



# TEMPLE BETH TORAH

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June 2016—August 2016

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, June 3	Shabbat Services	7:30 PM
Saturday, June 4	Ritual Committee	9:00 AM
Saturday, June 4	Learner's Service	10:30 AM
Saturday, June 4	Adult Film Series "The Good Son"	7:00 PM
Friday, June 10	BeTTY Shul-In	7:00 PM
Tuesday, June 14	Ladies Book Club	7:30 PM
Friday, June 17	Scotch & Shavuot	6:30 PM
Friday, June 17	Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Thursday, June 30	BeTTY King's Dominion Trip	
Saturday, July 23	Shabbat in Shorts—Havdallah & BBQ	5:30 PM
Tuesday, August 9	Ladies Book Club	7:30 PM
Friday, August 12	Shabbat Service	7:30 PM
Saturday, August 13	Brotman Bar Mitzvah	10:00 AM

## HIGH HOLIDAY DATES

<b>Rosh Hashanah Eve</b>	<b>Sunday, October 2</b>
<b>Rosh Hashanah Day</b>	<b>Monday, October 3</b>
<b>Kol Nidre</b>	<b>Tuesday, October 11</b>
<b>Yom Kippur</b>	<b>Wednesday, October 12</b>

**Proper attire is encouraged at all services.  
Please see the weekly Blast for Chaverim listings**

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### **Chaverim Signup Reminder**

**Please remember to sign up for Chaverim duties at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0444abaf23a20-chaverim>. We need everyone to sign up for two dates. Please help make our wonderful TBT services successful!**

### **TBT CARING COMMITTEE**

**Have you ever wondered how to notify the TBT Board of a life-cycle event? TBT is here to support you.**

**Contact: Lori Kravchick at [caringcommittee@bethtorah.net](mailto:caringcommittee@bethtorah.net)**

### **SUPPORT TBT WHILE SHOPPING ON AMAZON!!**

From now on, before you start shopping on Amazon, start with the link on the bottom of the Temple Beth Torah home page at [bethtorah.net](http://bethtorah.net).

Amazon will contribute to TBT every time you make a purchase after using the link.

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# A Message from the President

## Jayne Ayers

### Remarks from Jayne Ayers, incoming TBT President, at the TBT Annual Meeting

Thank you Linda Sue, the TBT leadership and the TBT Membership. I am honored to serve as the next President of Temple Beth Torah. And, frankly, nervous and a tiny bit overwhelmed.

I have been struggling with what to say today—and decided I would start with one of my most classic introductions—when I was 5 years old. I marched myself over to our new neighbor’s house—carrying a big pitcher of lemonade. When they answered the door, I very proudly announced—“Hi, my name is Jayne Katz and I’m Jewish”. It was clearly part of my identity then, and has been on and off and on (you know how that goes) since... I have many other identifiers too—Charlie Ayers Mom, Tye’s wife, step mom, sister, daughter, friend, etc...but being “Jewish” has always been there....

I am a native of Northern VA, grew up and attended Temple Beth El in Alexandria. I attended Woodson High School and Radford University. I am still to this day involved with Radford—most recently as President of the National Alumni Association, Presidential Advisory Board and many other volunteer positions.

I am a small business owner—and just celebrated my 20<sup>th</sup> year in business. I am a meeting planner and plan mostly large conferences for many corporate and association clients, generally within the US.

We joined TBT almost 4 years ago, upon the recommendation of my cousin, Gayle Jenkins. You may know Gayle—a former teacher at TBT, member, etc.... We attended several services and liked what we saw. Unsure if we should join, I met with Rabbi Block and need I say more. He made us feel welcome and I knew this was a good fit.

Over a year ago, I was asked to serve on the Board. I was surprised, honored and didn’t even think twice before accepting! (Mistake #1 ☺)

And, what an eye opening experience. I very quickly realized the amount of work a very dedicated group of volunteers do each and every day to make this synagogue work. Seriously—it’s astounding. Everything that happens here happens because someone has accepted the task—whether big or small. All the way down to purchasing paper towels and the little cups for wine and scotch at the Oneg. From managing the website, to making sure the Rabbi, religious school teachers and volunteers have everything they need to do their jobs....

