

ANNUAL REPORT

Celebrating Our Community



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A Letter From the President



I hope you enjoy leafing through our Annual Report. A quick glance will reveal that this has been a very special year of celebration for Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El. As you know, this year was the 60th anniversary of the founding of our congregation, and rather than creating a series of new programs, we infused the celebration into our existing programming while adding a few highlights. I hope that this Annual report will serve as your “souvenir” of our fabulous 60th anniversary year and the Jewish memories we hopefully created for you.

Meaningful. Joyous. Comforting. These three words have been selected as the framework upon which this year’s Annual Report is being presented. Clearly celebrating our 60 years has been very meaningful to all of us. This milestone has enabled us to reflect upon and honor our past. We did exactly that beginning on the first day of Rosh Hashanah, when we gave the entire roster of aliyot and honors to our longest standing members. Reaching 60 also confirms that Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El is well poised to weather the tides of our movement, due to our talented and devoted clergy, our dedicated leadership, and our committed membership.

Joyous defines this year as well. We honored the Zwick Family and the Beck-Busis Family, as our Maltzman and Gala honorees, respectively. These families have contributed so much to our congregational family, and it was our joy and pleasure to recognize them in this special year. There was also much joy through music: between the TBH-BE production of “Annie,” our welcoming of Musician in Residence Josh Warshowsky, and our presentation of the sensational a cappella group “The Maccabeats,” joy was in abundance and I hope you enjoyed all of it!

Sadly, comforting was, of necessity, a major theme of the year as well. The Tree of Life tragedy, and then, Powey six months later, brought anti-Semitism to the forefront of our minds. We raced to the sanctuary to share and express our collective pain—as well as to be assured that our synagogue is constantly reevaluating and improving our already solid security measures and protocols. Thanks to the tremendous generosity of one of our families who kicked off a hugely successful security fund challenge. The funds raised by this challenge enabled us to meet this year’s unanticipated increased costs for security. We appreciate everyone who made a contribution to this fund. We added an array of security measures, most of which obviously are not evident, but you can be assured that your safety on this campus will remain our top priority.

Let me thank the members of my Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, the entire staff, the Clergy, and our Past Presidents for their support and guidance. Thanks are extended as well to everyone who chaired a committee, volunteered at the shul, helped make a minyan, or otherwise made a contribution to Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El. It takes a village to build a great synagogue, and we are a great synagogue because of the amazing “villagers” among us. It has been my great honor to serve as your President and it is my fervent wish and prayer that Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El shall go from strength to strength.

Randy Goldberg

Celebrating 60 Years!

What does it mean to belong to a community? At Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El, we strive to foster a community that celebrates with one another, that comforts one another, and that enables our congregants to grow with one another. This has been our goal for 60 years. Throughout this booklet, we are highlighting programs, opportunities, and experiences that brought our community together to find joy, to find comfort, and to find meaning. Thank you for being a part of our community. We look forward to another year of being together.

This was an incredible year celebrating our 60th anniversary. Highlights include:

- ◆ Rededicating our Torah Mantles
- ◆ The Mansion Building getting a facelift
- ◆ Feature authors including Alon Shaya, Lori Cooper and Reena Potok
- ◆ Lighting 60 Candles on Hanukkah
- ◆ Honoring the Beck-Busis Family at the Gala
- ◆ And our 60th Anniversary Concert featuring the Maccabeats



MAZEL TOV

(LISTED IN CALENDAR ORDER)

- ROBIN AND HOWARD ZWICK
Maltzman Memorial Dinner Honorees
- STUART GORDON
Men's Club Man of the Year
- SAM BRINT
Men's Club Silver Circle Award Honoree
- RITA ROSS
Sisterhood Torah Fund Honoree
- THE BECK-BUSIS FAMILY:
Dor Chadash Award Honorees

BY THE NUMBERS

- ECC ENROLLMENT
2015-16: 140
2016-17: 156
2017-18: 153
2018-19: 165
- RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT
2015-16: 157
2016-17: 135
2017-18: 137
2018-19: 145
- B'NAI MITZVAH STUDENTS
2016-17: 18
2017-18: 25
2018-19: 27

NEW AND OLD TRADITIONS

First Fridays became a new tradition this year. Featuring lively tunes, kids dancing, and good food, the synagogue was where you wanted to be on the first Friday of the month.

