

Temple Beth El

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 include amounts paid for salaries, utilities, office supplies, building repairs and maintenance, insurance and dues to the URJ.
 - To meet expenses we need to raise \$135,000 from terumah or other offerings which translates to a sustaining terumah of \$1,300.00 per household.
- 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: The temple does not ask you for any personal financial information as part of its terumah model.