So—here’s how I look at becoming President of TBT. It’s like showing up in the kitchen after Thanksgiving and all the dishes have been washed and dried. The foundation and infrastructure is sound and in place—due to the hard work of all those families and individuals that started TBT many years ago. And, who have continued to dedicate their time and energy to grow TBT in to the outstanding Jewish community it is today and allow us, the members, the luxury of enjoying it after the really hard work has been done.

Not saying that we won’t have anything hard to do over the next year or two. As Linda Sue mentioned, there have been changes over the past few months that will require significant time and commitment from the new Board. BUT, we are up for the task and ask that you trust that we will do our very best to make the right decisions for TBT. It is a collaborative effort and we promise to keep you informed as we initiate our search for a new Cantor, assign the planning duties for the Religious School, initiate marketing efforts to increase membership and increase religious school enrollment as well as many, many other things we will address and deal with along the way. And, please know that we have a very astute group of past leaders that continuously offer their help and support and you can be sure that I will not only ask for it, but will look to them for their guidance, wisdom and insight.

I made a few notes last night as I listened to the Rabbi during his sermon. He described those of us in the field as “Muddy Boots”. I will tell you that I fall in to that category. I promise you that if there is mud, I’ll be right there in it. I will work hard and am not afraid to get my boots muddy.

I was once described by an employer as “loyal as a hound dog”. I am loyal and helpful—especially to people that I have a deep connection with. And I sure have connected with many of you here at TBT. And, for those that I haven’t met or had the pleasure of getting to know, I hope to make those same connections with you as I get settled in to my new role.

We have some exciting changes ahead of us and I can’t wait to share in the joys of our future.

Thank you.

**Save the Date!**

**SUMMER HAVDALAH**  
Outdoor Service & Dinner

**Saturday, July 23**  
Havdalah Service 5:30pm  
Dinner 6:00pm

- Bring your camp chair
- Dress casual (shorts/flip-flops)
- Hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.

<b>CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2016–17 TBT BOARD</b>	
<b>President</b>	<b>Jayne Ayers</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Marci Jerome</b>
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Have you recently taken pictures at a Temple Beth Torah event? We’d like to start sharing photos on the TBT website, Facebook and in the newsletter. Please send them (or a link to them) to [webmaster@bethtorah.net](mailto:webmaster@bethtorah.net).

Please welcome the following new members:

- ◆ Nancy Berkowitz and daughter Allison Kuhn
- ◆ The Weintrob Family: Dave and Sarah, daughter Olivia and son Eli

# A Message from the Rabbi

## *Kenneth Block*

### Another possible benefit of going to church: A 33 percent chance of living longer

By Julie Zauzmer

Washington Post May 16 at 11:00 AM

Religious services aren't just good for your soul—they might be good for your health.

A new study, released Monday in a journal published by the American Medical Association, says that those who attend church services more often actually have a better chance of staying alive in the long run.

Over a 20-year span, the study surveyed a group of more than 76,000 female nurses, most of whom were Catholic and Protestant. At the end of 20 years, more than 13,000 of them had died. The women who went to religious services more than once a week, it turned out, were 33 percent less likely to be in that group who died, compared to those who never attended services.

Tyler VanderWeele, a researcher at Harvard's school of public health who co-wrote the study, said the effect diminished as the study participants decreased their service attendance. Those who attended services once a week saw their odds of dying go down 26 percent. For those who attended less than weekly, the odds of dying decreased 13 percent, VanderWeele said.

That led the study's authors to a striking recommendation: "Religion and spirituality may be an underappreciated resource that physicians could explore with their patients, as appropriate," they wrote. "Our results do not imply that health care professionals should prescribe attendance at religious services, but for those who already hold religious beliefs, attendance at services could be encouraged as a form of meaningful social participation."

VanderWeele said that other studies have suggested a similar link between service attendance and decreased mortality, but his team aimed to prove that service attendance actually causes the better health outcomes. Because the nurses answered questionnaires periodically over a long time frame, he said, the researchers were able to look at whether a change in service attendance led to a

change in health.

They found numerous benefits associated with attending services. Women who started going to services then became more likely to quit smoking and less likely to show signs of depression, for instance—even when the researchers controlled for a long list of other variables, from age and exercise habits to income and other non-religious social engagement.

The effect of religious attendance, they found, was stronger than that of any other form of participation in a social group like a book club or a volunteer organization.

Want 'sustained happiness'? Get religion, study suggests.

