

## INVIGORATING THE PRESENT

### ADULT EDUCATION

Consistent with our belief that education is ongoing at every age, we offer courses on a wide variety of subjects, taught by our Rabbi, our Cantor and other educational and religious leaders. We also host an annual Scholar-in- Residence Weekend.

### HAZAK

Our dynamic Hazak Chapter is an organization with 325 members age 55 and up who band together for interesting programs and trips and bond together for friendship and companionship. They're strong, vibrant, and determined to live out their lives fully with purpose and dignity.

### SOCIAL ACTION

Tikkun Olam, the ongoing repair of the world, is at the cornerstone of Jewish social action. Our Social Action Committee takes an active role in feeding the homeless, protecting the environment, and correcting social injustice wherever it occurs.

### THE GOODWILL SOCIETY (HET)

The Goodwill Society provides outreach to members of the congregation in times of need. Committee members visit congregants who are in the hospital, send food to shiva families and families with new babies, provide transportation for congregation members to medical appointments, and make social visits to some congregants' homes. The society also sponsors a lunch and entertainment program, Not Just Lunch, in the fall and spring.

## FOSTERING SOCIAL VITALITY

### MEN'S CLUB

Our energetic Men's Club meets monthly to plan special events and programs for its membership. Our activities run the gamut from Men's Club Shabbat and the Yom HaShoah Candle Lighting Project to fielding a team in a Jewish softball league and trips to sporting events. The Men's Club provides essential services during the High Holidays and is a source of camaraderie for its members. A complimentary membership is offered to men during their first year as members of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael.

### WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Monthly meetings of Women's League offer diversified programs of interest to a broad spectrum of our membership. Women's League strives to broaden our members' knowledge of Judaism and tradition, educate ourselves on current issues affecting us as Jews and bring us closer to one another. A Women's League Shabbat is an annual event. The Women's League maintains a complete Judaica shop whose display cases are always full of new and interesting items of Judaica. A complimentary membership is offered to women during their first year as members of Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael.

### FULFILLING OTHER NEEDS

### CONGREGATIONAL CONNECTIONS

The Congregation publishes both a monthly bulletin and newsletter to keep the membership advised of the many activities, programs and social events in our congregational family. You can access our website at [www.templebethahmyisrael.com](http://www.templebethahmyisrael.com) and receive email postings from the Rabbi.

As part of our continuing commitment to education, new titles are constantly added to the extensive existing library collection. Members of all ages can explore scholarly subjects or enjoy a novel of Jewish content. The library is also a haven for quietude, introspection and intellectual enhancement. An important resource for our students is the state of the art computer center.

### CATERING FACILITY

Enjoy a memorable reception in our beautiful, redesigned ballroom featuring our exclusive kosher caterer, Exquisite Affairs Caterers, (973)258-0655.

### THE LARGER COMMUNITY

Four full-service JCC's and three day schools are within twenty minutes of our community and there are several kosher butchers and restaurants close by. New York City is conveniently accessible by bus service from the center of town and a commuter shuttle carries passengers to the nearby train station.

### DUES

We are a caring community and feel strongly that Jews should affiliate. Therefore, various dues structures are available for different categories of membership. Your dues enable us to provide our programs and services. For more information on membership, please contact our Temple office, (973)376-0539.

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GENERATION TO GENERATION  
OUR TRADITION GROWS

ברוכים הבאים

B'RUCHIM HABAIM  
WELCOME TO OUR HOME



Joining a synagogue means becoming part of a greater community, a sacred community bound together in its commitment to Judaism and the future of Judaism. Thus, belonging to a congregation means participating in a two-way venture; the sense of community that you will gain, and the opportunity to build our Temple community in which you can take part. And, do know that we are here for you, I am here for you - just reach out - we value our family and take care of them. We look forward to having you join us in this holy venture!

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## OUR ORIGINS

Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael started as the Jewish Community Group of Springfield in 1951 in response to the needs of the growing Jewish community. In 1955, we affiliated with the Conservative Movement and hired our first Rabbi. Within the next decade, the congregation grew from about 150 and today has over 500 families. Major renovations to our original building, which was erected in 1962, were completed in 1997 when our magnificent ballroom, extra classrooms and offices were added. The sanctuary and building are enhanced by beautiful artwork and ceremonial objects especially created for the Temple by highly recognized artists. The goals of our founders are the goals of today: to enrich the lives of our congregants by providing an inviting environment for spiritual, educational and social interaction.



## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Prayer at Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael is a warm, collective experience. Following the general pattern of Conservative worship, we combine traditional and contemporary styles with meaningful innovative readings and encourage congregational participation at all times. Ritual involvement is the same for both men and women. Friday night services are enhanced by professional organ accompaniment and the participation of our congregational choir at various times. Family services as well as special Shabbat experiences for very young children and their parents are also scheduled. Shabbat morning (Saturday) is the cornerstone of our Shabbat worship as we pray and study the weekly Torah portion together. We are also very proud that we hold minyanim, morning and evening, seven days a week, 365 days a year, enabling those who mourn or who might have a *yahrzeit*, to recite the Mourner's Kaddish at the appropriate moments.

## OUR SPIRITUAL LEADERS

Rabbi Mark Mallach was ordained at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America in 1994. Prior to joining Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael in 1999, he served congregations in West Palm Beach, Florida and Livingston, New Jersey. Rabbi Mallach brings a wealth of experience in youth, adult and family education and programming, along with a strong vision for charting a Judaic path for the 21st century. He joined our community with his wife Genya, an emigre from the former Soviet Union, and two daughters, Elana and Ester. A graduate of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, Rabbi Mallach is the first Registered Pharmacist to be ordained as a Conservative rabbi. Look out for him on our roads and paths as our *Ridin' Rebbe* is also an avid bicyclist.

Cantor Richard Nadel has been with Temple Beth Ahm Yisrael since 1980. His magnificent voice and the inspiration of a rich cantorial background adds beauty and dignity to our worship. He is also a prominent mohel in our area, as well as a regional and national leader in the Cantor's Assembly. Cantor Nadel is married to Andrea Cook. Together they have four children, Abby, Joshua, Seth and Zoe.

## BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

### PRESCHOOL

The objective of our Preschool program is to promote the emotional, social and educational growth of our children with particular emphasis on the individual needs and differences of every child. The infusion of Jewish values and culture combined with an age appropriate secular curriculum further enhances our program. Our school offers a varied schedule beginning with "Early Birds" at 8:00 a.m. and ending with "Play Club" at 5:30 p.m. Our "Dew Drop" program provides child coverage during school recesses. Summer camp's weekly themes provide subject material for arts and crafts, music, trips, etc. Children may begin our Preschool at 20 months and continue through Kindergarten. Our staff consists of experienced certified teachers and teacher assistants who address the unique needs of every child with care and sensitivity. Our preschool is state certified and nationally accredited through NAEYC.

AHAVA, meaning love, is the fund-raising body to which Preschool parents devote socialization, time, energy and ingenuity to plan events for the enhancement of the Preschool, and to socialize.

Children are never too young to enjoy "that Shabbat feeling!" Tot Shabbat is a regularly scheduled Saturday morning program. Via song, dance, story-telling, challah and birthday celebrations, our tots share a fun-filled hour. Parents have a choice of remaining with their children or joining our Rabbi in the sanctuary for services.

## RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

The Religious School experience begins with Gan (Kindergarten) and continues through Kitah Zayin (7th grade). We offer our children and their parents exciting programs, projects and experiences, both in the classroom and out in the community, designed to help them live enriched and fulfilling Jewish lives. Gan through Kitah Bet (K-2) meet once a week and Kitah Gimmel through Kitah Zayin (3-7) have two weekly sessions. Shabbat Youth Services center on the students, and Bar/Bat Mitzvah instruction is provided. Special needs students are welcome.



## TEEN INSTITUTE

Teen Institute is a warm and pressure-free atmosphere for students to continue their Jewish Education post Bar/Bat Mitzvah. Structured around a weekly discussion over dinner, our sessions also include an exciting mix of classes, guest speakers, trips, art, movies and schmoozing.

## UNITED SYNAGOGUE YOUTH (USY) AND KADIMA

Springfield USY (SPRUSY) is open to teenagers in grades 9 through 12 and Kadima is open to students in grades 6 through 8. Several programs are planned each month, including movie or sports nights and joint events with other chapters. Members are encouraged to participate in conventions, which provide opportunities for study and the chance to meet other USY'ers from our state and around the country. Youth group members participate in many of our congregational activities.