

We believe in the Jewish people, a people ancient in its history and young in its aspirations.

We believe in Judaism, a way of life, a faith in God. Judaism is neither literature nor a romantic nostalgic dream, nor a museum. It is a living reality, here and now. It has created customs, many of them still so meaningful as to deserve to be kept alive. It has created a piety, which can and must be translated into terms of our daily life.

We believe in religion lived and not only preached. We believe that there can be neither sound interpretation of Jewish values nor proper understanding of Judaism without education of the young and old.

We hate hypocrisy and love honest search for the kind of Judaism that will make our people and our basic values survive and live again. We are neither ashamed of customs so old that their origin is lost in the gray past of our great-grandparents, nor are we afraid to change the unacceptable and to add the new.

That is why we call Temple B'nai Abraham a traditional progressive congregation.

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