"We were a bit surprised, initially, by the magnitude of the findings," VanderWeele said. He said they found a long list of positive effects: "Service attendance is increasing social support. Through social norms, it's also decreasing the likelihood of smoking. Perhaps through some of the messages of hope, it's decreasing depressive symptoms. Perhaps self-discipline, a sense of meaning or purpose in life—it's not just one pathway."

He continued, "I don't think it's one single reason that this effect is emerging. I think it's that service attendance affects so many different aspects of life."

Richard Sloan, a Columbia medical school professor who has expressed skepticism of similar studies in the past, said these latest results should not lead doctors to talk about faith in the examining room. "Physicians threaten to compromise the religious freedom of patients to make decisions about religious practice on their own," Sloan said. "It's perfectly reasonable for physicians to make medical recommendations which they expect patients to follow....When physicians stray from a medical agenda to some kind of social agenda, it's a violation of the patient's autonomy."

But VanderWeele said doctors should be aware of the apparent benefits of religious attendance.

One of the team’s most striking findings was on breast cancer. Women who attended services were no more or less likely to contract breast cancer. But those who attended services were substantially less likely to die of it.

“We were quite struck by that,” VanderWeele said. “Maybe it is a sense of hope or of faith, even in the face of illness and disease. A capacity to try to find meaning in the disease experience. Or feeling supported by a community even while struggling with illness. That would be my speculation as to those results. But I do agree it was surprising.”

Daniel Hall, a University of Pittsburgh medical professor not involved in this study who trained as both a doctor and a minister, said that pious people might see this study

as affirmation that there is a God listening to the prayers at those worship services, and others might see non-faith-based explanations. “Human beings are so religious in their behaviors. Quite apart from a truth clam in whether there is a God or not, it’s just anthropologically one of the strongest ways human communities are held together,” he said.

Hall said that just as doctors learned in recent decades to be less squeamish about asking about patients’ sex lives, since the information can have medical value, physicians should keep patients’ faith lives in mind.

“Talking about people’s religious beliefs and practices is one of the last taboos,” he said. “Something’s going on there that we ignore. You see something that has that much of an effect? In what way would it be appropriate to come alongside it and understand it — even if you can’t manipulate it in the same way as blood pressure.”

### Thank You for Your Donation

<b>Sulkin Family</b>	In support of TBT Music	Music Fund
<b>Pearl / Borsato Family</b>		General Fund
<b>Betsy Roth</b>	In Honor of Rowan Michael Horner and Heidi Hirsh	Religious School
<b>Cheri Kaplan</b>	Teachers	Teachers Enrichment
<b>Cheri Kaplan</b>	In Honor of Good Deeds Day	General Fund
<b>Glaser Family</b>	In memory of Marilyn Morgan	Torah Fund
<b>Geraldine Chelnik</b>	In memory of Marilyn Morgan	General Fund
<b>Milberg Family</b>	In loving memory of Irvin Fleishman and Roberta Davis. In honor of Charlotte Heishman's 91st birthday	General Fund

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**Refer a new member. If they join, you will get \$180 off your membership!**

Visit the TBT website at: [www.bethtorah.net](http://www.bethtorah.net)

# Religious School News

It was that great Jewish philosopher Yogi Berra who said, “When you find a fork in the road, you take it.”

Our school has come to that fork in the road.

Betsy Roth is an enlightened educator who brought new ideas and unbridled enthusiasm to our religious school. But now we must move on.

Temple Beth Torah’s religious school program will continue to be a wonderful place for our children to participate in their formal Jewish education. Our teachers are committed to providing a warm and enriching environment to foster Jewish learning.

Our curriculum will continue from last year, and will be strengthened as we finish our planning over the summer. A few new topics will be added to our upper grade Judaics curriculum. We will continue with Tefillah (prayer time) for fourth through seventh grades, encouraging our students to lead us in prayer. Younger grades will incorporate prayer time into their class time. Family Shabbat dinners and class participation in the service will continue. We hope volunteers will come forward to coordinate Mitzvah projects for each grade level. We know that our parents will continue to help as room parents, class aides and with other projects as they arise.

The ancient rabbis, after much discussion, decided that Hebrew, the ancient language of our people, would be the

language of prayer. At Temple Beth Torah, we want our students to be able to read the Shabbat prayers in Hebrew, so that they will be able to pray at any synagogue. Last year our students worked hard at improving their reading fluency. This year, our teachers will be incorporating two other important aspects of prayer—meaning/usage/spirituality and common prayer vocabulary. We want our students to understand the purpose of the prayer and to gain meaning from saying the prayer. As their prayer vocabulary increases, the students should be able to translate words that they find in a prayer and understand the prayer at a different level. Our goal is that the students will feel more comfortable with the language and the meaning of the prayer.

