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Welcome to Temple Beth Ami! Thank you for making the important decision to become a member of a synagogue and for supporting your Jewish community. We believe you will find Temple Beth Ami your central address for Jewish life in Santa Clarita.

As a member you are part of a group of individuals and families who believe in the value of a strong Jewish identity, are engaged in and dedicated to Jewish life, and equally important, who are fun to be around. We celebrate the richness of our Jewish heritage, honor the work and commitment of those who came before and work hard to build a strong, cohesive, and lively Jewish community. We have programming for all ages, from our vibrant preschool to our Active Adults and every age group in-between.

The congregation is supported by both the volunteer efforts of our members and by the membership fees and donations each member pledges and pays. Volunteerism is the life-blood of all noble and worthy efforts and Temple Beth Ami is here today due to the hard work and dedication of so many through the years. We encourage you to find the best place within the congregation to apply your talents, your professional expertise, and most importantly, your passion for Jewish life. Temple Beth Ami is a partnership among members who support each other and the idea of a strong Jewish community in Santa Clarita. We need every family or household to do their best to help build our community.

The enclosed materials explain your payment options. If you choose one of the installment plans, 35% of the annual membership fee is due by August 15th to secure High Holiday tickets. The balance is payable with several convenient installment plans over the year. A credit or debit card authorization is required for any of our installment plan payment options. School fees are due in full at the beginning of each semester.

We strive not to make financial considerations the primary focus of congregational membership, but acknowledge the reality that all members have a shared responsibility to provide the financial support to ensure that the congregation's needs continue to be met. We wholeheartedly welcome all who seek membership, regardless of their financial situation and it remains our policy that Temple membership be affordable to all who want to be part of our community. If you have a financial hardship, and need to request special payment arrangements for this year, please contact me for a confidential application. We also hope that those who are in a position to do so will help us underwrite those in need of financial support. The Temple is not only where we turn to fulfill our individual needs ... it is a vital communal and educational institution. Our programming is designed to meet the needs of the community.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact any of the Trustees or our Administrator, Teri Knafla.

Once again, thank you on behalf of Temple Beth Ami.

B'shalom,

Mark Kaplan  
President, Board of Trustees