



TEMPLE BETH AM  
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DAY SCHOOL

# ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018–2019 5779

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PLEASE JOIN US VIRTUALLY FOR  
TEMPLE BETH AM'S ANNUAL MEETING

**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020 AT 4:00PM**

RSVP for Zoom login information  
[www.tbam.org/annualmeeting](http://www.tbam.org/annualmeeting)

# DEAR TEMPLE BETH AM COMMUNITY,

This time of year is normally an exciting time at Temple Beth Am. At our Annual Meeting we bring new leaders into new positions, we report on the accomplishments and challenges of the previous year, and we plan for new goals and opportunities for the year ahead.

Of course, these are historic times due to the COVID-19 crisis that has gripped our community and our world for the past months. Nevertheless, this is still an exciting time at Beth Am.

Over the past year, we have brought our Beyond the Curve Campaign to new heights, have begun construction on our 21<sup>st</sup> century learning center, and we are actively planning phase 2 (gymnasium, performing arts, social space, and welcome center).

The High Holy Days (5780) were a high point at Temple Beth Am, especially with the resounding, standing ovations that our congregation bestowed on Rabbi Barras for his moving sermons on Yom Kippur. Our programming has continued to inspire, and our clergy team has continued to challenge us to learn and do more.

This past year we transitioned our Executive Director, saying goodbye to our longtime friend and leader, Bob Hersh, while bringing in our new friend and leader Brian Chartock. We have also transitioned our Head of School, as Dr. Starr will be retiring at the end of this school year. For that position, we are so fortunate to have hired Nora Anderson who comes to us from Fairfield County, Connecticut.

In the past months, we faced the most difficult transition of all. Due to the virus, we had to close our facilities and move all of our activities online. We are now a virtual synagogue and school, offering all of our educational programming, services, Torah study, learning and meetings online, including of course this Annual Meeting. We have learned more about Zoom and other video teleconferencing options. Our attendance for these offerings has been robust. We are grateful to Neil Littauer and Brian Chartock for working tirelessly to keep our congregation together via these electronic offerings.

Financially, before the crisis, Beth Am has been in great shape to engage in the work of building for the future. We are not deterred easily, and our hopes and dreams are steadfast. Together, we will fight through this crisis and build our community, and our facility, to meet the needs and opportunities that await us on the other side of the COVID-19 crisis. Eventually, the crisis will end.

In the meantime, we have launched Beth Am Cares. This is our ongoing commitment to our community, here at Beth Am and in the Greater Miami area, a commitment to be sure that no one gets left behind. This is our commitment to do all we can to help those of our congregation in need, and to give our congregation a chance to help our broader community. We know the challenges ahead of us are daunting, but they grow smaller and easier when we confront them as a united community.

I have seen the courage and the energy in our professional and lay leadership. I believe we are all called upon to give of ourselves at this time. We are called to find strength in each other and to work as hard as we can for the day when we can once again congregate in person. On that day, I hope and pray that we will have learned the value of community, the essence of togetherness, and that we will all be better for having endured the pandemic.

I also pray for the health and safety of all of you and your loved ones.

*L'Shalom,*

**STUART RATZAN**, Temple Beth Am President

The following recommendations will be voted on by the general membership of Temple Beth Am at our Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 4:00 pm. You are all invited and encouraged to attend this very important meeting. Not only will you have the opportunity to meet the officers and directors of Temple Beth Am, you will also learn about your congregation and the plans and goals for our future.

## TEMPLE BETH AM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2020/2021

President <b>Stuart Ratzan</b>	VP Events/Engagement <b>Edith Osman</b>	Treasurer <b>David Young</b>	VP at Large <b>Michelle Kramer</b>
Executive VP <b>Tracey Spiegelman</b>	VP YERS <b>Dan Farkas</b>	Corresponding Secretary <b>Andy Wolf</b>	Immediate Past President <b>Daniela Zanzuri-Beiner</b>
VP Administration <b>Michelle Weber</b>	VP Membership <b>Carolina Gurland</b>	Recording Secretary <b>Lisa Heller Green</b>	Prior Past President <b>Bill Grossman</b>
VP Communications <b>Howard Wolofsky</b>	VP Programming <b>Susan Lampen</b>	VP at Large <b>David Deutch</b>	Temple Counsel <b>Josh Kaye</b>
VP Day School <b>Robert Behar</b>	VP Tikken Olam <b>Judy Cowan</b>	VP at Large <b>Alex Kryz</b>	
VP Development <b>Kate Lampen-Sachar</b>	VP Religious Practices <b>Ed Schwartz</b>		

## TEMPLE BETH AM BOARD OF DIRECTORS – AT LARGE 2020/2021

Hadassah Blum	Jason Haim	David Leibowitz	Susan Rosenthal
Larry Brooks	Adam Hall	Sheri Lieberman	Paola Saiontz
Greg Frankel	Jay Koren	Stephen Lipof	Greg Sandler
Jennifer Glasser	Christina Krislav	Roberta Mandel	Christy Hertz Schurr
Stuart Gottlieb	Chad Lang	Jessica Moskowitz	Sharon Socol

## AUXILIARY BOARD MEMBERS 2020/2021

Board of Trustees Chairman <b>Bill Grossman</b>	Brotherhood President <b>Donald McClaskey</b>	YERS Board President <b>Beth Lang</b>	PATIO Co-Presidents <b>Lauren Schwartz &amp; Jennifer Sturges</b>
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## TEMPLE BETH AM MEMBER PAST PRESIDENTS