The TBT Board and the entire religious school have come together to make this next year a good experience for all the children. We welcome parents to attend classes and see what is being taught. We invite parents to participate and enjoy the art, music and prayers that your child is learning.

Don’t just drop your child off. Come on in, have a bagel and see for yourself what is going on. Maybe you can get your children to have a better conversation than “How was school?” “Fine.” “What did you do?” “Nothing.”

As the old song goes—See you in September.



## **TBT EARLY BIRD RELIGIOUS SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2016-2017**



Look for the registration in your email Inbox  
(check your Spam if not there). Please  
respond by June 24, 2016 to get your \$25  
discount on tuition!



## BeTTY Family Outing



Thursday June 30, 2016

BeTTY, TBT's youth group, invites you, the rest of our TBT family to join us for a fun filled day at Kings Dominion.

- All children under the age of 13 MUST be accompanied by a parent.
- We will meet in the parking lot of KOHL'S in Fair Lakes at 8:30 am to caravan.
- Each family will be responsible for purchasing their own admission tickets.
- We will arrange a meet up spot so we are able to enjoy lunch as a group.
- More details to follow!

We hope to have two adults per car. In order to best arrange carpools, please RSVP to Stacey Huse at [sejhuse@hotmail.com](mailto:sejhuse@hotmail.com) by June 26. In your RSVP please provide the following information:

- Are you willing to provide transportation in your car?
- If so, how many adults and children can you put in your car?
- Who from your family will attend? Please specify grade(s) for your children.



## Temple Beth Torah Adult Evening Film Series

Join TBT for a film viewing & discussion of..

### 'The Other Son'

Two babies are born at about the same time in an Israeli hospital. One is Israeli. The other is Palestinian. They are evacuated during a missile attack, accidentally switched and raised by each other's families for the next 18 years. Note: This film is in French & some Hebrew with English Subtitles (*but don't let that scare you as this movie comes highly recommended*)

Bring a nosh to share  
BYOB



Popcorn will be provided

Saturday, June 4  
7:00 – 10:00pm

Contact Julie Pearl at [Julsppearl@yahoo.com](mailto:Julsppearl@yahoo.com) or  
703-830-3838 if you have any questions



TBT has partnered with the Dulles South Food Pantry to help feed the needy. A bucket will be placed in the front hall of TBT for food donations. Please donate to this local charity



THE 25<sup>TH</sup> PROJECT  
helping the homeless close to home

We are also collecting clothing, underwear and socks for the homeless in partnership with The 25th Project.

These are ongoing projects.



Temple Beth Torah Tree of Life  
Commemorate a Simcha!





