



Frequently Asked QUESTIONS

What is Reform Judaism?

Reform Jews balance the wisdom and celebrations of Judaism with modern life. We are heirs to beliefs and practices described in the Torah and other Jewish sacred writings. We embrace the opportunity to learn about Judaism and then make an informed choice about the beliefs and practices that are meaningful to us.

I'm Jewish but I haven't gone to temple for a long time. How will I know what to do?

We look forward to welcoming you and helping you feel comfortable. Our services are in English and Hebrew, with Hebrew transliteration on every page. Look for the glossy pamphlet in the pews that will answer many questions about our rituals. We encourage you to participate freely, ask questions of others, or sit and observe as you come to feel at home here. Our rabbis, cantor and congregants love questions!

My spouse/partner is not Jewish. Is she/he welcome at TBT?

Absolutely! We have many couples where only one member is Jewish. We pride ourselves on being respectful and inclusive of all people.

How do I dress for services?

Do I need to wear a head covering or prayer shawl?

The dress code is business casual. Men and women can choose to wear a *kippah* (called a *yarmulke* in Yiddish) on their head during services but it is a personal decision. A *tallit* may be worn by Jewish men or women over the age of 13, regardless if they have had a *Bar* or *Bat Mitzvah*. As with all rituals, it is a matter of personal spiritual choice.

Is childcare available during services?

Children are very welcome in the sanctuary with their families. You can go into the lobby if noise is a problem.

I'm not religious. What does TBT have besides worship services?

Judaism teaches that we can encounter God and community through various paths, including social action, community service, music, and lifelong learning. Inherent in all of it is the chance to meet, socialize and celebrate with others.

Where do I find information about becoming a part of TBT?

Call the Temple office and speak to the Membership Chairperson or email Membership@TempleBethTorah.com.

Subscribe to our newsletter

From *Shabbat* services to Brotherhood Brunches and everything in between, find out what's happening at Temple Beth Torah with our monthly newsletter, the *Shofar*.



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Temple Beth Torah

VENTURA, CALIFORNIA

WELCOME

to Temple Beth Torah

Shalom! Temple Beth Torah's mission is to inspire people to lead meaningful Jewish lives.

We welcome families, individuals, and couples of all backgrounds including people in interfaith relationships, representing diverse ethnicities, GLBT, and anyone seeking information about or conversion to Judaism.



For over 70 years, Temple Beth Torah has provided west Ventura County a wonderful place to worship, learn, and be a community.



Join us for SERVICES & HOLIDAYS

Shabbat Worship Services

Get rejuvenated with words of *Torah*, prayer, singing and fellowship!
No knowledge of Hebrew is necessary.

Every Friday at 7:30 pm

A lively service with singing and music! Stay after for dessert and socializing.

Every Saturday at 10:00 am

A great opportunity to delve into the message of each week's *Torah* portion.

FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

First Friday at 6:00 pm

A half-hour of singing and storytelling designed especially for families with children from infant to 7 years old.

Holiday Observances

Rosh Hashanah • Yom Kippur • Hanukkah • Passover Seder
Sukkot • Simchat Torah • Holocaust Remembrance

Social Groups

Women's Group
Men's Group
Youth Groups:
Middle & High School
Havurot (friendship groups)

Lifecycle Events

Baby Namings
Pre-Marital Counseling
Bar/Bat Mitzvah
Weddings
Confirmation
Bereavement Support
Memorial Plaques
Funerals
Yahrzeit Notification
Jewish Cemetery Plots
(at Ivy Lawn)

Children's Education

TBT Jewish Preschool
Children's World Preschool
(secular)
Torah School for K-12
Hebrew School for grades 3-6
Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparation

Adult Education

Basics of Judaism
Beyond the Basics (ongoing studies)
Adult *Bar/Bat Mitzvah*
Adult Confirmation
Preparation for Conversion
Hebrew Classes
Judaic Library

Community Service and Social Action

Family-to-Family Breakfasts
FOOD Share
Clothing Drive
Blood Drive
Support for Israel, Darfur and other causes

More...

Jewish Film Festival
Judaica Shop (open year-round)
Hanukkah Shopping Boutique
Camp *Haverim* (summer day camp)
Biblical Garden



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