

Shalom שלום

Come, enter our gates...

Founded in 1987, Temple Beth Tikvah is our House of Hope. A vibrant, connected community practicing, exploring and living authentic Judaism. In this House of Hope, we are all family, collectively thriving in a dynamic Jewish environment where we are welcomed, accepted and encouraged on our individual spiritual journeys.

Our membership is an inclusive, diverse tapestry. Temple Beth Tikvah welcomes all Jews – by birth, by choice, and those in interfaith relationships – at any stage of life. We believe that Jewish religious practice has the power to transform. It can shape lives, create purpose and grow good in the world.

Wherever you are on your journey, we invite you to enter our gates.



Temple Beth Tikvah is a family.

Be part of a Kehillah Kedosha, a holy community, where members support each other and develop meaningful connections.

Pray with us to open the heart, to connect with the Divine, and to move ourselves to become our *higher* selves.

Actively engage with the wisdom and the teachings of Torah and our traditions in spirited settings.

Translate commitment to Judaism and its ideals into acts of healing, compassion and social change.



בית Our Home

A Compelling Sacred Space and Extraordinary Facilities

The unique design of our sanctuary offers both a beautiful and compelling space for prayer, while our social hall, classrooms and outdoor spaces offer comfortable places to learn, celebrate and gather together.

Sanctuary

Throughout the sanctuary, representations of our Jewish heritage abound. The sanctuary's ten columns represent the ten stages of the manifestation of God prior to creation (the sefirot) as described in Jewish mystical sources. The twelve tribes of Israel are represented by twelve recessed windows on the upper sanctuary walls. As Martin Greenberg, architect of the sanctuary, has explained, "the dome itself has been lighted in a manner so that the actual surface of the dome cannot readily be seen. Only a glowing light is visible, symbolizing our concepts of an infinite, indefinable God, who is beyond human description and understanding."

The Ark at the center of the sanctuary houses an impressive collection of Torah scrolls, which are readily visible by all congregants when the curtains are open. The four steps below the Ark allow the Torah to be brought down to the congregation as it was "brought down from on high down into the midst of the people for acceptance."

We are proud that the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) has chosen to feature our sanctuary on its "Sacred Space and Synagogue Architects" web page at <http://architecture.urj.org/photo/worship/>.

Social Hall

The social hall is a perfect setting for any type of simcha, including weddings, Bar or Bat Mitzvah celebrations, anniversary parties and baby namings. It includes a large dance floor, a stage for bands and disc jockeys with convenient access. A fully equipped kitchen adjoins the social hall. Outside the social hall is the picturesque Alterman Chapel. The chapel has served as a beautiful chuppah (wedding canopy) during wedding ceremonies and as a backdrop to many other special occasions.



מנהיגים

Our Leaders

Our Clergy

Rabbi Alexandria Shual-Weiner

Rabbi Shual-Weiner's rabbinate is steeped in the ideal of personal spiritual growth. She believes in the power and purpose of the Kehillah Kedosha, the synagogue as Holy Place - a Holy Space - which supports its members in their unique Jewish journeys, through the varied modalities of prayer, study, social engagement and communal responsibility.

Prior to coming to Temple Beth Tikvah, Rabbi Shual-Weiner served for seven years as Associate Rabbi at The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah in Overland Park Kansas, and served nine years as Director of Lifelong Jewish Learning at Temple Beth Israel, in Portland Oregon. She had the great distinction of serving as the first Education Consultant to the PNW region URJ-Union Of Reform Judaism.

Rabbi Shual-Weiner was ordained at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles, where she received a Masters of Hebrew Studies and a Masters of Hebrew Letters. Prior to entering HUC-JIR, she earned a Masters of Education in Secondary School Administration from the University of Central Oklahoma, and a Bachelor's degree from Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Ilan, Israel.

Cantor Nancy Kassel

Cantor Nancy Kassel joined Temple Beth Tikvah in 1997. She earned her Doctorate of Divinity in 2016 and earned her master's degree from Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion, School of Sacred Music in 1991. She earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Georgia State University, graduating Cum Laude in 1985.