# YAHRTZEITS




<b>Member</b>	<b>Remembers</b>	<b>Relationship</b>	<b>Date Passed Away</b>
Eric Wieder	Ronnie Wieder	Mother of Eric	6/2/2008
Audrey & David Lipps	Bernard Lipps	Father of David	6/4/2002
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Lisa Chester	Cousin of Barbara	6/6/1987
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Gloria Moreno Sutliff	Mother of Joe	6/6/2009
Stefani & Manuel deGuzman	Bernice Heiser	Aunt of Stefani	6/8/2000
Bonnie & Earl Schendell	David Brownstein	Brother of Bonnie Schendell	6/11/2014
Linda Sue Wever	Beverly Yanoff	Mother of Linda Sue Wever/ GM of Justin, Olivia and Dylan Brown	6/18/1997
Ana Kocur & Irwin Kaplan	Libby Goldstein	Grandmother of Irwin	6/18/2015
Cara Kessler	Jack Toledo	Grandfather of Cara	6/18/2012
Joanne & Rob Doolittle	Janet Weiner	Mother of Joanne	6/19/2008
Josie & David Barondess	Fischel Fred Spiegel	Uncle of David	6/19/1971
Daria & Jeffrey Parnes	Anna Botsko	Grandmother of Daria	6/25/1983
Audrey & David Lipps	Meyer Lipps	Grandfather of David	6/27/1976
Elizabeth & Bruce Brotman	Victoria Brotman	Mother of Bruce	6/29/2013
Audrey & David Lipps	Evelyn Safran Barnett	Grandmother Audrey	6/29/1997
Lauren & Brian Craypoff	Libby Schreiber	Grandmother of Lauren	6/30/2011
Melissa & Jay Margolis	Louis Serota	Grandfather of Melissa	7/X/1985
Barbara & Joel Wasserman	Abraham Kamens	Grandfather of Barbara	7/1/1977
Barbara & Joel Wasserman	Dan Davis	Grandfather of Barbara	7/1/1993
Barbara & Joel Wasserman	Irving Wasserman	Father of Joel	7/3/1985
Brian & Joyce Goodman	Jeanne Goodman	Mother of Brian	7/5/1991
Joanne & Darcy Wertz	Evelyn Rosenbaum Linchuck	Mother of Joanne	7/5/1972
Lori Childers	Ida Rappaport	Grandmother of Lori	7/7/2011
Brej Gruskin & Glen Asner	Jack Lebengerg	Grandfather of Brej	7/8/2001
Sue Reitzig/Caryn Hutson	Maurice Love	Father of Sue/GF of Caryn	7/10/2004
Josie & David Barondess	Belle T. Barondess	Grandmother of David	7/13/1977
Anne & Michael Beaudreau	Ruth Kornfeld	Grandmother of Anne	7/13/1985
Anne & Michael Beaudreau	William Wasserstrom	Cousin of Anne	7/13/2009
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Shirley Iancu	Mother of Barbara	7/13/2006
Linda Mitchell	Don Mitchell	Husband of Linda	7/17/2012
Beth & Ron Glaser	Richard Glaser	Brother of Ronald Glaser	7/20/2011
Lori & Eric Kravchick	Murray Prince	Grandfather of Eric	7/25/1980
Kathy Hertz	Max Scheman	Grandfather of Kathy	7/27/2007
Brej Gruskin & Glen Asner	Susan Gruskin	Mother of Brej	8/1/2007
Shari Curtiss	Anne Ikenson	Great Aunt of Shari	8/1/2001
Melissa & Jay Margolis	George Ritsick	Cousin of Melissa	8/X/2003
Melissa & Jay Margolis	Claire Oppenheim	Grandmother of Melissa	8/X/2005
Gail & Howard Sulkin	Albert Bisk	Brother and Uncle	8/1/1969
Nancy Watson	Steven Rosen	Uncle of Nancy	8/1/2000



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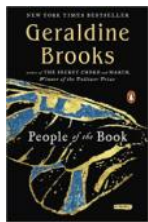


Member	Remembers	Relationship	Date Passed Away
Shari Curtiss	Cele Feuer	Grandmother of Shari	8/2/1993
Melissa & Jay Margolis	Richard Oppenheim	Father of Melissa	8/4/1990
Lisa Farrell	Samuel Waxler	Grandfather of Lisa	8/4/2004
Stefani & Manuel deGuzman	Samuel Heiser	Uncle of Stefani	8/9/1997
Mary & Jeff Horner	Sarah Horner	Grandmother of Jeff	8/10/1971
Jayne Ayers & Tye Jurgensen	Mickey Katz	Uncle of Jayne	8/11/2015
Gerry Chelnik	Max Chelnik	Father of David	8/11/xxxx
Linda Mitchell	Manuel Nachman	Father of Linda/GF of Mike Cohen	8/13/1984
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Sydney Mostov	Uncle of Barbara	8/13/2001
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Merle Polen	Cousin of Barbara	8/15/2002
Josie & David Barondess	Earl D Spiegel	Uncle of David	8/18/1943
Nina & Joel Eidelberg	Leonard Eidelberg		8/18/2004
Daria & Jeffrey Parnes	Stanley Makowski	Father of Daria	8/20/2002
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Joseph Iancu	Grandfather of Barbara	8/21/1967
Dorothy & Donald Lewy	Miriam Lewy	Mother of Don	8/22/1996
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Henry Hartman	Uncle of Barbara	8/23/1980
Barbara & Joseph Sutliff	Eve Hartman	Aunt of Barbara	8/23/1997
Ken Weinstein	Marcus Leroy Weinstein	Father of Ken	8/23/2000
Nancy Watson	David Rosen	Grandfather of Nancy	8/24/2001
Shari Curtiss	Leonard Cohen	Brother of Shari	8/25/2013
Marcia Gottesman	Joseph Gottesman	Father of Marcia	8/25/1997
Karen & Matthew Bender	Sonia Boltan	Grandmother of Karen	8/27/1994
Deborah Mayer & Todd Hillman	Adrienne Mayer	Grandmother of Deborah	8/27/1982
Tracy & Craig Cheifetz	Carl B. Cheifetz, MD	Father of Craig	8/29/2000
Tamara Yaunches	Monroe Brooks	Grandfather of Tamara	8/30/1977
Tamara Yaunches	Eileen Simon Brooks	Grandmother of Tamara	8/31/2011



