



GETTING ENGAGED AT TEMPLE BETH AM

# Introduction From Rabbi Ruth

**Mission:** We deepen relationships to Judaism and our community by engaging the soul, heart, and mind.

**Vision:** Inspiring lives and healing the world through powerful Jewish experiences.

**Values:** Inclusion, Inspiration, Purpose, Engagement, Curiosity  
Responsibility

# Who Can I Go to at Beth Am?

Davida - Executive Director

Pastoral/appt with clergy - Main Number/Temple@

Get involved (committees, Hearth Groups, Volunteering) - Kendra

Giving - Davida

Youth Learning - Reyna

Event/rentals - Kendra

Financial - Megan

Communications - Amanda

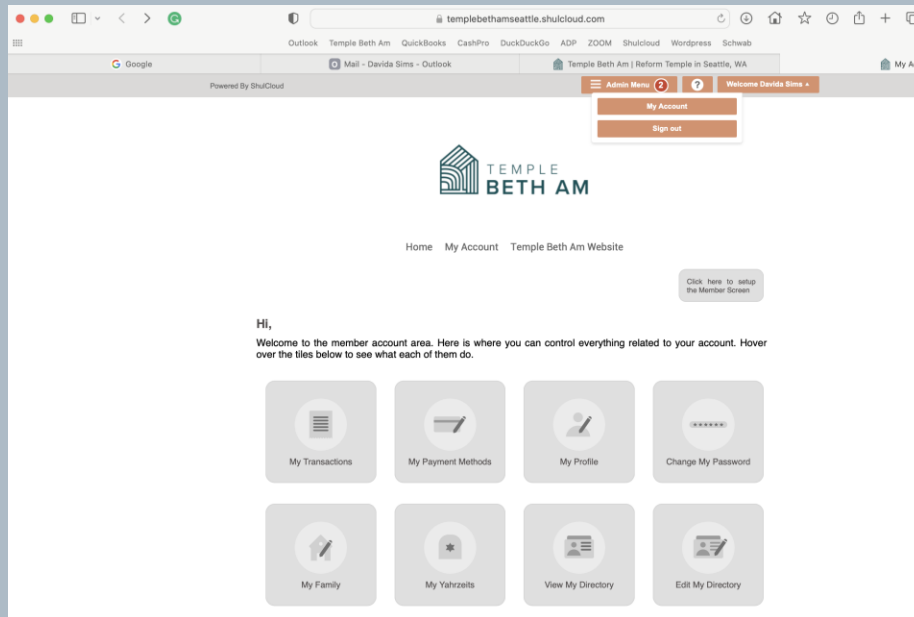
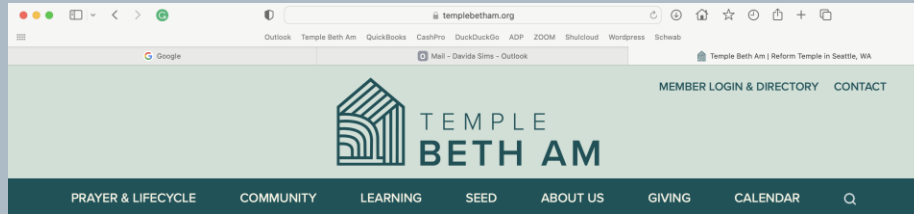
Membership - Amanda

# Communications

- **Happenings - Friday 10am**
- **Website** <https://www.templebetham.org/>
- **Calendar**
- **Mailings**
- **Coming Soon: Text**