Cantor Kassel works closely with our Rabbi in all areas of synagogue life. She co-officiates worship services and many life cycle events.

Cantor Kassel coordinates the tutoring of B'nai Mitzvah students, oversees both the adult and junior choirs and participates in concerts and educational programming both locally and nationally.

Rabbi Donald Tam (Rabbi Emeritus)

In 1987, Rabbi Donald Tam, along with a core group of congregants, founded Temple Beth Tikvah. His service as a rabbi and to the community has been manifested through his teaching and his pastoral work.

After graduating with a degree in history from the University of Florida in 1966, Rabbi Tam attended Hebrew Union College (HUC) and was ordained in 1973. He received the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity from HUC in 1998. Prior to founding Temple Beth Tikvah, Rabbi Tam served on the pulpits of congregations in Glencoe, Illinois; Dothan, Alabama; Atlanta, Georgia; and Ottawa.



קדושה Community

Synagogue Life

Temple Beth Tikvah offers opportunities for growth that appeal to all segments of our diverse congregation. From small gatherings to events that bring us all together, there's something for everyone. Most activities are held on the Temple Beth Tikvah campus, while others take place throughout the city and in the homes of our congregational family members.

Youth Groups

We believe that Jewish communal life is as significant for our youth as it is for our adults. In a day and age of competition and increasing pressures, our youth need a safe place to find community, ask their questions, seek thoughtful answers, and explore their spiritual growth in meaningful ways. At Temple Beth Tikvah, we have youth programming for grades K-12. Our high school youth group, HOTTY is part of the North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY), the Reform movement's national youth organization, and its Southern Area Region. We have events once a month that range from social events like our annual Broomball Latke-In to leading services for the entire congregation. We are also committed to our partnerships with our local chapters of BBYO, URJ Camp Coleman, Atlanta's JCC Camp Barney Medintz, and more.



Sisterhood

The Sisterhood is an active group of intergenerational women who help with the programming of many popular congregational activities. Sisterhood's regular meetings encompass themes including education, social activities and community outreach. Recent events include:

- Speakers on varied topics
- Jewelry making
- Hands-on challah baking
- Bunco and Mah-Jongg
- Knit and Nosh (Creating scarves to donate to homeless Atlantans)



Mens Club

The Men's Club hosts a variety of events through the year that appeal to its members, such as:

- Atlanta Braves and Hawks games
- Whirlyball
- Bowling
- Bourbon and Beef
- Speakers on Jewish and topical issues

The Men's Club also organizes TBT's Atlanta Synagogue League softball and basketball teams and serves as our grillers extraordinaire for our outdoor events and Purim Carnival.



Chavurot (“Friendship Groups”)

Through our active Chavurah program, Temple Beth Tikvah offers congregants an opportunity to get to know each other outside of the synagogue and in a more intimate way. Our many chavurot range in size from 10 to 24 adults, who have come together by choice to participate in special activities. In some cases, chavurot have been formed by congregants at the same stages of life (e.g., young families, empty nesters). In other cases, chavurot are comprised of more diverse membership.



Kehillat Chesed (Caring Committee)

The Kehillat Chesed Committee is involved in a variety of outreach efforts to support congregants during significant life cycle events.

Social Action /Social Justice

Temple Beth Tikvah congregants are committed to meeting the needs of the broader community beyond our gates.

Seniors Group

Temple Beth Tikvah is a place for everyone. Our more mature members come together to learn and share. They often host guest speakers who enlighten, entertain and inform, while the group enjoys lunch together.



Volunteer Committees

Temple Beth Tikvah is proud of its many volunteer committees and the essential role they play in the leadership of our congregation. All congregants are encouraged to contribute to our ever-growing community by sharing their skills, talents and interests as a committee volunteer. Other active committees include:

- Adult Learning
- Fundraising
- House/Facilities
- Membership
- Social Action
- Budget and Finance
- Israel
- Communications
- High Holy Day Experience
- Ritual



קהילה
Community

תפילה Prayer

Worship and Ritual

As a religious community we strive to create meaningful prayer experiences.

