



BETH DAVID

REFORM CONGREGATION

*Seek. Learn. Do.*

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Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the past year, it's clear that the Jewish community, both here and around the world, has faced unprecedented challenges. In times like these, the need for a strong, caring, and inspiring synagogue has never been more evident. Our synagogue isn't just a building; it's a sanctuary, a place where we can **embrace our shared Jewish heritage without fear**, connect with our traditions, and find strength in each other. It's also a place where we can feel truly comfortable exploring our differences, fostering a rich and diverse community that reflects the beautiful tapestry of Jewish life.

Being a Beth David congregant means you're directly contributing to this vital and sacred space. Your Annual Commitment allows us to keep our doors open, offer meaningful programs, maintain our campus, and provide spiritual opportunities that uplift and sustain us all.

This year, you'll notice a modest 3% increase in our Basic Annual Commitment. This decision wasn't made lightly, but it's a necessary step to ensure we can continue to offer the high-quality programming and support you expect, especially in a world where costs for everything continue to rise. This increase ensures we can meet the growing needs of our community and continue to be a beacon of hope and connection.

If you can, we warmly encourage you to consider contributing to Beth David at a **higher giving level; Supporting, Partners, or Builders**. Your generosity at these levels provides crucial additional resources, allowing us to expand our activities and enhance the vibrant life of our synagogue even further. Every additional gift makes a significant difference.

Please know that our dedication to inclusivity remains unwavering. **No one is ever turned away due to an inability to pay**. If the Basic Annual Commitment presents a financial hardship, please connect with us - we're here to help, confidentially. Of course, if you have any questions at all, or just want to chat about membership, our Executive Director, **Jill Cooper**, has the answers. You can reach her at [jcooper@bdavid.org](mailto:jcooper@bdavid.org) or 610-896-7485 x104.

Thank you for being a part of our synagogue family. Together, we ensure that Beth David remains a resilient and welcoming home for all.

B'Shalom,

Jane Horwitz  
President, Board of Trustees