

Temple Beth Ami Vision Initiative



Temple Beth Ami: Your Voice - Our Future

You are confirmed for a Vision Meeting for (date), (time), (place). As we will start and end on time, please plan accordingly. Please bring this handout with you.

Vision Meeting Agenda:

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| 1. Set the context: | Beth Ami's strategic planning initiative |
| 2. Prepare to talk: | Discussion Goal and Guidelines |
| 3. Answer the questions: | Define Beth Ami's success |
| 4. Learn about next steps: | Upcoming sessions & communications |

The Steering Committee will serve the Board's strategic planning initiative, ensuring that our new priorities are in line what's on the hearts and minds of our congregation as we think together about Temple Beth Ami's successful future. Thank you for your help in selecting the highest value topics in the eyes of our congregation, as well as your input and feedback relative to what Beth Ami might do to address and succeed on those topics.

Vision Meeting Purpose: to learn about your aspirations for the temple and for your membership in order to inform the board's planning & resource decisions.

Our Discussion Questions from the Board:

1. What do you find compelling about being a member of a synagogue?
2. What would be missed if our temple weren't here?
3. When we envision our temple celebrating its successes ten years from now, what might be some evidence that we are fulfilling our purpose, our vision?
4. What might be changed to better meet your needs and interests?

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Discussion Guidelines, please....

- Fully participate: answer from your heart
- Stay on topic: focus on your values, not “how to”
- Remember ideas are not decisions: please help us keep rumors to a minimum

The work of the Steering Committee will include a number of ways to provide input and feedback to the Board. While our process is flexible, here is an outline of what we have in mind for the Committee’s primary responsibilities:

What	When	How / Where	To What End
Attend one small group 90 minute discussion meeting	After the high holidays and before Thanksgiving	Either at temple or a congregant’s home, to answer broad questions about your hopes & interests relative to your temple	To help identify what our congregation wants / doesn’t want To help identify what good looks like for our temple community
Participate in few web-based surveys	Periodic intervals from January to April	Short surveys to get a read on priorities and approaches	To refine key topics & potential benefits from those topics To get ideas on strategies, ways to approach key topics
Participate in one or two town hall meetings	To be determined. We will invite the full Committee to be the first to see the draft plan before it goes to the Board for discussion and the vote	Temple	To provide ideas and feedback on strategies