Our Annual BBQ was paired with Lag B'Omer this year, and featured s'mores, kids activities, and great friends.

The Havurah has continued its great programming with Purim continuing to be a highlight of the year.

The 2nd Annual Hava NaGrilla once again took center stage in August. The event was such a success that we couldn't wait a whole year until the next one - this year, Hava NaGrilla will take place on June 23.



First Fridays



Lag B'Omer



Gala





Havurah Sponsored Hanukkah Party



Havurah Purim Spiel



Hava NaGrilla



CREATING MULTIPLE COMMUNITIES

Everyone has a place at TBH-BE. Whether through our affinity groups, our school communities, or our classes and programs, there are numerous ways to get engaged and get involved.

Boomers, the Havurah, L'Chaim, Men's Club, Sisterhood and our ECC and Religious School parents create multiple entryways into our community.



Sisterhood Opening Dinner



L'Chaim



Dodgeball



Jewish Relief Agency



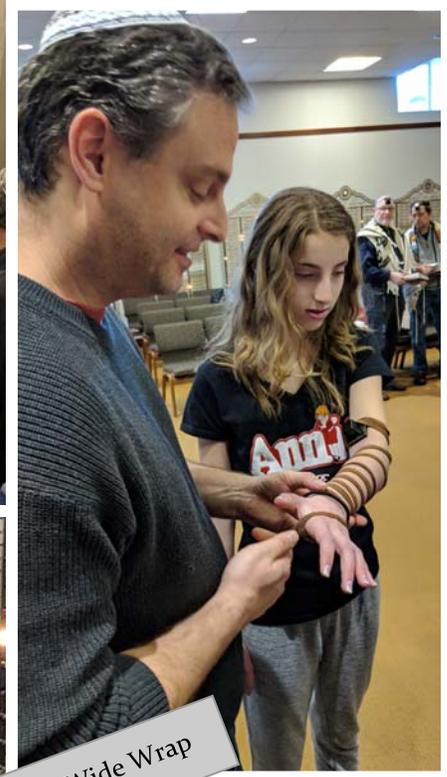
Game Night!



Men's Club Softball



Scotch & Steak in the Sukkah



World Wide Wrap



OUR FUTURE

KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF 2019

Left to Right: Top Row – Eli Peskin, Shani Feinstein, Simon Tossman, Ari Schwartz, Gabriel Goldstein, Lynn Lavett-Mancuso, Ben Stuiver; Middle Row – Eva Shmidheiser, Adam Kendis, Maggie Burns, Zev Geller, Naomi Mishkin, Ezra Kazan, Julia Weissman; Bottom Row – Eli Trask, Ben Illfelder, Gabby Reynolds, Hanna Nichols, Aaliyah Lozada, Andrew Arkader, Casey Zalut

Kindergarten 2019



KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT CLASS OF 2019

Left to Right: Jonah Coffiner, Mitchell Barg, Ella Jablonka, Myles Marcus

2018-19 B'NAI MITZVAH

Isabella Abramovitz, Jacob Bowman, Nathan Dresnin, Lindsay Gillston, Leena Greenberg, Shayna Gross, Nathan Grunfeld, Sydney Grunfeld, JD Harmelin, Jordana Harwitz, Oren Israel, Eddie Kohn, Ethan Laby, Rachel Loeb, Tal Loren, Blake Newman, Hailey Newman, Lily Padersky, Ethan Rabbino, Fallon Rocker, Brody Smith, Alison Spirn, Dylan Spivack, Gabriele Thomas, Noah Ufberg, Gideon Wolf, Shireen Zada

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2019

Faye Berry,
daughter of Randi and Michael Berry
Brandon Bowman,
son of Cindy and Andy Bowman
Benjie Elkins,
son of Amy and Michael Elkins
Trevor Hoffman,
son of Debra and Jeffrey Hoffman
Daniel Soslowsky,
son of Judith and Lou Soslowsky

