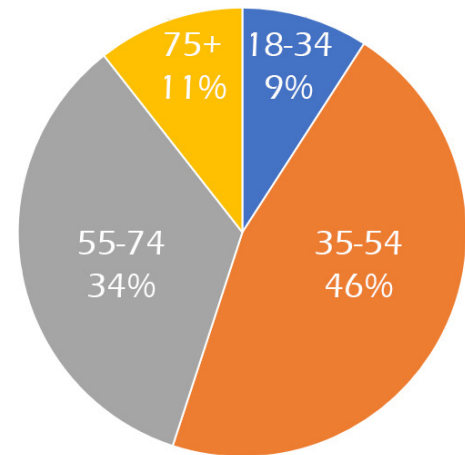


Snapshot of Membership by Age

This year we took great strides in creating and deepening relationships at Temple Beth Avodah. Through these programs our congregants find Judaism, community and each other. Thank you to the event chairs and to the Engagement Task Force for working to make TBA a welcoming community. Please contact Lori Rosen, Director of Member Relations and Engagement, for more information on any of the information below or on how to get involved.



Making Connections with Groups of All Ages and Sizes!

Programs for Smaller Audiences

- **New Members:** We welcomed new members to TBA with phone calls, holiday baskets throughout the year, host families and pizza!
- **Lunch with the Rabbi.** Rabbi invited members in the 75+ age group to join him for lunch.
- **Book Group and Mah Jongg:** The WTBA Retreat this year was all about making connections and finding others with similar interests. Two small groups sprung out of this year's retreat are a book club and a mah jongg group.

Programs for Larger Audiences

- **TBA Boomers!:** Baby boomers are those born between 1946 -1964 and make up a large part of the TBA congregation-over 300 people fall into this category. In January, the baby boomers were invited to a reception after a Jazz Shabbat service to mingle with new and old friends, eat some delicious food and begin brainstorming ideas to help this large group of people feel more connected to the temple. We had a great turnout for the reception and many good ideas came out of the evening. This year, the newly formed TBA Boomers! enjoyed a movie night at West Newton Cinema followed by a reception, held a Boomers! In Motion event (walk, run, kayak and bike and schmooze). Plans for next year include apple picking, a potluck dinner, theater night, dance party and outdoor event.

Programs for the Entire Community

- **Welcome Back Block Party:** At the beginning of the fall we had a welcome back from summer outside program. There were fun activities for kids and information for adults on ways to get involved. Food, fun, friends, music, gigantic bubbles and face painting was enjoyed by all!
- **18 Tables:** The congregation enjoyed an evening of friendship, food and fun. Members of the congregation hosted fellow congregants at their house for dinner. We later met back at the temple for specialty coffee, dessert, music and community gathering.