



Subject: CBE - Union Temple Merger Announcement

Dear CBE/Union Temple Community,

We are thrilled to write with the exciting news that, in a near unanimous vote, the memberships of both Congregation Beth Elohim and Union Temple decided to combine our congregations. We now petition the New York Supreme Court requesting approval of the merger.

This represents an incredibly exciting future for our congregations. Together, we will create a thriving center for progressive Jewish life in Brooklyn for decades to come. Our three-building campus, stretching from Park Slope to Prospect Heights and beyond, will grow our ability to serve Jews of all ages through lifelong learning, spiritual life, arts and culture, and engagement with the world around us, as well as to build upon the programs and services we currently provide.

Most importantly, we will build a community where we support each other, and where we, as Jews, can ask the hardest questions about how we make meaning in our lives and what our purpose is while we are here. We will create a place for human connection, meaning, and joy, a life-affirming place where Jews and our partners of all faiths come together to dream of a world redeemed.

We've reached this moment through the hard work of our CBE-Union Temple Merger Exploration Committee, including Jonathan Gertman, Emily Kurtz, Tomer Inbar, Rob Raich and Alan Herman.

Thank you for being part of this historic moment for our congregations.

L'shalom,

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