Temple Beth Tikvah's services underscore the ideals of Reform Judaism, using Mishkan T'filah, the newest Reform prayer book. We immerse ourselves in the richness of traditional Jewish rituals and practices while exploring the teachings of Torah and our vast Jewish heritage within a modern context.

Our services are traditional, contemplative and joyful. They are a fusion of spirit and purpose, old and new. You don't have to be a regular to feel comfortable at Temple Beth Tikvah's worship services. No matter your level of Hebrew-fluent or a beginner, you will feel comfortable opening your heart.

Shabbat and holiday services are all infused with Hebrew prayer and classic chanting. Contemporary melodies, English meditations, and quiet reflections help us to articulate the longings of our heart and celebrate the blessings of our lives. All our services are designed to welcome and stretch us all – wherever we come in, we ought to leave in a different place. From our beautiful sanctuary, to our outdoor chapel one will find themselves in holy space, inviting the Neshama, our soul, to soar.

During the festivals, our evenings are devoted to the younger members of our community, with lively programs and family-friendly services, while the festival days stay true to the spirit of the tradition, with T'filah, Hallel and special Torah readings.

We meet every Shabbat morning and every Friday night, but there are on occasion variations in the schedule (especially over the summer). Please call the synagogue office at 770-642-0434 or check our synagogue website, www.bethtikvah.com to confirm service start times.

We welcome you to experience worship at Temple Beth Tikvah. Surrounded by our members, you will experience the true essence of our community.



לימוד Study - Our Children

A Commitment to Lifelong Education

At Temple Beth Tikvah, we are constantly seeking ways to best teach our children about prayer, identity and Jewish spiritual exploration. We believe Jewish education begins with the youngest of our community. We instill a love of Judaism in our children, giving them a solid foundation upon which to build later in life.

Early Childhood Education Center Preschool for 18 months through Pre-K (Mon. through Fri.) Temple Beth Tikvah's nationally accredited preschool offers preschool children a loving and nurturing environment in which to learn. Classes begin at 18 months and continue through Pre-K. Our curriculum integrates Jewish and secular themes designed to expose our youngest members to our Jewish traditions and faith.

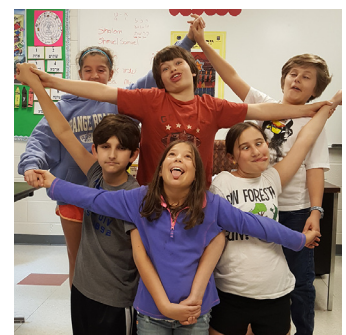
Teachers plan monthly units that take the children on an exciting tour of Jewish holidays and traditions, engaging them in activities that stimulate all five senses. Through arts and crafts, cooking, music and play, our preschoolers learn to love being Jewish even as they prepare for the academic challenges ahead.

Major Jewish holidays are taught and observed, and each week is capped off with a Shabbat celebration led by Rabbi Shuval-Weiner and Cantor Kassel. Once a month, all parents are invited to join their children for this worship experience.

Religious School

- **From Pre-K through B'nai Mitzvah.** Temple Beth Tikvah's Religious School curriculum is carefully designed to meet the individual needs of each child, from Pre-K students to those preparing to become Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Our children are introduced to the core concepts of Judaism through the classroom, field trips and special performances, enabling them to learn, discover and "feel" Judaism.
- **From B'nai Mitzvah through High School.** Becoming a **Bar or Bat Mitzvah** is an important life cycle moment when our students affirm their commitments as Jews and look to the future with a new perspective. We are also committed to helping them continue their Jewish journeys as they become young adults. Students in grades 8 and 9 participate in the **Keshet program**, designed especially for their unique needs and stage in life. Our 10th graders study with the Rabbi for their **Confirmation** year. Our 11th and 12th grade students participate in **Kivunim** ("Pathways") to prepare them for Jewish life after high school.

For an application call 770-642-4168 or visit:
www.bethtikvah.com/community/religious-school.



