



July 2016

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your interest in our synagogue. I would like to extend an invitation for you and your family to see what a warm, welcoming, spiritual environment we have created. As we focus on building a Jewish community, our activities promote a sense of fellowship and fun.

Our doors are open to everyone. We welcome interfaith families, people exploring conversion, and Jews who have little Jewish knowledge but would like to learn more. We have many exciting programs at CBTBI, including a dynamic and nurturing religious school which has enabled the CBTBI community to celebrate with several special needs students and their families as they became B'nai Mitzvah. We have an active Sisterhood, Men's Club, and Youth group. We have a variety of Adult Education classes. During the school year, we have monthly Tot Shabbats. If you do not understand something, our rabbi encourages you to ask. Our prayer books are user friendly for those who do not read Hebrew (as well as for those who do).

We encourage you to attend our Friday or Saturday services and to check out Sisterhood, Men's Club, or Tot Shabbat. Membership is not a requirement to participate in these activities. If you would like more information, please call Judy Finneran, our office administrator at (856) 589-6550. She will be happy to connect you with our Rabbi, Religious school principal, President, or a Membership Committee member. Please see our website for more information: [www.cbtbi.org](http://www.cbtbi.org). Check us out on Facebook! You can contact Marie Markham, Membership Chair, at (856) 384-7437 or [markham.marie@gmail.com](mailto:markham.marie@gmail.com). Our President, Lynn Helmer, can be reached at [lynn@drdnj.com](mailto:lynn@drdnj.com) or 609-685-0673.

Thanks to several generous donations, there will be no tuition fees for K-2nd grade. In addition, membership will not be a requirement for new members to receive free kindergarten tuition. Please see enclosed financial form cover letter for details.

If you have already decided to join our community, please complete the enclosed forms. In order for us to know you better and to be sure you to get the maximum benefit from membership, please fill out the enclosed Membership and Community Participation forms. This way we can acknowledge your birthdays, anniversaries, yahrzeits, etc. If you have any skills or interests that could benefit the congregation, we would like to know about those too. Membership dues include High Holiday tickets.

If you would like to attend our holiday services, but are not yet ready to join, tickets are free, however we request that non-members make a donation.

Please make check payable to: Congregation B'nai Tikvah-Beth Israel or CBT-BI. Financial assistance is available. For a confidential discussion, contact Allison Harris, Finance Secretary at [aharris888@comcast.net](mailto:aharris888@comcast.net) or 609-506-5687.

Sincerely,

Marie Markham (Membership Chair), Jordan Gendra (Rabbi), Lynn Helmer (President)