



**Congregation Beth Israel**  
**5716 Carmel Valley Road**  
**Carmel, CA 93923**  
**831.624.2015**

Thank you for your interest in Congregation Beth Israel. We look forward to welcoming you to our community. We are committed to creating a dynamic, vibrant center for Jewish life in the Monterey Peninsula area.

**As we embrace the new normal, we are grateful for the support of our CBI family and friends.**

For the last two years, the regular gatherings on Zoom represented a lifeline to our wider community. Friday night Shabbat services, Torah study on Saturday mornings, and weekday programs kept us connected. Now, we are excited to be moving forward and, once again, worshipping, studying, and socializing in person. Monthly Shabbat dinners are back. Religious School is being reinvented and special guests are energizing our services and programming.

**None of this is possible without you.**

In order to emerge ready to take on the challenges of 2022-23 and beyond, we need you. Your membership pledges are our largest source of support. These funds make possible the programming and services we provide all year long.

Our pledge system, that we refer to as *terumah*, a gift of the heart, is based on our ancient Jewish tradition. In the Book of Exodus, we read how our Israelite ancestors brought gifts as *their hearts moved* them to finance the construction of the Mishkan, the Tabernacle. In this spirit we ask each of you to give what you can, trusting that those with greater financial means will pledge more to offset the smaller pledges of those who cannot give as much. This enables us to include everyone, whatever their financial status.

**To guide your contributions, we have established a Sustaining Pledge of \$2700 ( 150 chai) for families and \$1800 (100 chai) for singles and one-parent families, which we calculate simply by dividing the Congregation's total expenses by the number of Congregants.**

**Our aging building needs maintenance, repairs, and significant security improvements. We ask that every family contribute an additional \$200 toward these efforts.**

**Unfortunately, physical security must always be top of mind and, to that end, we ask you to consider an additional \$200 towards our Safety & Security fund.**

We anticipate 2022-2023 will be a challenging fiscal year for our congregation. With your help, we will nurture our dynamic Religious and Hebrew Schools, continue to support our well-attended adult education programs, and develop a lively and responsive spiritual life led by our clergy both in person and online. With such a strong community, we will certainly meet the special challenges of helping and caring for each other. We are grateful that you are joining us on this journey.

We leave you with words from Pirkei Avot 1:2:

“Deeds of giving are the very foundation of the world.”

B'Shalom

Dan Nussbaum

Julie Chase

We appreciate your financial support of our congregation. All levels of pledges are gratefully accepted as we welcome your active participation in our Jewish community.

- ☆ **The Sustaining pledge for the 2020-2021 fiscal year remains \$2850 for families and \$1800 for singles and one-parent families.**
- ☆ **We encourage you to become a member of the *Tzadikim Circle* with a minimum yearly pledge of \$3390 for families, and \$2250 for singles and one-parent families.**
- ☆ **Our aging building is in need of maintenance and repairs. We are asking each family to contribute \$200 toward these efforts.**
- ☆ **Unfortunately, physical security must always be top of mind and, to that end, we ask you to consider an additional \$200 towards our Safety & Security fund.**

*Thank You!*

**Join us for Our  
Annual Meeting  
Sunday, August  
21st at 5 PM**

CBI Board of Trustees President

Executive Director

# Congregation Beth Israel – 2022-23 Pledge Commitment

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

For 2022-23 I/we pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My/our Contribution to the Building Fund is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 200.00 (suggested)

My/our contribution to the Safety & Security Fund is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 200.00 (suggested)

**Total Pledge for 2022-23** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Enclosed is a check     I will set up automatic Bill Pay through my bank
- Please debit my account (E-Check)\*     Please charge my Visa or MasterCard (there is a \$50 fee for monthly credit card payments)
  - I am paying in one payment
  - I will pay monthly
  - I will pay quarterly

**CBI prefers to receive payments through auto bill pay or E-check as there are no credit card fees charged to our Congregation. If you need help with any of these methods please call the office, 831-624-2015**

- **If paying by E-check please include a voided check from the selected bank account with your returned pledge form. Or provide the following information:**

Bank Routing # \_\_\_\_\_ Bank Account # \_\_\_\_\_

## CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name on card

\_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Card Number

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Welcome to Congregation Beth Israel!**