

Temple Beth El

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FACTORS TO CONSIDER IN SETTING YOUR *TERUMAH*

The setting of your *terumah* is a personal decision. Among the factors and questions which we believe are relevant in your decision are:

- The financial needs of the Temple:
 - The Temple's overall operating budget for 2017-2018 is \$169,200.00
 - Included in this overall budget are amounts paid for salaries, utilities, office supplies, building repairs and maintenance, insurance and dues to the URJ (you can access the Temple's budget on our website, www.bethelaugusta.org);
 - To meet our expenses we will need to raise \$122,200.00 from *terumah* or other offerings which translates to a sustaining *terumah* of \$1,300.00 per household (\$122,200.00 divided by 94 memberships)
- Your financial capacity.
- Am I faced with extraordinary expenses at this particular time in my life or this year?
- Have I been fortunate this year and received additional unexpected income?
- Am I providing support to another temple due to split residency?
- Am I retired and living on a fixed income and perhaps in a better position to make a meaningful bequest to TBE in lieu of a higher *terumah* contribution?
- Might I be able to support TBE this year by donating stocks that may have increased in value?
- Can I volunteer goods or services that might meaningfully reduce TBE's operating expenses?

Important Note: In our May letter to you we included the dues table used by Congregation Beth El in Bangor as part of their "fair share" dues model. To clarify, this table was included for information purposes only. We have not adopted the "fair share" model and the use of such information by you is purely optional. The temple will not be asking you for any personal financial information as part of our *terumah* model. If you do believe such information may be useful to you in setting your *terumah*, you can access the Congregation Beth El table by going to www.bethelaugusta.org