



Congregation B'nai Emet
*From generation to generation, making
your family part of ours.*

Michele Paskow – Rabbi
Michael Russ – Cantor
Dr. Les Sutton – President

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Dear Prospective Member:

It gives me great pleasure to learn of your interest in Congregation B'nai Emet. CBE is a small, non-discriminating, Reform Jewish Temple that is more than a place where Jews meet for worship and religious study. It is a family-oriented congregation where each and every temple member considers CBE their Jewish home away from home. Our membership is inclusive, comprised of families from all walks of life and all levels of secular and Jewish knowledge. All are welcomed. Our doors are open to interfaith, same-sex, and blended families. Through our clergy and membership, CBE provides an environment that brings enrichment to Jewish lives and journeys.

We are living in a very uncertain and precarious world. We cannot specifically say when we will return to normalcy or when we will resume weekly religious services, religious school, Bar and Bat Mitzvah training, havurahs, sisterhood, men's club, social action, and choir activities, but when we do, you will not be disappointed. If you are seeking a temple with a myriad of social and life cycle events, want to share your Simchahs, need solace during periods of grief, look no further. We are a family for Jewish life, a "Hamish" community, a family of families. Our congregation is only as strong as our membership. That is why we call ourselves, "The Little Shul That Could."

Enclosed you will find our membership packet. We have a simplified financial structure with various levels of membership depending on your age and number of children in your family. We do not have a separate building fee or religious school fee. Each category has a suggested contribution amount. We will never turn away a member based on their inability to pay the suggested dues, nor will we ever ask to see verification of income or means. We trust that you will contribute what has been suggested or what you can afford.

Until our regular weekly services in our sanctuary restart, please come and visit us on Zoom for our Friday evening Shabbat Service and on Wednesday afternoons for our Nosh 'n Drosh sessions, featuring our beloved Rabbi Paskow and a myriad of guest speakers. Our summer Shabbat Under the Stars services, are being considered, but unfortunately at this time, no dates have been set. Whether we have live, Zoom or streaming services, led by Rabbi Paskow and Cantor Russ, we know you will experience a relaxing, joyous, and uplifting evening, filled with a sense of spirituality and meaning.

I look forward to meeting and visiting with you in the near future. Please feel free to contact our temple office for further information or if you have any questions.

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