לימוד Study-Our Teachers

Director of Congregational Learning and Youth Advisor

Susan Cosden

As Director of Congregational Learning, Susan Cosden is particularly interested in helping each person and each family find meaning and purpose on their Jewish journey. Susan strives to deepen each person's relationships with themselves, with their family, with their friends, with our congregation, with Amcha (the Jewish people), with the larger world, with Israel, with Jewish texts and traditions, and with God/Higher Power/Nature. Susan holds a Masters in Jewish Education from the Rhea Hirsch School of Education at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles, CA. She completed her undergraduate studies in Asian Studies at Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, PA. She earned her California Clear Teaching Credential in Early Childhood and Elementary Education from Chapman University. In 1997 she received the title of Reform Jewish Educator. Before moving to Georgia, Susan has served congregations around the country for the past 23 years. Susan is excited to work with our faculty to provide exciting and content-rich educational opportunities for students from infants through 120.



Bobbee Griff (Youth Advisor)

Bobbee Griff spent four years as the youth director at Temple Sinai in Denver. She has spent the last twelve years working with Jewish youth, as a youth group advisor, religious school teacher, retreat organizer, and camp director. She has a Masters in Child and Family Development from UGA, as well as a certificate in Non-Profit Management.



לימוד Study-Ourselfes

A Commitment to Lifelong Education

Inspiring Jewish learning connections is the goal of Adult Education at Temple Beth Tikvah. Throughout the year, we offer a variety of educational opportunities ranging from classical Jewish themes to contemporary enrichment activities. Programs like Scholar in Residence weekends, Lunch and Learn, Shabbat and Sunday morning study sessions and topics of special interest are featured. We also invite learners to expand their Jewish awareness through activities such as yoga, meditation and art. Those of all ages, from young adults to seniors, are encouraged to attend.

Adult Learning

Jewish learning is a lifelong endeavor, which is important at any age. Our clergy, Director of Congregational Learning, community partners, and many volunteers work hard to provide many opportunities for us to explore our Judaism along with our fellow congregants.

Learning activities include:

- **The Rabbi's Table** This discussion class meets every Saturday after Shabbat services. Drop in for a nosh and some Parsha! No reservation is required.
- **Sunday Adult Classes** Courses taught by our clergy are scheduled for adults during religious school. Check our website for topics and scheduling.

The Michael Benjamin Zalkin Memorial Library

The Michael Benjamin Zalkin Memorial Library, which is located in Temple Beth Tikvah's education wing, houses a diverse collection of Jewish books, periodicals and other resource materials that are available to all congregants. We continually enhance the library's collection to ensure access to the information congregants need to continue their Jewish journeys.



תיקון Repair

Repairing the world

Kehillat Chesed

The Kehillat Chesed Committee is one of the ways Temple Beth Tikvah fulfills its commitment to sustain and provide support, solace and hope to congregants and their families during times of illness, suffering, loss and grief. The Kehillat Chesed Committee is involved in a variety of outreach efforts including:

- Preparing shiva meals and providing other assistance to families grieving the loss of a loved one
- Identifying resources in the community for special needs (transportation, support groups, pastoral care, visits to nursing homes, etc.)
- Celebrating births, adoptions, marriages and other simchas

Social Action

The mission of the Social Action Committee is to provide Temple Beth Tikvah members with opportunities to carry out the mitzvah of tikkun olam, repair the world. Temple Beth Tikvah congregants are committed to meeting the needs of the broader community through a variety of activities, including:

- **Food collection** for the Jewish Family and Career Services K kosher Food Pantry, the Atlanta Food Bank and North Fulton Charities Food Bank
- **Knit and Nosh** involves congregants knitting and crocheting warm clothing items to be donated to homeless shelters
- **Clothing collection** drives for The Drake House – a shelter for women and children in Roswell
- **Habitat for Humanity** to help build houses in the Atlanta area
- **Blessings in a Backpack** to provide food for elementary school children at risk of not having food over the weekends
- **Family Promise**, a national program to provide meals and housing for homeless families while they prepare for a more permanent housing solution

