



TEMPLE BETH DAVID

The Visionary View: A Newsletter about the Temple's Upcoming Plans

Honoring Heritage, Embracing the Future

Dear Temple Beth David Devotees and Friends,

It is with profound respect for tradition and a spirit of joyful anticipation that we present the next edition of a new *Temple Newsletter: The Visionary View*, dedicated entirely to the exciting plans taking shape for our sacred space. The Temple has long served as a sanctuary—a place for reflection, community, and celebration of spiritual heritage. As we look to the months and years ahead, we are thrilled to share our vision for growth, connection, and renewal.

Renovations and Enhancements – Steering Committee

In our commitment to ensuring the Temple remains a welcoming and inspiring haven for all, there are updates to our physical building, which much of our congregation has already seen this fall. We appreciate everyone's cooperation as we adjust to these changes.

New Entrance Door: The TBD canopy has been moved to the new entrance.



New Security System: A new security system has been installed by NSSA. All Temple members should have their new Security cards (plain white cards) These cards will buzz a member in at the new entrance *only*. Your old TBD access cards will not work.

Currently we are in the process of finalizing plans for the remodeling of our building. We hope to have a final plan to present to the Board by the end of the year. Once the plan is finalized it will be presented to the Congregation for approval. After the Congregation approves the plan, we will look to hire a construction company to begin the permitting process so construction can commence. All plans, once TBD has a decision on how to proceed, will need the approval of our landlord, NSSA, before anything can move forward.



Clergy Transition- Pulpit Committee

Our President appointed a Pulpit Committee which was approved by the Board as per our constitutional process. This committee's work is part of a confidential process and information about specific candidates cannot be shared at this time. The process the committee will follow is as follows:

1. A committee was formed. Our committee contains seven members who represent a wide range of members from younger and older members, existing Board and non-board members, long-time and newer TBD members.
2. The application for new clergy is completed by this committee and then submitted to the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), which is the organization that Rabbis apply for jobs through, which begins the search and hiring process.
3. Candidates will submit resumes and cover letters which are reviewed by the Pulpit committee and selected candidates are invited to a 30–45-minute screening interview on Zoom.
4. Candidates who present as appropriate for our needs will be moved forward to a lengthier in-person interview process which includes obtaining additional documents such as a sample sermon, a viewing of a service conducted by the clergy person, as well as a reference check.
5. The final selected candidate will come to the Temple to meet the Board and select groups from the Congregation.
- 6.. Final candidate will be approved by the Board and then the Congregation.
7. New Interim Rabbi will begin on July 1, 2026.

Temple Constitution Updating

The Constitution Committee has been busy at work reviewing our existing Temple Constitution, which hasn't been updated in some time. We are a much different congregation than when the current TBD Constitution was created and approved, and we feel it is in the Temple's best interest to review and modify the document, where needed. Stay tuned for more about these modifications, which will eventually come before the Congregation for approval.



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Opportunities for Involvement

The energy and warmth of our Temple come from the hearts and hands of our devotees. As these plans unfold, we welcome everyone to participate—whether by joining one of these critical planning committees (Construction, Interior Design, Communications), volunteering your time, or simply sharing your thoughts with us.

You will be invited to smaller update meetings that will encourage those ideas, as well as answer any questions. **Your voice matters in shaping our future. If you are interested, please reach out to Beverly Wolcott at lbjrde@aol.com.**

Looking Forward Together

In the months ahead, we will provide regular updates on the progress of these projects. We invite you to follow our newsletter, visit our website, and stop by the Temple to witness the transformation firsthand. Together, we honor the legacy of those who built this sacred place and lay a foundation for those who will find solace here for generations to come. For more information or questions about this newsletter, please contact Laura Joseph (laura.i.joseph@gmail.com) or Diane Kraut (dianekraut@optimum.net).

May the Temple continue to shine as a beacon of peace, wisdom, and unity for all.

With blessings and gratitude,

The Temple Board and Steering Committee