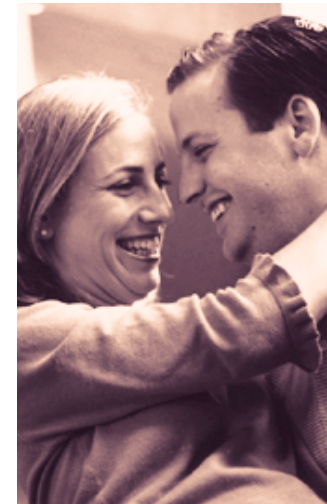


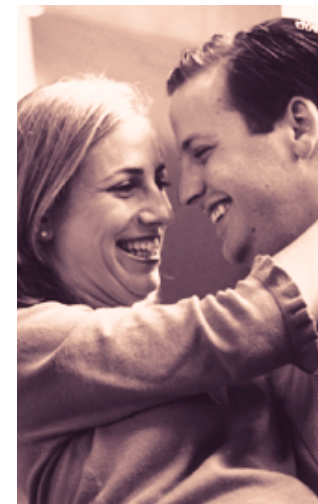
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They are the ones who give meaning to
community,
friendship and
heritage.





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Inside our synagogue,
where congregants gather to worship,
pursue scholarly issues and engage in friendly conversation,
you will find treasures that have endured through generations.

Our heritage is alive.
In fact, it is more than alive.
At Temple Beth Sholom it is



We are a congregation that celebrates Jewish life. We feel a connection with the past and breathe new life into our ancestors' prayers and practices.

The Temple Beth Sholom family also embraces the present by fulfilling our responsibilities to the community, living ethically and morally, and supporting those who need assistance.

Our size is testament to our vibrancy. More than 1,000 families belong to our synagogue. We have moved once and recently expanded to accommodate the growing demands of our diverse congregation. The number of our B'nai Mitzvah has remained impressive and steady through the years. After Bar and Bat Mitzvah, more than 80 percent of our students progress to a higher level of learning in our high school. Many continue with their Jewish education because they believe the curriculum is relevant to their identity and lives. This is no accident: Our guiding philosophy is to give meaning to our students' learning by encouraging lifelong Torah study, prayer and acts of loving kindness.

We celebrate Jewish life through our presence in the synagogue during Shabbat and holidays. It is not uncommon for three generations of a family to worship together. The youngest attend services in strollers; the middle generation might be singing in the choir; the oldest might be on the bimah for an Aliyah or reading Torah.

We take our place in the larger community as medical professionals, practitioners of law, educators, researchers and tradespeople. And in addition to our professional lives, we assume further responsibilities to our community through such activities as "Meals on Wheels," contributions to food banks, visits to nursing homes and charitable donations through clothing drives and other similar activities.

Our support of Israel through trips and community action is a constant, and we have a significant voice in the Conservative Movement.

Many things sustain us as a congregation. One is our conviction that we operate as a family and that all the members of our family are

equal. We pray together, play together, care for our sons and daughters together and learn together. We also work together, assuming collectively the responsibility of running a complex volunteer venture.

Over the years we have described ourselves as the "hamisha" congregation, with lay leaders and professionals working as one in many endeavors. We celebrate and laugh together, and we support each other in times of hardship or sadness.

You can assume from the outside, as you look at the well-kept grounds and the attractive, inviting and growing building, that Temple Beth Sholom is a solid and healthy congregation. But to truly know how this feels, you must walk through our doors and discover as we do the treasures of Jewish living.

Our arms are open to those who wish to experience all we offer and to make our home theirs.

Honoring Our Religious Tradition

At Temple Beth Sholom, **Shabbat** is a very special day. It is a time to set aside the past week and to feel the **warmth** and comfort of family, **friends** and community.

You will feel this as soon as you walk into the sanctuary and a fellow congregant welcomes you and your family, shows you to your seats and wishes you a Shabbat Shalom.

As you look around, you will notice that the seats are full and the families around you are very engaged in the rituals and prayer of our people.

When the rabbi speaks to you about today's Torah portion, the exchange will be two-way. Temple Beth Sholom, in fact, was one of the early pioneers in exploring Torah teachings as an **interactive** question-and-answer session. We regard it as another opportunity to underscore the spirit of shared insight as we learn together the wisdom, importance and enduring relevance of the **Torah**.