**The Temple Beth Torah Yahrzeit Memorial Wall is a way to honor the memories of our departed loved ones. It is displayed in our sanctuary. A light will burn next to their name on all yahrzeit and yizkor observances.**

**The order form can be found on our website at [www.bethtorah.net](http://www.bethtorah.net). Click on Make a Contribution on the top right of the Home page.**



**TBT Ladies Book Club**

Please join us for this "pot-luck" style book club that meets every OTHER month on the second Tuesday of the month. This club is open to all TBT women. Plan to bring a drink or appetizer to share! Our book for **June 14** is People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks. You don't have to read the book to enjoy book club!



## Temple Beth Torah 2016 – 2017 Dues Structure

Temple Beth Torah’s Revitalization Committee is delighted to introduce the Covenant of the Temple Pillars. This program outlines our dues structure and includes our new Voluntary Levels of Annual Giving. We are proposing four levels of giving which allows congregants to continue to give to TBT on an annual basis and receive appropriate recognition and additional benefits for their chosen level of financial support.

Goals of the Covenant of the Temple Pillars: To give our congregation choices encouraging annual giving; to sustain and build not only the income in our yearly budget, but also to encourage participation in all aspects of Temple life, and to recognize congregants for their commitment to TBT.

Each pillar includes the annual synagogue membership dues (Religious School tuition is separate). Listed below are each of the Covenant of the Temple Pillars and their associated benefits. When completing your 2016-2017 commitment to Temple Beth Torah please consider becoming a Defender, Keeper or Guardian of TBT. You will note that the dues, facility fee and religious school tuition for the 2016-2017 year have not increased.

### Covenant of the Temple Pillars

Pillar Membership Level	Financial Commitment	Benefits
<b>CORNERSTONE OF TBT</b>	See below	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High Holiday tickets</li> <li>Invitation to participate in all TBT services and events</li> <li>Voting privileges</li> </ul>
Dues (for membership purposes, it is the child’s age as of September 30) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married with children age 5 and over and under age 21 \$ 1,700</li> <li>Married with children under age 5 and age 21 and over \$ 1,300</li> <li>Non-married with children age 5 and over and under age 21 \$ 1,000</li> <li>Non-married with children under age 5 and age 21 and over \$ 800</li> <li>Non-married with no children: \$ 300               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Married with no children (oldest spouse over age 27) \$ 1,300</li> <li>Married with no children (oldest spouse under age 27) \$ 600</li> </ul> </li> </ul> Annual Facility Fee \$ 600		
<b>DEFENDER OF THE TORAH</b>	\$3,600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All of the benefits above plus:</li> <li>Facility Fee included</li> <li>Annual Recognition Dinner</li> <li>Media recognition</li> <li>Inscribed on the Scroll of Giving</li> <li>Brotherhood/Sisterhood Membership</li> <li>Access for 2 to any one event</li> <li>Aluminum leaf for the Tree of Life</li> </ul>
<b>KEEPER OF THE FLAME</b>	\$7,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All of the benefits above plus:</li> <li>2 High Holiday Guest tickets</li> <li>Complimentary access to all events</li> <li>Copper Leaf (replacing aluminum leaf) for the Tree of Life</li> <li>Pick 1 of 3 to be imprinted: Chumash, Prayer book or High Holiday Prayer book for your personal use</li> </ul>
<b>GUARDIAN OF THE TEMPLE</b>	\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All of the benefits above plus:</li> <li>4 High Holiday Guest Tickets</li> <li>Special President’s dinner</li> <li>Brass Leaf (replacing copper leaf) for the Tree of Life</li> <li>Pick 2 of 3 to be imprinted: Chumash, Prayer book and/or High Holiday Prayer book for your personal use</li> <li>TBT reserves an Acorn on the Tree of Life where your family name will appear with other Guardians of the Temple for the Giving Year.</li> </ul>

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