



**Temple Beth-El**

Dear Prospective Member,

We are delighted that you have an interest in joining our Temple Beth-El community. You've probably heard something about TBE already, but here's some information that might be new to you.

### **Temple Beth-El Mission Statement**

Temple Beth-El is dedicated to creating and maintaining an intimate and involved Jewish community. We strive to be a place where spiritual growth, tradition and ritual provide meaning and comfort to every person who comes through our doors. Temple Beth-El encourages its members to learn, celebrate, serve and grow together, so that each person will have the fullest opportunity to share the beauty of Jewish expression.

TBE is affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) which is the national organization for Reform Judaism. However, our members bring many different spiritual experiences with them, each adding to the richness of our services and programs.

### **Programs**

There is always something happening on a daily basis at TBE. Not only do we have our Friday evening and Saturday morning worship services, Talmud and Torah study and Introduction to Judaism class, we also have an active religious school, Bar and Bat Mitzvah training, confirmation classes and Training Wheels program. We have an active Religious School and Hebrew School for youth training. Our Sisterhood invites TBE members to participate in women's study and social events, as well as providing Onegs and sponsoring a gift shop of Judaica items. The Mensch Club offers movies with a Jewish theme, and there is a weekly breakfast and lecture series that covers the gamut of topics of local, national and international interest. And in the spirit of having a community center at the Temple, we have mah jongg, knitting, and a variety of interest groups that meet regularly. Of course, we also have special events and services, often led by Rabbi Larry Karol, whose musical talents and knowledge of Judaism combine for memorable experiences. Our Friday evening services vary weekly in time and content to accommodate young families and adult members and include a monthly Simchat Shabbat service. Other special events include Book Sales, Roasts and Toasts of members, art and Israeli fairs, and other community and fundraising events.

**Questions and Membership**

Rabbi Larry Karol is available to talk with you at the Temple during office hours. Our Temple President, Ellen Torres, (510-676-3211) will welcome your questions and thoughts. As TBE's Membership Chair, I am always available to answer questions and assist you.

To apply for membership, please complete the enclosed Application for Membership and the Family record form and return to TBE's office. We look forward to having you join us as part of our special TBE community.

Today Rabah,

Diane Fleishman, Membership Chair  
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