

## CONGREGATION BETH EMETH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Congregation Beth Emeth is to foster a welcoming Jewish community, committed to the tenets of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, that promotes and strengthens ritual observance, knowledge, and identity, including the fulfillment of mitzvot.

Within our *Beit Knesset*, our House of Gathering, we have created a community that is inclusive, warm and open, and whose members feel part of an extended family, wherein there is a sense of belonging that encourages volunteerism and participation.

As a *Beit Tefillah*, a House of Prayer, our members gather to participate in egalitarian religious services and to mark Shabbat, holiday, and life-cycle events. Under the guidance of our rabbi and knowledgeable lay leadership, we encourage our members to experience Conservative rituals, while nourishing a desire to move up the stepladder of observance.

As a *Beit Midrash*, a House of Learning, education and life-long study are top priorities, as exemplified by our well-established pre-school, religious school, religious high school, and adult education programs. We stay connected to our young people on college campuses through a program of outreach. Under the leadership of our directors, our students—young and old alike—become able bar and bat mitzvah, confirm their dedication to Judaism, and join the learning continuum by participating in youth activities, family learning, and continuing education.

As a *Beit Emeth*, a House of Truth, we are focused on the building blocks of Jewish identity, enabling our congregants, who come from diverse backgrounds, to encounter a range of Jewish experiences. These include the performance of communal and personal—public and private—mitzvot. We encourage involvement in social action, music and culture, social events, and support of Israel. We explore and practice the precept of tikun olam, striving to make our world a better place.

At Congregation Beth Emeth, we are dedicated to strengthening our community and carrying our Jewish legacy into the future—l'dor v'dor—from generation to generation.

*Adopted by the Board of Directors  
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