Kindergarten Enrichment 2019

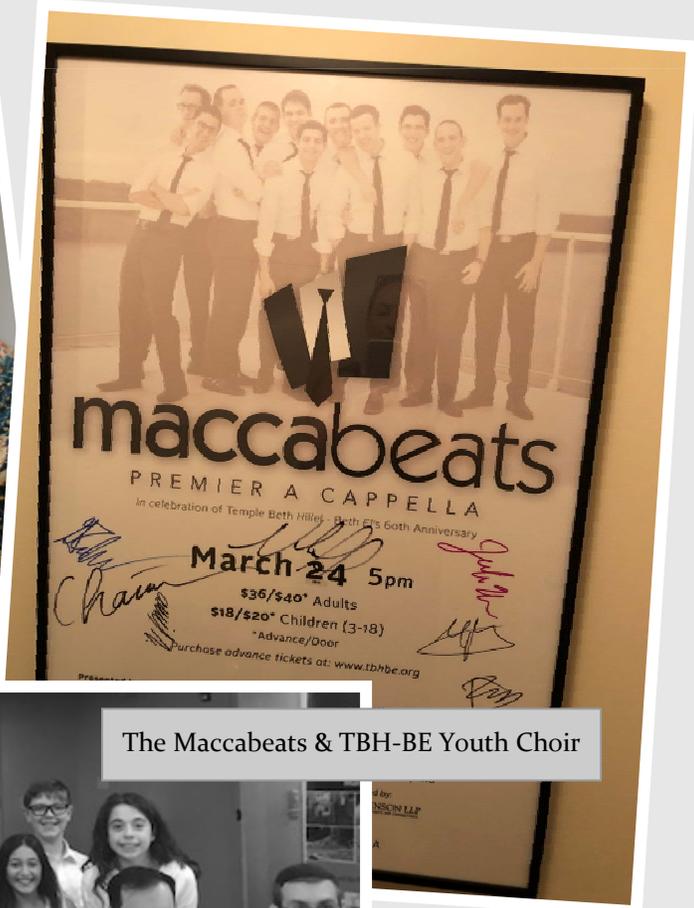


Confirmation Class 2019





Annie!



The Maccabeats & TBH-BE Youth Choir

SCHOOL IS FUN AT TBH-BE!

YOM HA'ATZMA'UT DANCE FEST

The ECC celebrated Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, with their 4th annual Rikudim and Zimriya.

Under the amazing Israeli dancing and teaching skills of Mindy Levin, and the amazing musical and teaching skills of Sherrie Rosenblum, our children don't just learn about Israel, they have Israel infused into their souls. Interspersed with official Israeli folk dancing steps, the children sang about Jerusalem and Israel in both Hebrew and in English.

ESCAPE FROM EGYPT

The Religious School students tested their knowledge and creativity as they teamed up to escape from Egypt.

Students partnered with teammates from other classes to solve puzzles, find the clues, and figure out how to make it past the Egyptians.



Trip to Morris Arboretum



Passover



Shavuot



Challah Baking



Religious School Escape from Egypt



Challah Baking



Israeli Dancing

COMING TOGETHER — SAFETY AND SECURITY

AFTER PITTSBURGH

The community came together for prayer and for comfort following the attack in Pittsburgh. Our Religious School families spent Sunday morning with a brief, age-appropriate reflection, and in the evening the congregation and friends from the greater community came together for our Service of Comfort and Solidarity. There was a packed house the following week as the community came to #ShowUpForShabbat.

Sadly, the need to come together in solidarity was repeated throughout the year as the congregation came together with others from the faith based communities to mourn and remember.

AFTER NEW ZEALAND

The Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations at St. Joseph's University held a vigil following the tragedy in New Zealand. The Temple Beth Hillel-Beth El community came together in this interfaith setting to mourn with and provide support for the Muslim community.

Security has been a key focus of our year.

Following the horrific events at Pittsburgh and San Diego, our community has focused on critical steps to review our security infrastructure and procedures. We have worked with local police and the Pennsylvania State Police Domestic Security to conduct a thorough risk assessment of our facilities. The safety of our community is our highest priority.



THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DAILY MINYAN

One of the amazing things about our synagogue community is that we are here for each other — in good times and in not so good times. We care about each other and we care for each other in numerous ways. Our daily minyan is one of the core ways that we help to support our community.

To a mourner or a person marking a Yahrzeit, the minyan means so much. Being a part of the minyan is a very special feeling as well. Join us to be a part of this meaningful experience.

