



Temple Beth Tikvah
Madison, Connecticut

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Cantor Jen Boyle

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Dear Temple Beth Tikvah Friends,

Fall is a time of transition for all, and it is no different at TBT. We transitioned to online and outdoor programs as necessary, we transitioned as Rabbi Offner became our Rabbi Emerita, and we continue to transition as we welcome Rabbi Moss under our tent. That “tent” is also transitioning, as our newly renovated building is on its way to being completed in 5782.

While so much is transitioning, one thing is constant at TBT - our commitment to remaining a thriving Jewish presence on the Shoreline. It is to that end that I write to you today to ask you to consider making a gift to this year’s Annual Fund, a critical component of our annual operating budget.

While it is true that the Annual Fund is an “extra” gift – it is equally true that this “extra” is crucial to our synagogue. The full cost of running TBT is not covered by the membership pledge levels we set each year. The Annual Fund provides essential support for the day-to-day operations of our synagogue, critical resources to help offset further increases in our annual pledge level, and – most importantly – support for Jews who live in our area but who otherwise could not financially afford to be a part of our congregational family.

Many of you understand this commitment, and it is thanks to your generosity that in 5781 about one third of our member households contributed over \$61,000 with donations ranging from \$18 to \$12,000.

Perhaps you have not given in the past, or you think your extra contribution is not of value. The Torah reminds us each to give according to our ability. Every gift matters regardless of size. I assure you that every contribution makes a difference to the financial health of our synagogue and ensures our pledge to one another that anyone who wants to join our community at TBT is welcome.

If you can, **please consider a donation, whether it is \$18, \$108, \$1,800, or more.** If you can afford more, please make as generous a contribution as is possible for you. A pledge form and remittance envelope have been included for your tax-deductible gift. You can also make your donation online at www.tbtshoreline.org. Thank you in advance for your generosity

Sincerely,

Sarah Mervine
President, TBT Board of Directors

All donations to the Annual Fund are tax deductible.



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