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OUR MISSION

Temple Beth El is a diverse, welcoming community that embraces inclusiveness, promotes lifelong Jewish learning, and encourages active participation in Jewish life in Central Maine. We are committed to the progressive ideals of Reform Judaism, and we welcome members and visitors who represent a wide range of Jewish experiences. We seek to deepen our members' connections to Judaism, foster a spirit of community within our congregation, and engage in social action in the world beyond our synagogue.



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Leave a Lasting Legacy to Temple Beth El



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Sustain Temple Beth El for
future generations by making
a planned gift and join our
L'Dor V'Dor Legacy Society

A Lasting Gift

Your planned gift to Temple Beth El can provide our Temple community with financial stability and provide a meaningful personal legacy for you and your family.

A bequest lets you leave a gift to Temple Beth El in your will, free of estate tax. It can be a gift of cash, a particular asset, or a percentage of your estate.

Unless specified by the donor, Temple Beth El places your bequest in its reserve fund to help ensure the Temple's long-term future.



Bequest

A bequest offers you many financial benefits, including:

- It allows you to distribute your assets according to your wishes
- It minimizes estate taxes
- It allows you to leave a legacy without giving up assets

Types of Bequests

Specific Bequests allow you to leave a certain amount or percent of your estate to Temple Beth El.

Residuary Bequests allow you to leave all or part of the residue of your assets to Temple Beth El after other terms of the will have been satisfied.

Contingency Bequests allow you to leave a portion of your estate to Temple Beth El if your named beneficiary does not survive you.

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Consult your financial planner or contact Temple Beth El for suggested bequest language.



Additional Planned Gifts

Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)

You may want to consider a charitable remainder trust when you feel you are ready to make a substantial gift of charity to Temple Beth El. This financial vehicle may provide tax benefits to you and your heirs. Contact your financial planner for details.

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All gifts to Temple Beth El are tax deductible if you itemize your taxes. Consult your tax advisor for details.

All donations will be acknowledged in our monthly Temple Newsletter and your name added to our L'Dor V'Dor Legacy Society unless you request otherwise. Questions? Contact the office.



Ways to Support Temple Beth El

Donating to Temple Beth El helps maintain a vibrant Jewish presence in Central Maine. All gifts support our general operations unless you designate your gift to one of the purposes below. We welcome and value all sizes of gifts.

Annual *Terumah*

We no longer require members to pay "dues" or a set fee. Instead, members make an annual self-defined financial commitment to TBE called "*terumah*" in Hebrew, or offering. This is the primary fund we use to support our general operations. You may contribute your *terumah* by:

- Cash or check
- Monthly giving with a credit or debit card
- A gift of stock. Transfer securities electronically via DTC # 0164. Contact the office with questions.
- IRA gift: Make a gift from your required annual IRA withdrawal

Building Fund

Your contribution will be put towards making needed improvements and renovations to Temple Beth El's buildings and grounds.

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

This fund helps Rabbi Asch meet special needs in our community.

Memorial Plaques

Remember a loved one with a memorial plaque in the synagogue. Donation: \$250. Payment due at time of order.

Tree of Life

Acknowledge a milestone in someone's life by adding an inscribed leaf to the Temple's Tree of Life.

Donation: \$36. Payment due at time of order.

Bookplates

1. Dedicate a high-holiday or everyday prayer book in honor or memory of a loved one (birthday, anniversary, bar/bat mitzvah, birth or other).
2. A bookplate in honor or memory of a loved one will be inserted into any new books that you would like to donate to our reference or children's library. Please contact the office for our book wish list, and let us know how you would like your bookplate to read.
Donation: \$18 per bookplate.

Yizkor Book for Yom Kippur

If you would like your loved one's name to appear in the Temple Beth El Yizkor (Memorial) Book to be read during Yizkor service at Yom Kippur, contact the Temple at least two weeks prior to Yom Kippur.

Donation: \$10 per name.

Donate Returnables

The Temple participates in the Clynk program offered by Hannaford. Pick up pre-labeled, green bags at Temple, fill with returnable bottles and cans, and drop off at any Hannaford. Proceeds benefit Temple Beth El all year long.

High Holiday Gifts

Temple Beth El welcomes everyone to attend High Holiday services and does not require tickets. If you are a visitor or are bringing non-member family and friends, please consider making a High Holiday donation. Suggested donation for guests: \$250. Suggested donation for extended family members: \$50.



All gifts to Temple Beth El are tax deductible if you itemize your taxes. Consult your tax advisor for details.

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Please make your check payable to Temple Beth El. Note which fund you want to designate your gift to. You may also give online at www.bethelaugusta.org. Temple Beth El accepts credit cards and encourages monthly giving.

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