



Temple Israel Vision for Education



בעולם אלהים

*In the
Image of God*

מצוות

Tradition

במשפחה

Family

אהבת ישראל

Love of Israel

לשון הקודש

Hebrew Language

גמילות חסדים

Acts of Kindness

Temple Israel of Great Neck is a diverse, pluralistic, egalitarian congregation dedicated to the pursuit of lifelong Jewish learning, connection to God, and devotion to Torah, Israel and *Klal Yisrael* (the Jewish people). Guided by the principles of the Conservative movement, we seek to model and inspire a commitment to Jewish living and to the discovery of the joy, meaning and relevance of Judaism in our everyday lives.

observe *mitzvot* (commandments), engage in meaningful *tfillah* (prayer), and participate in Jewish life. We strive to create a *khilbab* (community) of children and adults who feel confident as Jews in the world at large, and who contribute to the vitality of the Jewish people.

Our goal is to develop programs that foster multigenerational learning, seed powerful Jewish memories, reach beyond the classroom into the lives of our congregants, and cultivate Jewish souls. Through creative, stimulating and interactive methodologies, we seek to impart the necessary skills to

Realizing the importance of proficiency in Hebrew and ritual skills, we believe that Jewish ethics and moral values are equally foundational to leading a meaningful Jewish life. Temple Israel provides opportunities for its members to live these values through the active pursuit of *mitzvot* such as *Gemilat Chasadim* (deeds of loving-kindness) and *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world).

At Temple Israel, we welcome and seek to provide a spiritual home for every member, regardless of age, background or interests. We embrace our congregants' cultural diversity and foster opportunities to share a rich array of Jewish customs and cultures. We also recognize the diversity of learning styles and needs of our students, and hence the need to develop responsive, flexible programming.

Hatikvah—the hope—of our comprehensive educational program, is to forge an unbreakable bond between our congregation, *Klal Yisrael* and *Eretz Yisrael* (the Land of Israel).

עבוד את ה'

Serve God with joy

בשמחה

תלמוד תורה

Study of Torah

כל ישראל

All Israel are Friends

מצוות

Mitzvot

פתח לך שערי

Open the Gates

תקן עולם

Repairing the World

"The task of the synagogue today is not only to hold Jewish services. It is rather to provide a medium for expressing all aspects of Jewish life, for strengthening Jewish feelings and tradition and for ensuring the transmission of our heritage to another generation."

—Mordecai Waxman
Rabbi Emeritus
August 1947