

Temple Judea Vision Statement

COMMUNITY

Recognizing that each of us, created in G-d's image, contains a divine spark, Temple Judea strives to be a warm, inviting congregation. We celebrate together in joy, and comfort one another in sorrow; we respect and value every member of our congregation and strongly encourage each member to participate actively in congregational life. We welcome and support interfaith families. We continue to foster the intimacy of our congregation as we grow. We reach out to those outside our congregation through tikkun olam (repairing the world) and by forming affiliations with other religious communities. Our sense of connectedness elevates Temple Judea from a gathering of people to a holy community celebrating Judaism.

EDUCATION

We are a community of learners seeking to enrich our lives through the study of Torah in its broadest sense - the collective knowledge and wisdom of our texts, tradition and culture. We encourage participation in our wide variety of opportunities for life-long Jewish learning in both formal and informal settings, and strive to create programs that are dynamic, innovative and engaging.

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is the heart of Jewish living in Central Bucks County, guided by the principles of Torah and based on the covenant between G-d and the Children of Israel. We are dedicated to warm, spiritual worship. We are committed to educating young and old, fostering open and responsive leadership and caring for the community at large. We welcome all to share in our vibrant Jewish experience.

LEADERSHIP

Our leaders are open, responsive and capable. We empower congregants to participate fully in the decision-making processes within Temple Judea. We nurture the partnership between lay leaders and clergy as a cornerstone of a successful synagogue. We support our leaders and offer them opportunities for learning, growth and skills development.

Leadership at Temple Judea extends beyond synagogue governance. Our congregation must be a civic leader in the larger community. As Jewish role models, we proactively stand against anti-Semitism and advocate for Israel and a just world.

SPIRITUALITY

Jewish tradition teaches that spirituality is about relationships. At Temple Judea we nurture our relationship with G-d through warm, intimate and participatory worship services. We affirm our relationship with the world by accepting our responsibilities as caretakers of G-d's creation. We strengthen our relationships with each other by cultivating an environment that brings people together. We recognize that we individually engage our spirituality in uniquely personal ways. Temple Judea supports our individual spiritual journeys, so that our daily lives may be infused with the beauty of our tradition.