*Feedback@templebetham.org*

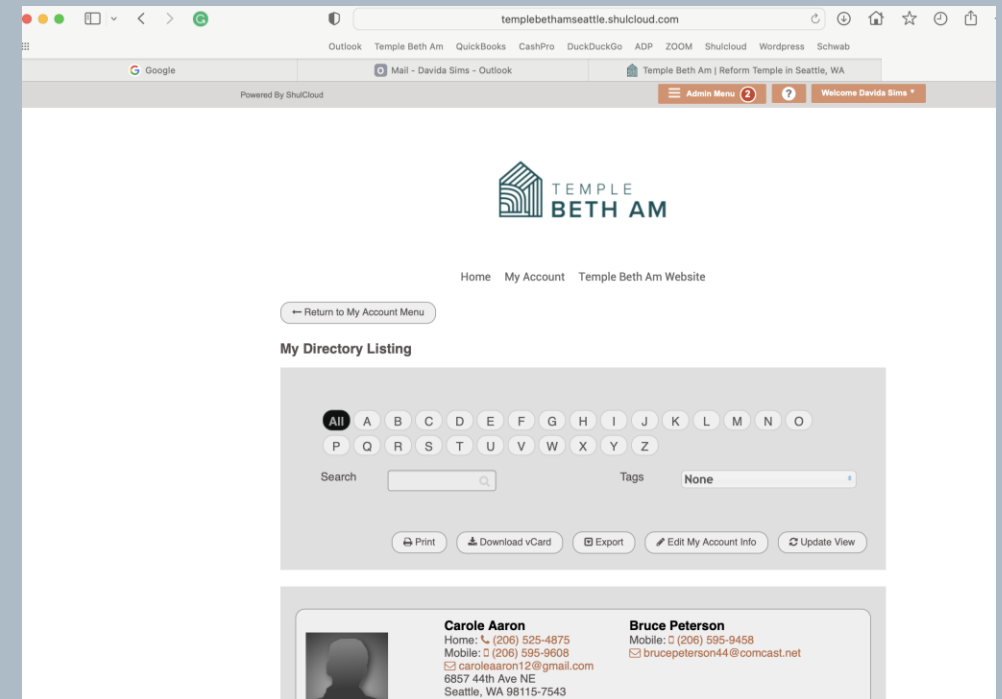
# The Member Directory



## Member Directory and Login

### MEMBER DIRECTORY LOGIN

We value your privacy. Please note that the member directory is only to be used for congregants to connect with one another for relationship building, not for blast emails of any kind. If you would like a list of congregants (example: 7th grade families, Sisterhood members, or mahjong attendees, etc...) please email [temple@templebetham.org](mailto:temple@templebetham.org).



# Beth Am Programs

- Shabbat Dinners
- Congregational Dinners
- Holiday Services
- Holiday Events (Tashlich, Sukkot, Hanukkah, Purim, and more)
- The Gan
- Adult Learning
- Scholar in Residence
- Gala & Community Builders
- Elul and Adar Groups
- Trips and retreats
- Choir, Mens Circle, Rosh Chodesh
- Social Action: H2R, Immigration, Angelines, etc.

# Member to Member Engagement

- Committees
- Engagement Teams
- Choir, circles, mahjong, yoga, meditation
- Social Action: H2R, Immigration, Angelines, Teen Feed, Health Care for All, etc.
- New Member Cohorts

# Breakout Groups

- Questions you still have?
- Things you would like to see at Beth Am?





TEMPLE  
**BETH AM**

CREATING A JEWISH HOME TOGETHER

December 2024



# TEMPLE BETH AM STRATEGIC VISION STATEMENT

Together, we will co-create a **Jewish home where people discover joy, meaning and belonging.** This means the doors to our congregational home need to be wide open—allowing ease of entry for all kinds of Jews, and for all kinds of spiritual seekers. More than a physical place Temple Beth Am could become an *experience*, a shelter for our souls, sustained not by walls but by genuine relationships that people form with one another. The congregation aspires to be a nimble, networked, and interconnected web of relationships that impact how we engage in all our primary Jewish acts of prayer, learning, and acts of *hesed*/lovingkindness & *tzedek*/justice.

## Vision

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## Mission

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## Values

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- ❖ Inspiration
- ❖ Purpose
- ❖ Engagement
- ❖ Curiosity
- ❖ Responsibility

*Approved by the Board of Directors on November 16, 2017*

# DEUTERONOMY 29:9-14

(9) You stand this day, **all of you**, before Adonai your God—your tribal heads, your elders and your officials, all the men of Israel, (10) your children, your wives, even the stranger within your camp, from woodchopper to water drawer— (11) to enter into the covenant of Adonai your God, which Adonai your God is concluding with you this day...

As Adonai promised you and as Adonai swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. (13) **I make this covenant, with its sanctions, not with you alone, (14) but both with those who are standing here with us this day before Adonai our God and with those who are not with us here this day.**

# BABYLONIAN TALMUD

BERACHOT 58A

**The Sages taught** in a *Tosefta*: **One who sees multitudes of Israel recites: Blessed...Who knows all secrets.** Why is this? He sees a whole nation **whose minds are unlike each other and whose faces are unlike each other,** and He Who knows all secrets, God, knows what is in each of their hearts.

# VALUE #1: INCLUSION

## **Inclusion:**

**We welcome everyone into our community.**

We embrace pluralism so that every individual feels seen and heard, and everyone feels empowered to participate in their own way. We honor all levels of Jewish knowledge.

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the value of **inclusion** show up in your Temple Beth Am experience?
2. What are the **challenges** of being an inclusive congregation? What are the **benefits**?