

My choice to become a rabbi was in large part due to the Jewish Education I received at Temple Beth Ami. I joined the TBA Wednesday night Torah study with my father in my late twenties, together we found a place to explore and grow in our Jewish identity. The adult education not only gave us the unique experience of reading through the entire TANAKH and beyond, but also gave me an avenue to train and have an adult Bat Mitzvah ceremony. After completing the B'nai Mitzvah training program I decided to pursue the rabbinate. In 2015 I received ordination from the Academy for Jewish Religion California. My father remained in the Torah study class until he died almost two years ago. I truly believe that TBA gave our family something deep that we were missing, a sense of community, food for our minds, and nourishment for our souls. On behalf of myself and my father, the Rensin family is deeply grateful and forever supportive of Temple Beth Ami's adult education.

Rabbi Sarah Rensin



I absolutely love Temple Beth Ami's religious school! I have had one son already graduate from the program and another son who just started the program. When my older son graduated, he said that he was not done learning and asked to come back and volunteer as the Education Director's Assistant. He also proposed a Teen Torah program which has now been implemented so that the kids can continue to learn even after their Bar/Bat Mitzvah. During both of my kids tenure at Temple Beth Ami's religious school, I have been continually impressed with the program and teachers. They have continued to develop their program through the years and have implemented the most up to date technology and teaching materials. I love it when my kids come home and tell me about everything they learned.

Kim Fogel

Temple Beth Ami, now in its 30th year, has been an integral part of thousands of lives. From births and through b'nai mitzvah, weddings, celebrating anniversaries and saying farewell to our loved ones, this congregation has given us love, comfort, and support.

TBA's commitment to lifelong education enables this connection to our tradition and community. It has been our synagogue's tradition never to turn away anyone for financial reasons, and this has always been made possible by the generosity of community at large, quite simple, by people like you. TBA has set an ambitious goal of \$18,000 for the funding of our innovative and important educational offerings.

Kim and Rabbi Sarah's stories are just two out of hundreds of examples of how TBA changes lives through learning. Please take a moment to reaffirm your personal commitment to TBA by contributing as generously as you can to our Spring Educational Appeal. By contributing you perform the mitzvah of strengthening our temple family. The funds raised this year will sustain, initiate and support programs for families and individuals to learn about and explore Judaism.

Holiday Blessings and Best Wishes
Chag Sameyakh!