



Congregation B'nai Emet

*From generation to generation,
making your family part of ours.*

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Dear Prospective Member:

Thank you for your interest in Congregation B'nai Emet (CBE). We are a welcoming congregation with a laid back—come as you are—attitude. While we are not large in numbers, we foster a warm, inclusive, and fun environment that provides all of the enrichment being part of the Jewish community. If you have not yet visited us for a Shabbat Service, consider this your personal invitation. I am convinced that you will quickly find that CBE is **the** Temple for you.

If you are looking for a temple that welcomes interfaith families, then we are the temple for you. If you are looking for a temple where you want to share in your growth as a Jew, celebrate your happy times, and be a comfort to you in your sorrows, then we are the temple for you. If you are looking for an opportunity to be an integral part of temple life, then we are the temple for you. If you are looking for a positive religious school and/or pre-school experience for your children, then we are the temple for you. If you are interested in a temple that offers an avenue to be socially active within a Jewish context (Sisterhood, Men's Club, Choir, Havurah, etc.), then we are the temple for you.

Our Jewish tradition teaches us that we are part of a family, the House of Israel. We are taught to help one another and assist each other. In our day, when so many people call the Temple for guidance, for help, for a family event, everyone should belong to a synagogue and be counted as part of the family.

We know that financial considerations are significant factors when selecting a synagogue. Enclosed is a copy of our streamlined Membership Packet. Unlike most synagogues, we have a simplified membership Registration form. We do not have a building maintenance fee or religious school fees, rather, we have a suggested contribution amount for each membership category. **We never turn away members based on their inability to pay the suggested dues.** We only ask that you contribute what you can afford.

We will have services and activities throughout the summer. I encourage you to attend one of the upcoming Shabbat Under the Stars potluck and service this summer. Everyone enjoys the delicious food, schmoozing, and singing the prayers on our patio overlooking the beautiful Simi hills. It is relaxing, uplifting and joyous! Bring your friends, make new friends! You will be filled with contentment and have a sense of spirituality and meaning.

L'shalom,

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