

TBE Vision

“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*). --*Psalms 37:37*

Wholeness of Body and Soul – Wellbeing

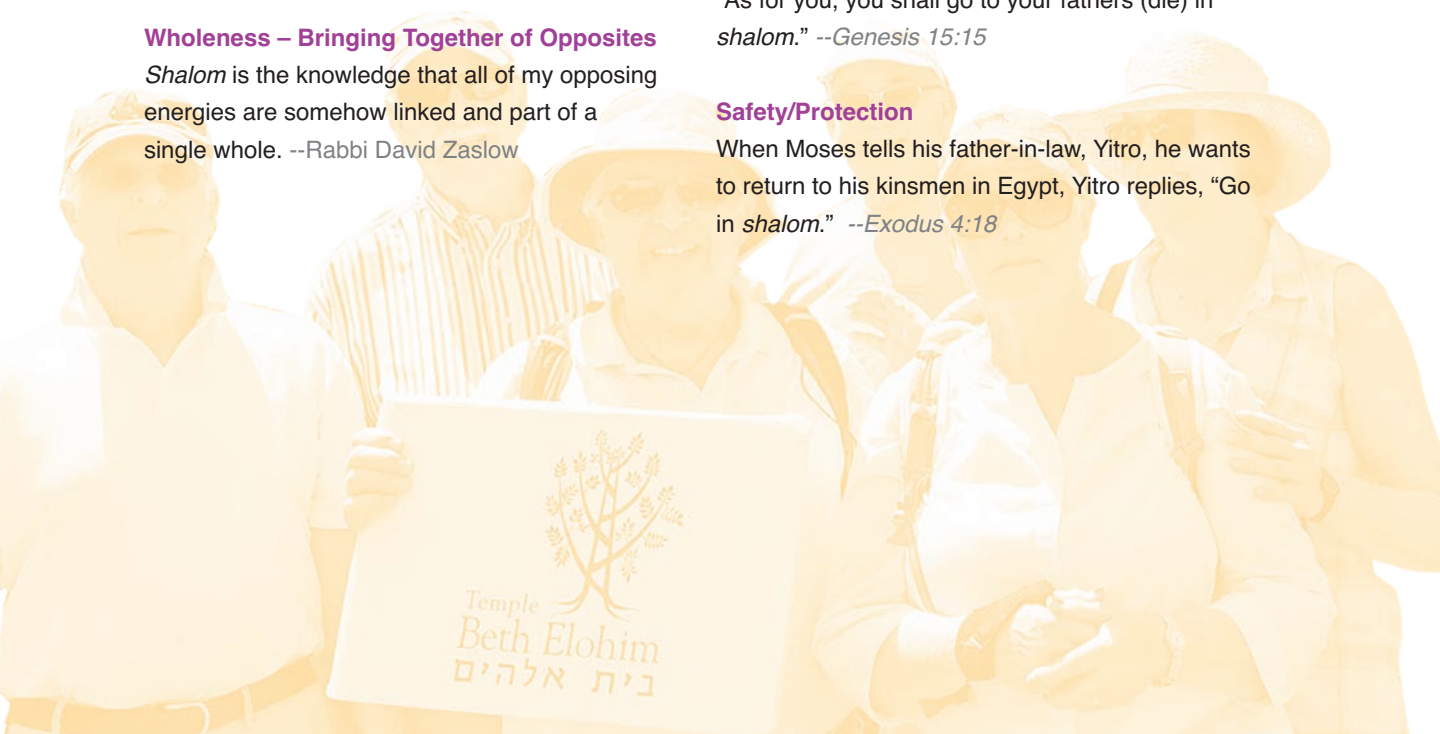
He [Jacob] said to him [Joseph], “Go now and see how your brothers are (see to the *shalom* of your brothers).... --*Genesis 37:14*

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 ohiev – 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.