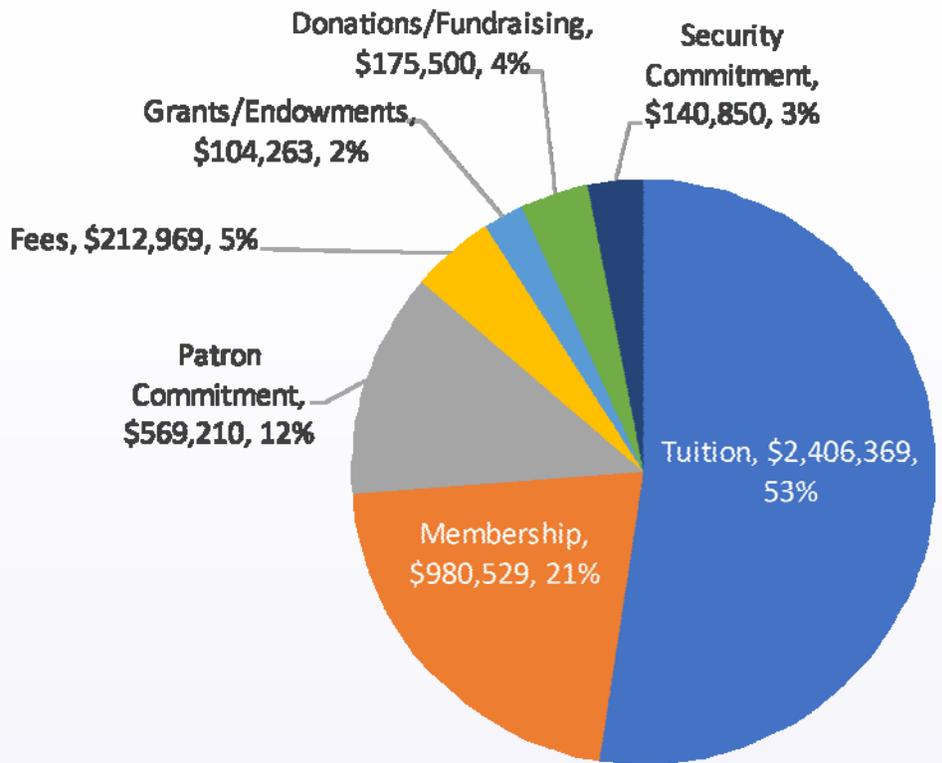
YOM HASHOAH

Yom HaShoah, our annual Holocaust Remembrance Commemoration, is one of our synagogue's core annual traditions. This year's commemoration featured our youth choir and religious school students, the Haverford High School Chamber Singers, and Rabbi Josh Bolton from Penn Hillel. Yom HaShoah is an opportunity to come together, to remember, and to comfort one another as we look at the world around us.