William Silver	Mel Rappaport	Jodi Hessel	Susan L. Henkin
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Gary Cohen	Joe Jacoby	Howard Wolofsky	
Robert Berrin	Bea Citron	Richard W. Hoffman	

# Statement of Activities

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

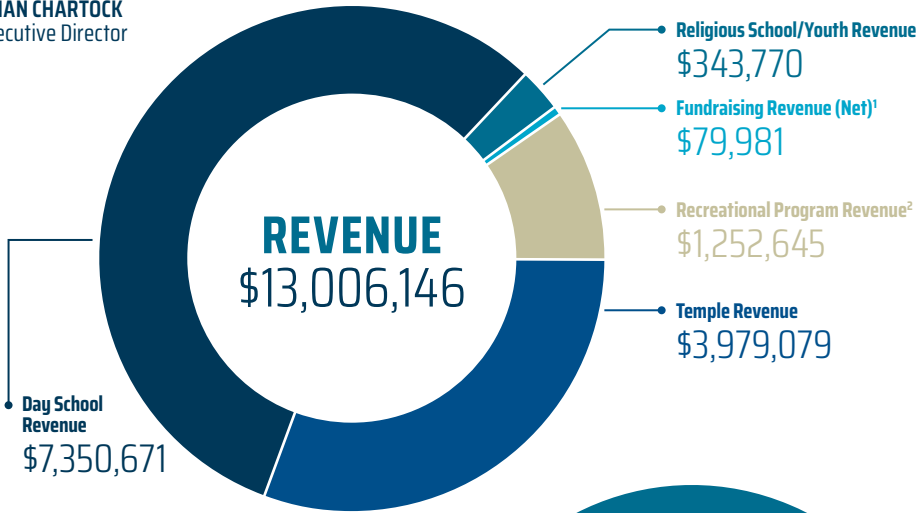
Our financial position remains very strong as we finished the 2018-2019 fiscal year with another consecutive surplus year from operations. As we confront the current challenges posed by COVID-19, I am so proud to report that our Temple — Your Temple — and schools have seamlessly transitioned into a virtual campus. We continue to monitor our operations and security to improve and modernize as we look to an exciting future. In addition, we continue to provide meaningful religious, educational and programming opportunities to engage our vibrant community in Jewish life and learning. Membership continues to grow, with over 1,550 families calling Temple Beth Am their spiritual home at the end of the fiscal year.

Capital expenditures for last fiscal year totaled \$386,890, which included the replacement of HVAC units, a new playground, iPads for the Day School and Religious School, a Meraki wireless system, and the updating of our security systems.

Our endowment fund continued to grow through collection of pledges, with a balance of \$10,915,000 as of December 31, 2019. Our Beyond the Curve campaign for our campus renewal continues to gain momentum and traction, and we are thrilled at the enthusiasm with which our congregation has embraced and celebrated this ambitious project. Pledges as of March 31, 2020 totaled \$33,793,540. We continue to build and plan for Temple Beth Am's future – today.

Thank you so very much for your continued support of our beloved congregation.

**BRIAN CHARTOCK**  
Executive Director



**Surplus from Operations<sup>3</sup>**  
\$392,851

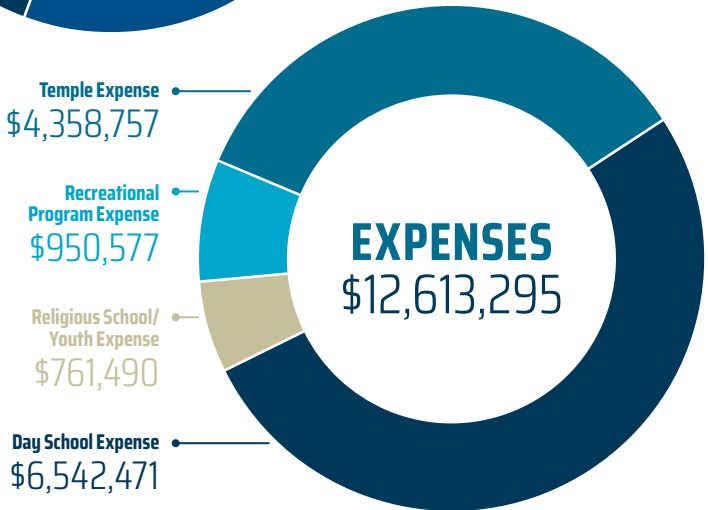
**Capital Expenditures<sup>4</sup>**  
\$386,890

<sup>1</sup> Excludes Endowment

<sup>2</sup> ASU, Basketball, Bridge, Facility Rentals, etc.

<sup>3</sup> Excludes Depreciation & Loss on Disposal of Assets

<sup>4</sup> Wireless Access-Meraki, Security Systems, A/C, Technology, Temple & School FF&E



## **MISSION**

Temple Beth Am embraces Jewish life through lifelong learning, spiritual growth and community engagement.

# Committee of 100

## CIRCLE OF LIFE

Hugh & Eliza Culverhouse  
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Julio Frenk & Felicia Knaul  
Jon & Tina Kislak  
Daniel Lewis & Valerie Dillon  
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Charles & Irmgard<sup>21</sup> Lipcon  
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