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Dear Temple Beth Israel Member,

Thank you for being a part of our family during the past year. Together we have continued to strengthen our community as we returned to in-person services and programs, while simultaneously continuing in virtual space to be as inclusive as possible. Working through the impact of the pandemic as a congregation has continued to teach us the deep value of relationships. Todah rabah for being part of this engaging and engaged community.

As Rosh Hashanah approaches, we hope you will reaffirm your commitment to Temple Beth Israel for the coming year by renewing your membership. Your continued involvement forms the heart and soul of TBI.

As always, finances should not deter you from membership. Our sustaining membership model means that **every congregant pays what they can afford, no questions asked.** To make this possible, we establish a recommended sustaining amount to serve as the target and we ask you to consider paying above it if you can to help subsidize those who cannot.

The Board of Directors has decided to maintain the same recommended sustaining amount as last year:

\$600 for an individual

\$1200 for a family (2 or more)

Please pay at the level that you can afford to help sustain our sacred community. While no discussion is required, if you would like guidance to determine a reduced membership contribution you may contact Rabbi David Finkelstein in confidence at 781-786-8679 during business hours.

In addition, we hope you will consider a High Holy Day donation pledge, which you can pay up front, later in the year, or in installments. We appreciate any amount you can give and offer as a guideline a voluntary pledge of \$200 per person or \$400 per family. This helps us to meet budgeted operating expenses.

For all other membership questions, please contact Linda Ungerleider, Membership Director, at ulinda@gmail.com or 617.962.6347.

Membership does not automatically renew from year to year. You must affirm your membership in Temple Beth Israel each year by completing the membership form. You can find the form by visiting our website at <http://tbiwaltham.org/>. In the menu, hover over <Engaging> then select <Become a Member> from the drop-down list. Scroll down the page to download a form or use the online form. If you prefer to receive a paper copy, please request it from Andrea Baron in the office at the 781 894 5146 or office@tbiwaltham.org.

We ask that you complete the form in full, even if you have been a member for many years. You may pay online at the membership page, but we encourage you to pay by check to avoid the additional 3% convenience fee that a credit card payment entails. **Please complete the form and payment no later than September 8.**



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We plan to gather in person for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with access also for those who choose to join online. We soon will announce details about High Holy Day services, as well as our upcoming membership open house activities scheduled for Sunday, August 28.

Until then, we wish you a relaxing and healthy summer and hope that you will join us on Shabbat mornings at 9:30 am, in person or virtually, and Friday nights at 5:30 online – with an in-person option the first Friday of the month resuming on August 5. Check our website or newsletter for links to all services, classes, and other events. We would love to see you!

We look forward to being in community with you soon,

Dina Wolfman Baker
President

Linda Ungerleider
Membership Director