



# temple beth rishon



## *Make Yourself at Home*

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Temple Beth Rishon (TBR) is an egalitarian synagogue in northern New Jersey, which has served as a community meeting place for the area's Jewish community for nearly 50 years.

Our Holocaust Torah permanently on loan to TBR and displayed at the entrance of our sanctuary.



# TBR is...

***an unaffiliated synagogue that appeals to a wide group of people who identify with Jewish movements from Reform, Reconstructionist and Conservative to everything in-between. Music is an integral part of our worship, helping us blend traditional and contemporary approaches to prayer.***

Our passion for Jewish learning and connection is evident in our active educational programs. We welcome students into our preschool at the earliest ages and enjoy watching them graduate into our religious school and high school program as they continue their Jewish educational journey toward becoming B'nai Mitzvah and beyond. We offer robust

adult education programming with meaningful opportunities for lifelong learning, thoughtful discussion, and leadership.

We worship together in a beautiful sanctuary flanked by two inspiring stained-glass installations, the newest of which was created in 2022 and graciously donated by Henry & Elaine Kaufman. We recently added elevated, distinct programming offered to the greater Bergen County community in a wide variety of disciplines including literature, Jewish studies, contemporary topics, music, and the arts, through The Henry & Elaine Kaufman Center for Jewish Living.

*We are a warm, inclusive, and musical congregation made up of individuals and families from diverse backgrounds, ranging from traditionally religious to secular.* Our lively multi-generational community remains anchored to its Jewish heritage while we seek to remain relevant and meaningful to current and future generations.

Our egalitarian approach and diverse congregation embrace the values of open-minded acceptance. We strive to be a welcoming home to a broad spectrum of congregants.

## **We are:**

- *newcomers & longtime members*
- *adults & children*
- *individuals, couples & families*
- *gay & straight*
- *interfaith & multi-racial*
- *Jews by birth & Jews by choice*
- *non-Jewish spouses & partners*

# **where all are welcome!**



The beautiful stained glass windows that illuminate our sanctuary.



# why membership?

## The Big Reason

By joining and remaining affiliated with Temple Beth Rishon, we each make an active decision to sustain our Jewish community and help to ensure that synagogues survive and thrive in the future.

## All the (not so) Little Reasons

- Our **Clergy**, who lead us in worship and educational programs, are available to you for lifecycle events like weddings, baby namings, brit and B'nei Mitzvah as well as pastoral care, counsel and support in times of joy as well as times of difficulty and bereavement.
- Become part of a **Caring Community** that makes a difference in the lives of fellow temple members as well as others in our local and global communities.
- **Educate your children** where they learn, connect & grow in our Early Childhood Programs, Religious School (K-7), High School (8-12) and Teen Programs (BBYO).
- Recharge and connect with friends at musical **Shabbat services**.
- Share in the spiritual enrichment of **High Holy Day worship** and celebrate Jewish holidays and festivals.
- Kindle the **Joy of Studying** with our clergy.
- Raise your voice for **Social Justice** with our congregation. Participate in our Community Service and Mitzvah Day programs.
- Choose a **Burial** in our cemetery.

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### Get in touch

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