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It is with pride and enthusiasm that we provide you with the enclosed 5772 Membership Packet for Beth Jacob Congregation of Irvine. To all of our current and former members, we look forward to your renewed membership. To all who are considering joining us, we welcome you and encourage you to become a part of our diverse and growing Modern Orthodox community in the heart of Orange County.

We have something special here at Beth Jacob. Numerous guests to our community over the past year have consistently told us that our community is like no other. They praised us for our warmth, our hospitality, the wonderful leadership and guidance of Rabbi Ciner, the decorum and active participation by all in our services and more. This is exactly what we want to be and we will focus our energy to make sure that Beth Jacob continues to be this kind of place for not just our members and guests, but also those who are either new to the community or considering Orange County as a place to live. When you have a good thing going, you want to share it with others!

Of course, we also want to make sure that Beth Jacob stays strong and continues to grow. Our campus is truly in the midst of a transformation and there is more to come. Just this year we have acquired the bank building and built out the Sephardic Sanctuary and Olam Jewish Montessori. We have renovated the playground and landscaped around the campus. We are also making changes to the Ashkenaz sanctuary before the High Holidays.

In addition to now being able to offer a preschool to our community, we continue to focus on the many programs and services that Beth Jacob and our 200+ member families provide to the Orange County Jewish community, many of which are uniquely offered by Beth Jacob and only possible with the support of membership and generous donations. These include:

- **Daily shacharit, mincha and maariv services**, including the choice of three services on Shabbat morning – early morning “hashkama” minyan, main minyan and Sephardic minyan.
- **NCSY chapter** for youth, as well as “**Davening and Donuts**” for younger children each Shabbat morning.
- A beautiful “spa-like” **mikvah** on the campus.
- Varied **Jewish learning programs** for children and adults.
- An active **Chesed Committee** that serves those in our community in need.
- The only **Sephardic minyan** that meets seven days a week for shacharit, and conducts its own High Holiday services with a professional chazzan.
- **Home Hospitality** for Shabbat visitors who wish to stay within the Irvine Eruv.

Despite the continued expansion of Beth Jacob, we are pleased to inform you that we have maintained the membership dues at last year's levels. This includes the premium membership levels – we encourage you to consider these, as they provide you with added benefits that you might realize you take advantage of during the year anyway.

**We are committed to providing a spiritual home to everyone who chooses to join. While membership dues are the primary financial means for Beth Jacob to continue and expand our efforts, if you wish to become a member but are unable to meet the financial commitment of General Membership, we welcome you and encourage you to please contact Rabbi Ciner or the shul office to make alternative arrangements. Your request will remain confidential.**

In addition to your membership dues, we need your spiritual and physical support. We encourage you to get more involved with our synagogue. If you want to be a part of expanding our programs and events for young adults, singles or anything else, we encourage you to just do it! There is a section on the membership form for you to express your interests and we encourage you to please complete this section. It truly does take the whole community and we are so proud of the active participation of so many of our members. Please complete the section of the membership form for volunteer opportunities.

**Please return your membership application by no later than August 31st. For both security and financial reasons, the synagogue will not provide High Holiday seating this year unless and until the membership application is completed and returned.**

We wish you, your family and our entire community a year filled with health, happiness, prosperity, growth, learning and peace. Should you have any questions whatsoever, please approach one of us (e-mail: [board@bethjacobirvine.org](mailto:board@bethjacobirvine.org)), Rabbi Ciner (e-mail: [rabbic@bethjacobirvine.org](mailto:rabbic@bethjacobirvine.org)) or the shul office (telephone: (949) 786-5230).

B'Shalom,

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