

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM

VISION STATEMENT FOR EDUCATION

קהילה Community: We seek to establish an ongoing partnership between the synagogue and all of its members through shared experiences and integration of Jewish learning and living. We envision the Beth Sholom Community as a tapestry of diverse, dynamic learners woven together through a multitude of programs that engage those from infancy to our most senior adults. Committed to maintaining our high standards of excellence, we are guided by the values of the Conservative Movement. Strengthening our Jewish identity and connection to Israel and to each other will create powerful, positive Jewish memories that will last a lifetime.

Family Involvement משפחה: We view family involvement as the cornerstone of our educational program. We will offer Jewish educational opportunities for all adults and children, from traditional and non-traditional families to become knowledgeable, individually and together. Through various experiences we will enable our families to feel comfortable in our schools, in our synagogue and ultimately, to empower them to integrate Jewish ritual and life into their homes.

מצוות Mitzvot: We strive to educate all in the fulfillment of mitzvot (commandments) through meaningful expression of Judaism including Shabbat, holidays, Jewish ritual, commitment to Israel, tzedakah (charity) and gemilut hasadim (acts of loving kindness). Mastery of skills in Hebrew language, tefillah (prayer), text and critical thinking are essential components of our educational philosophy.

Learning Opportunities לימוד: We seek to create formal and informal learning opportunities, inside and outside the classroom for our young people who receive their Jewish education through our Early Childhood Center, Religious School, Machon Beth Sholom or Solomon Schechter Day School. This kind of experiential programming includes integrating United Synagogue Youth, Kadima and Camp Ramah into the lives of our youth. Acknowledging the right of each student to a Jewish education, we will continue to address diverse needs and learning styles.

שבת Shabbat: We aspire to make Shabbat an ideal time to bring our community together in prayer and study. Through a variety of programming and tefillah options, generations of Temple Beth Sholom families will unite while sharing the beauty of Shabbat.

Temple Beth Sholom is dedicated to the pursuit of LIFELONG JEWISH LEARNING. Built on the principles of Torah, we strive to inspire learners at every age to live a vibrant Jewish life in the home, within the congregation and in the greater Jewish community.