



Join Us for Our Annual Inclusion Shabbat and Shirat Shabbat

February 9, 2018 – 7:30 pm



Help us bring together “**Voices from Our Community**” and share a moment to include in a booklet to distribute to congregants at this Shabbat.

Guest Speaker - Jen Phillips

Director of Recreation and Programming at Keshet



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Please help us by submitting your short anecdote by February 1st to be included in the booklet.



Cantor Amy Zussman
along with choir members from **Selah**, a newly formed choir for individuals with special needs

“What Does It Mean to Be an Inclusive Synagogue?”

Please contact Lisa Neiman at neiman@bethjudea.org or 847-634-0777 if you need any special accommodations, including transportation, to participate in our program.



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Dear Congregation Beth Judea Membership,

The Congregation Beth Judea Inclusion Committee is excited to announce our **First Inclusion Shabbat on February 9th at 7:30pm**. This service will include a speaker, Jen Phillips, Director of Recreation and Programming at Keshet and Cantor Amy Zussman along with choir members from **Selah**, a newly formed choir for individuals with special needs. We look forward to sharing this special event with the congregation. As we begin to plan Inclusion Shabbat, we wanted to bring together **Voices from Our Community** who have benefited from inclusion here firsthand. We ask the question, **“What Does It Mean to Be an Inclusive Synagogue?”**

Looking back, we can think of moments that stand out in our minds as times when inclusion here at Beth Judea worked. Whether it be at a program, a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, a service, or a youth group activity, individuals with special needs have been and will continue to be included here in our synagogue.

We ask you to share a moment with us that we can share with the synagogue at our Shabbat. We would like to make a small booklet compiling the defining and memorable experiences that our congregants have had here at Beth Judea in regards to inclusion. We just concluded our Morning to Remember program where individuals shared their memories of our congregation. This is another opportunity to share what our synagogue is doing or has done to make a welcoming and including environment. We have asked you to share an experience that you would be willing for us to share.

If you are willing to participate, **please email your short anecdote** by February 1st to Scott Rosen at SJR9018@gmail.com who will be compiling the booklet. Please also let us know how you would like your passage signed such as first name only, congregant, or first name with first initial of your last name. You may also email me any questions you might have.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to share your story.
We all look forward to hearing about your experiences.

Sincerely,

Scott Rosen and the Inclusion Committee of Congregation Beth Judea.

