

Year of Torah Spiritual Life Fund

Allocation FAQ

What is the purpose of the funds?

- The purpose of the *Year of Torah Spiritual Life Fund* is to invest in ideas and programs that enhance the spiritual life of the Temple Beth Emeth congregation and broader Jewish community. Programs and initiatives that receive funding should aim to have a lasting, positive impact on the spiritual life of the congregation over five or even ten years after initial implementation.

Who can apply for funds?

- ***Anyone!*** This is an open opportunity for anyone in the TBE community with an idea about how to enhance the spiritual life of the TBE Community!

What is the process for applying?

- Interested applicants should complete the application requirements, and submit materials to TBE, addressed to Sooji's attention.
- Applications will be forwarded to the Year of Torah Committee
- A member of the Year of Torah Committee will be assigned as the primary contact person for each application and will work with applicants to strengthen applications, if needed.
- Finalized applications will be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the TBE Board to determine when they will appear on the TBE Board agenda. The TBE Board votes on all allocation decisions.
- After the Board votes, the assigned Year of Torah Committee member will contact applicant about the Board's decision.

How long does it take to get funds?

- We hope to have the whole process, from initial application to release of funds, concluded within 3 months.

Who makes the decision about what gets funded?

- The Executive Committee of the Board places item on the agenda for the Board and the TBE Board makes the decision

What if I need help completing the application process?

- Please feel free to contact **Rabbi Levy** (reblevy@templebethemeth.org); Temple Administrator **Sooji Min** (sjmin@templebethemeth.org); or Committee Chair **Wendy Lawrence** (wwlawrence1@yahoo.com) for help.

What is the role of the oversight committee?

- The Year of Torah Committee's role is to help prepare and strengthen applications— they are not a decision making body. Committee members will assist applicants by asking questions, reviewing application materials, and serving as liaison between the Board and the applicant.