“All our paths lead to shalom.”

Our aspiration of shalom is one of wholeness for each individual, our community, and our world. Wholeness requires mending, bringing opposites together, acting with integrity, and feeling well in body, mind, and soul. Shalom is both spiritual and worldly, striking a balance between these realms. Shalom sets our standards for this world while giving us a glimpse of the world we wish for.

We’ve listed below some of the many meanings of shalom found in Jewish texts and tradition. The inclusiveness of the word leaves room for each member’s unique perspective and values.

**Wholeness – Bestowed by God**
May God show God’s face to you and grant you shalom. --Birkat Cohanim/Priestly Blessing, Num. 6:26

**Wholeness – To be Pursued by People**
Turn away from evil, do good (tov), seek shalom and pursue it. --Ps. 34:14

**Wholeness of Community**
Shalom is that fullness of being in which each of us brings our individual gifts to the common good. --Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

**Wholeness of Relationship – Friendship**
There was friendship (shalom) between King Yavin of Chatzor and the family of Chever the Kenite. --Judges 4:17

**Wholeness – Bringing Together of Opposites**
Shalom is the knowledge that all of my opposing energies are somehow linked and part of a single whole. --Rabbi David Zaslow

**Wholeness – In our Business Dealings**
(finance, restitution, etc.)
You must have completely (sh’leima) honest weights and completely (sh’leima) honest measures.... --Deut. 25:15

**Wholeness of Character – Integrity**
Guard the blameless and see the upright, for there is a future for the person of integrity (shalom). --Psalm 37:37

**Wholeness of Body and Soul – Wellbeing**
He [Jacob] said to him [Joseph], “Go now and see how your brothers are (see to the shalom of your brothers).... --Genesis 37:14

**Wholeness of Spirit - Peace of Mind/Tranquility**
God describing the future to Abraham, says, “As for you, you shall go to your fathers (die) in shalom.” --Genesis 15:15

**Safety/Protection**
When Moses tells his father-in-law, Yitro, he wants to return to his kinsmen in Egypt, Yitro replies, “Go in shalom.” --Exodus 4:18
TBE Mission
Across generations, we share in: learning (Torah), searching for the Sacred (Avodah), and engaging in acts of caring and healing (Gemilut Chasadim)—striving to find wholeness, fulfillment, and peace (Shalom) for ourselves, our community, Israel, and our world.

Our new mission continues to recognize the enduring value of learning, prayer, and acts of loving-kindness in order to realize our vision.

TBE Values
In traveling our pathways, we:

**Comfort** compassionately  <->  **Challenge** lovingly

*Lev chiev* – Loving heart

**Listen** deeply  <->  **Speak** wholeheartedly

*Lev shomeiah* – Listening heart

**Reach out** <->  **Welcome in**

*Nadiv lev* – Giving heart

Our values reinforce the importance of members embracing the diversity of needs and perspectives of individuals in our community with the utmost respect.