Every aspect of our service is open to anyone who wishes to participate, because we are a congregation that believes in complete **equality**. Women and men worship side by side. Together, they stand on the bimah, read the Torah, chant the Haftarah and lead services.

We encourage congregants of all ages to join us every day for both morning and evening minyan.

If you want to bring your **infant** in a stroller to services, a special section of the sanctuary is reserved for you to ensure your comfort and participation.

We offer a weekly Shabbat enrichment program for **children** age two through seven.

Children as young as **third graders** are learning to read Torah.

Nearly every Shabbat is the occasion of a **Bar or Bat Mitzvah**.

Youth and teen services are vibrant.

Congregants of **all ages**, some of whom have been members for decades, join us every Shabbat.

"What a thrill for our family to see our daughter Shayna, at age 9, reading Torah on Passover for the congregation! What more could we ask of a synagogue for our children?"

Michele and Curt Golkow



שבת שלום

The Quest for Knowledge

What do Steven Spielberg and Mitch Albom (author of *Tuesdays with Morrie*) have in common? Both attended religious school at Temple Beth Sholom. We like to think we influenced their Jewish values. With our award-winning curriculum and teaching staff, we can encourage and equip your children to lead meaningful and spiritual lives.

Our religious school is designed to meet the needs of today's family. We use maximum flexibility to achieve maximum education, with the goal of ensuring that your children derive the benefits of a complete Jewish education. We also design our curriculum to ensure that learning includes your entire family — something that education researchers tell us is essential to motivate learning — through parallel learning programs, interactive sessions and special events.

If we can be judged by our numbers, we are indeed a success. On any given day,

you will find up to 600 children in the synagogue, from preschool to high school.

The high school alone boasts enrollment of more than 200 students and the Confirmation class (10th grade) travels to Israel. We have an engaging and comprehensive curriculum for these students. Each semester offers a variety of courses with topics ranging from Holocaust and Jewish Law Review, to Ivrit (Hebrew) on the Street. As part of the high school curriculum, students are required to perform community service work, such as visits to Jewish nursing homes, and to record the value of these experiences in papers submitted for course credit.

Many students participate in the social, athletic, religious and educational programs of United Synagogue Youth (USY). Temple Beth Sholom's award-winning USY, Kadima and Chaverim chapters are some of the most active in the Conservative Movement. For starters, students will have the opportunity to participate in Shabbat conventions, dances,

leadership training, trips and a regional convention at Camp Ramah in the Poconos. Some have done a year-long post-high school study session at Jerusalem's Hebrew University or lived on a kibbutz.

The seeds of appreciation for Jewish life and values that we have planted in our youth are strong; we continue to nourish them even after they leave our community. Students, for example, who attend nearby colleges and universities occasionally receive visits from one of the rabbis and gift packages during the holiday season. Some of these students return to our community later to teach in the religious school.

"I just wanted to take some time to express how wonderful I think TBS is about keeping in touch with us college students. You guys make me feel like I am still part of the community in Cherry Hill..."

Ari Butler,
NYU sophomore



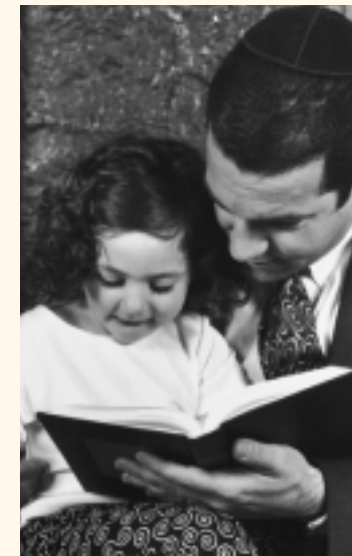
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A Nourishing Environment for Adults and Their Young Children

For singles and parents of young children, Temple Beth Sholom is a gateway to the community; for young children, it is an exciting introduction to the culture, ethics, traditions and practices of Jewish living.

Singles and parents of young children can take advantage of a full range of innovative programming, including holiday parties, family Shabbat dinners, outdoor services, breakfast with the rabbis (including babysitting services), wine tastings, adults-only hayrides, book clubs and discussion groups.