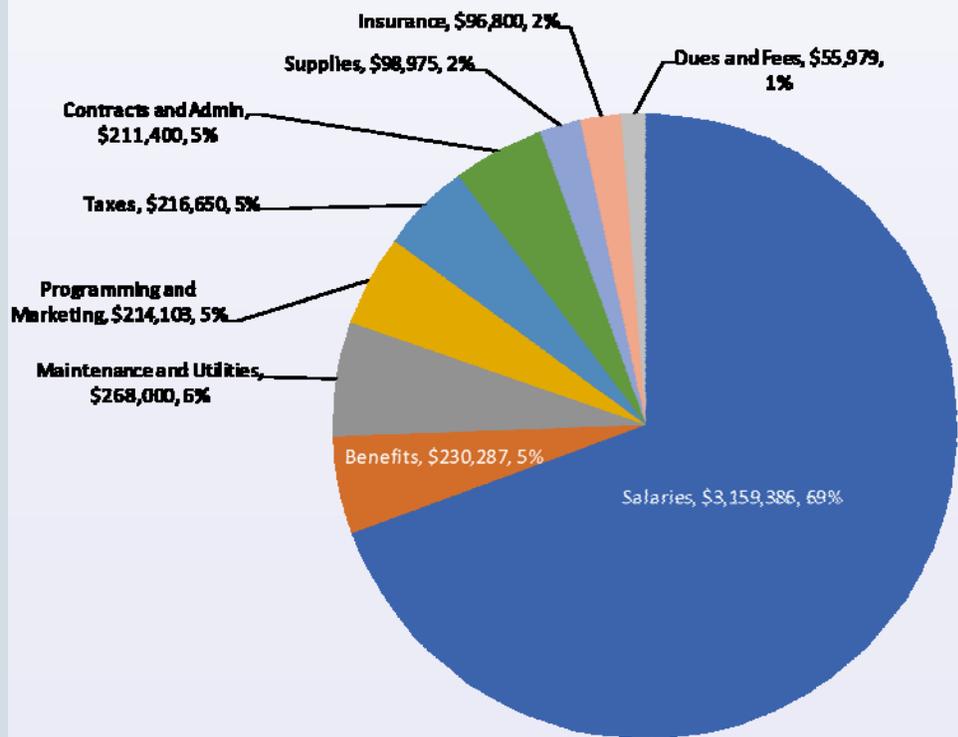


Fiscal Health

Income FY 2019-2020



Expenses FY 2019-2020



THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY

We value your membership and your participation in our community. Your involvement makes our community stronger. As we look ahead to 2019-20/5780, we will continue to strive to create meaningful experiences and opportunities for all of our families.

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FUNDS

All numbers are from 7/1/18 to 5/31/19. Only active funds with donations or expenses of at least \$100 are listed.

Irwin Ship Adult Education Fund

Income \$2,068

Expense \$3,500

Ann Altus Bright Horizons Fund

Income \$16,377

Expense \$17,500

Rabbi Marshall J. Maltzman

Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund

Income \$1,563

Expense \$2,700

Cantor's Music Fund

Income \$7,629

Expense \$14,266

College Outreach Fund

Income \$742

Expense \$1,585

Dina Goldstone Memorial Garden

Income \$268

Expense \$1,000

ECC Fund

Income \$4,628

Expense \$4,583

Isaac Auerbach Family Education Fund

Income \$36

Expense \$1,500

Rabbi Neil and Lori Cooper Israel

Advocacy Fund

Income \$1,538

Expense \$700

Ruth N. Maltzman Memorial Fund

Income \$361

Expense \$500

Joey Fischer and Marlene Fischer Perry

Meditation Garden

Income \$113

Expense \$625

Prayer Book Fund

Income \$1,319

Expense \$0

Religious School Fund

Income \$823

Expense \$3,000

Response to Hunger Fund

Income \$483

Expense \$5,973

Youth Fund

Income \$57

Expense \$1,500

Summary of Current Fiscal Year Operating Performance

As we near the close of our fiscal year, we are currently projecting ending the fiscal year with no surplus and no deficit.

We are grateful to our community both for their general support of the synagogue, our Torah mantle and security campaigns, as well as for the continued timely payments to the Capital Campaign. Our budget for the next fiscal year was reviewed by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors in April, where it was approved. The Board also reviewed our financial position and projections for the current fiscal year.

The charts pictured (left) depict both the revenues and expenses of our upcoming operating budget. The balanced budget is just over \$4,585,000 and represents a 4.2% increase over this current year's budget. The increase is largely attributable to growth in our Early Childhood Center (ECC). Membership Commitment, Patron Commitment, Fundraising and Grants are \$1,819,822, or 40% of the budget. Tuition (ECC, Religious School, and Summer Camp) total \$2,358,769, or 51% of the budget. Salaries and benefits for clergy, staff, and teachers plus taxes make up the largest portion of expenses at \$3,480,775, or 76% of our budget.

We are pleased to share these highlights with you. The full budget is available in the synagogue office for your review and Ken Krivitzky is happy to answer any specific questions.

2018-2019 Leadership

Rabbi	Neil S. Cooper
Rabbi Emeritus	Marshall J. Maltzman (z"l)
Cantor	Eugene D. Rosner
Executive Director	Ken S. Krivitzky
Asst. Executive Director	Barbara Schwartz
Early Childhood Center Director	Judith Mont Scarani
Asst. Early Childhood Center Director	Randi Grossel
Director of Education	Lisa Richman
President	Randy Goldberg
Vice President	Barbara Bookman
Vice President	Joel Freedman
Vice President	Abby Horowitz
Vice President	Howard Zwick
Treasurer	Jared Gordon
Secretary	Stacy Levitan
Asst. Secretary	Aimee Prange
Financial Secretary	Joshua Kohn
Immediate Past President	Josh A. Davison
Second Past President	Toby C. Mallin
Sisterhood President	Robin Oriel
Men's Club Co-Presidents	Larry Nathanson & Lee Bender
Early Childhood Center HSA Chairs	Paula Strokoff & Lindsay Wetmore Arkader