

Dear Beit Tikvah member,

We would be remiss if we didn't start this letter by thanking you and acknowledging the importance of all those who have been members this past year. We value your membership, participation in and support of our Beit Tikvah community.

Your membership and input has enabled us to accomplish much this year:

- Rabbi Larry's provocative and timely course on **Science Fiction, Judaism, and the Religious Imagination** has brought new faces regularly to our monthly Saturday sessions and gained us publicity in numerous realms.
- The monthly Shabbat pre-school program started this year has been positively received by the children and their parents. As a result we applied for and received a **Jewish Education Enhancements Program (JEEP) grant this year** to expand enrollment and programming. We are particularly thankful to our Rabbi for his innovative proposal for outreach to interfaith families.
- Members have been engaged in **environmental and social justice issues** through participation in the One Water Partnership kickoff walk, and the Interfaith Community of Roland Park program, Welcoming the Stranger, which focused on dealing with immigration issues.

This is just a sampling of what we've been able to do this past year.

We are looking forward to the start of the new year and **High Holy Days Services** in September, which will feature a new cantorial soloist who has served other area congregations and comes highly recommended by our friends Rabbi Yocheved Heiligman and our former cantorial soloist Linda Baer.

We look forward to a year of connection, communication and continued dialogue in a variety of formats. We pride ourselves on being a participatory congregation, and look forward to an innovative year ahead. With that in mind, we ask you to save the date of **October 28th for Havdalah at 6:30 p.m. followed by our Congregational Meeting** to continue the conversation about our future direction.

Financial and human resources remain a concern for us, which is why we want to be sure you know how important everyone is to the viability of our congregation. **Please renew your membership today. For each renewal (and this applies to new memberships also) that is accompanied by an initial payment and that is received by August 14, our generous donors will contribute an additional \$50.00.**

Specific membership information and membership form are included. Please return your form with an initial payment so that we can take advantage of this generous offer. Thank you again for making this congregation possible.

May we all go from strength to strength together.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Debbie and Karen

Debbie Badawi and Karen Linder-Staub, Co-Presidents

We have streamlined the membership renewal process. We will count on your previous dues commitment, with the understanding that if your financial situation changes in either direction, you will let us know and adjust your dues accordingly. Membership dues of course do not cover the full cost of maintaining our congregation, but they do provide a foundation which is supported by other fundraising activities. The fair share contribution we request is 2% of your gross annual income with a minimum of \$600 and a maximum of \$2500. You will never be asked for your financial records, as we are based on an honor system. If you need assistance in paying the minimum dues, please feel free to contact us at info@beittikvah.org to request a confidential conversation with one of our co-Presidents.

Congregation Beit Tikvah Annual Membership and Dues Form

Please enter your pledge amount (which is 100% tax deductible), sign and date on the pledge line, and tell us how you will be paying. Then pay online and email us this form at info@beittikvah.org or mail your check with this page to:

Congregation Beit Tikvah, 5802 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210-1310

Gross (Pre-Tax) Annual Household Income	Fair-share Annual Dues – 2% of Gross Household Income
Up to \$30,000	\$600
\$30,000 - \$50,000	\$1,000
\$50,000 - \$75,000	\$1,500
\$75,000 - \$100,000	\$2,000
\$100,000 & up	\$2,500

I/We agree to make the following contribution to support our community:

Total Annual Dues Pledged: _____

Name _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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We welcome the following payment options:

Payment by check:

- Annual payment enclosed.
- Quarterly payment enclosed.
- Semi-annual payment enclosed.

Payment by PayPal:

Please visit our website at www.beittikvah.org and click on the Donate button.

Monthly payment by bank issued check

Please contact our treasurer at treasurer@beittikvah.org if you need information to set this up.