For adults with young children, we enhance the parenting experience with preschool, transitional kindergarten and kindergarten offerings.

The introduction to our rich culture and heritage begins at an early age. A fully accredited preschool

program, including extended care, is available for children age 2 to 5. Most 3- to 5-year-olds begin to learn blessings and prayers through creative means such as games, music and drama.

Transitional kindergarten is offered for those who need a little extra time for social development or who have missed the cutoff date for other programs. Kindergarten classes provide superior secular and Judaic education, following the curriculum of the public schools but with additional offerings in Hebrew language, holiday celebration and prayers.

"Temple Beth Sholom has fantastic programming for young families. Getting involved at TBS allows you to feel part of an extended family."

Vivian and Andrew Barnett



Spectrum of Adult Activities

Temple Beth Sholom
is a place where you can
continue to nurture friendships,
find community and
grow spiritually, intellectually
and emotionally
as you pass through
young adulthood to
midlife and senior years.

If your interests lie in exploring our religious heritage, we offer weekly Talmud and Bible courses. Many adults attend classes to learn or improve their Hebrew for reciting the liturgy or for use in conversation. The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism has recognized as exemplary our Adult Enrichment Program and Shabbat Morning Torah Learning Service. If Bar or Bat Mitzvah was not an option in your youth, we offer you a second chance through adult education.

On the cultural side, our award-winning adult choir is a pleasing outlet for your creative instincts. In addition to high holiday services, you will have the opportunity to sing in a number of venues throughout the community.

We have a Social Action Committee to provide social services to the elderly, as well as others in need. Men's Club, Sisterhood, the adult softball team, fashion shows, theater parties, bingo nights and golf outings are other offerings.

Similarly, we have a complete array of very well attended program options for seniors. Seniors at Beth Sholom are self-sustaining individuals who plan their own activities through their own governing committee. Among the offerings are social education programs, cultural trips, discussion groups, book clubs and many others. The Senior Chaverim has grown to 250 members.

When you join the Temple Beth Sholom family, you can expect the rewards of synagogue membership to keep pace with the changes you make throughout your years as you move from a full nest, to an empty nest, to a home filled again with the voices of grandchildren.



Facilities

A synagogue should exude warmth and a welcoming spirit. It should be a place of comfort, conversation and enlightenment. In our case, it also must have the capacity to serve the diverse needs of a congregation that is ever growing.

Temple Beth Sholom, founded in 1941 in Haddon Heights, moved in 1989 to its present location on an expansive 7-acre lot in Cherry Hill. The new synagogue was built with a sanctuary, a balcony, a social hall and a multipurpose room to comfortably seat 2,000 people for the High Holy Days. A school wing was constructed with 19 classrooms. Offices, an outside playground, two kosher kitchens (dairy and meat), a chapel, a library with a children's section, a youth lounge, a bride's room and other rooms for religious and social functions completed the design. Four semi-exclusive kosher caterers are available to cater events in our beautifully decorated Friedman Social Hall.

But the success of our congregation required yet another expansion, and on April 1, 2001, the synagogue broke ground for the Center for Jewish Learning. Included in the new addition are the following facilities:

- A dedicated indoor preschool play area with creative equipment and a modern play surface area;
- Multimedia resource center with computer workstations that provide expanded teaching possibilities for all levels of learning;
- Expanded preschool classrooms for extended day options;
- Additional high school classrooms;
- A youth lounge in the new high school wing to give teens a place they can call their own;
- Resource rooms for teachers to prepare educational material;
- More rooms for adult education meetings and other activities.

"I have made so many friends through TBS Hebrew High School and USY. I enjoy the interactive classes, and my activities in the Activities in Jewish Living project (AJL) have taught me valuable leadership skills."

Heather Linefsky, 15

The physical plant is impressive and built to serve the anticipated 5 to 10 percent growth in the region's younger population. Beyond the bricks and mortar, however, is the sense of family and belonging that characterizes our everyday interactions. By every measure, our house offers all the pleasures of a real home.



How fortunate we are! How good is our portion...



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How beautiful our heritage!



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