local, focused expression of Jewish peoplehood and provides us with the resources we need to live compelling and thoughtful Jewish lives. We belong here because we can't be the Jews we aspire to be alone. We need each other. We need a community filled with peers, with those younger and older than we are, with those of similar and different temperaments and perspectives. Jewish life wisdom teaches us to join together.

Membership in Congregation Beth El is not be like belonging to any other organization. Our synagogue family embraces all who join with us, sharing our backgrounds, experiences, and stories as we seek personal and collective meaning. Belonging to Congregation Beth El reminds us that by giving something of ourselves to others we discover how much more purpose and perspective we receive in return.



Honor Roll members receive preferred parking on campus during the High Holy Days as well as front section High Holy Day service seating in the Jacobs Family Community Hall. When available, Honor Roll members are invited to exclusive gatherings with notable guests who visit our community and other special events. Most of all, our Honor Roll members' tzedakah generosity enables Congregation Beth El to continue to be a spiritual and personal resource for all our members.

We appreciate and value all donations to Congregation Beth El and hope that our members will explore the varied ways to give to, thereby deepening their connection to our synagogue community. All donations, whether a general donation or to a specified purpose, are credited towards Honor Roll recognition at the end of the fiscal year.

Thank You

We are grateful for all of our members whose meaningful donations each year ensure Congregation Beth El remains a home for every soul by offering a variety of Jewish experiences to nourish the mind, heart, and spirit, while being a caring Jewish community.

Our members' voluntary and generous Membership Commitments and contributions affirm the spirit and character of our Beth El synagogue family. Together, our members demonstrate the vital role of our synagogue community in the world today.

Honor Roll

Our Honor Roll members play a critical role in helping Congregation Beth El be a spiritual home for all who desire to engage with us. Our Honor Roll members' elevated giving enables Congregation Beth El to offer relevant and innovative programming as we work to ensure a strong Jewish future.

Honor Roll members choose to make additional Membership Commitment donations, including a Kol Nidre contribution if desired, in addition to the Sustaining Amount of **\$3,869**.

The Honor Roll levels for High Holy Day recognition are:

Mitzvah	\$4,482 and higher a \$613 donation plus \$3,869
Koach	\$5,669 and higher a \$1,800 donation plus \$3,869
Ruach	\$7,469 and higher a \$3,600 donation plus \$3,869
Ahava	\$11,069 and higher a \$7,200 donation plus \$3,869
Gabai	\$21,869 and higher a \$18,000 donation plus \$3,869
G'vir	\$39,869 and higher a \$36,000 donation plus \$3,869
Maccabee	\$53,869 and higher a \$50,000 donation plus \$3,869

CONGREGATION



Beth El

Connecting at Beth El



Membership at Congregation Beth El

At Congregation Beth El, we believe synagogue membership is about inclusion and participation. Our Shared Commitment allows each member to contribute a Membership Commitment that is a meaningful and appropriate donation for them.

