



THE JEWISH
COMMUNITY
OF BERMUDA



COMMUNITY CENTRE CAMPAIGN

**A HOME OF
OUR OWN**

WHO WE ARE

The Jewish Community of Bermuda (JCB) is a registered Bermuda charity committed to sustaining meaningful Jewish life on the island and passing down Jewish traditions, *L'dor v'dor*, from generation to generation.

We offer Jewish residents a place of their own to conduct religious and cultural practices. Our centre also allows visitors a place to practice their faith and find community abroad.

Our community has never owned a sole-use synagogue or building for the Jewish people of Bermuda. For the past 15 years, the JCB has leased 75 St John's Road, Pembroke. Now, an opportunity has come for us to buy the property.

[See back page to join the campaign!](#)

We celebrate shabbats, high holydays, events, bris's, bar mitzvahs, births, weddings and funerals. We have a thriving Hebrew school. Members are encouraged to share programming preferences, and may invite rabbis of choice for personal simchas. We offer:

- **Hebrew school**
- **Tot Shabbat (Torah Tots)**
- **Bar/Bat mitzvah lessons**
- **Holidays, observances & events**
- **Shabbat services & potluck dinners**
- **Holidays, observances & events**
(such as Chanukah candle lighting, Purim parties, building a sukkah)

Members are also active in the Bermuda community, organising beach cleanups, Holocaust education, exhibits and more.



OUR STORY

1694

The law “An Act laying an imposition on all Jews, and reputed Jews, trading or merchandising on these islands” levied a £5 tax on Jews attempting to execute business in Bermuda.

1760

The Act was revoked, likely because it was bad for Bermuda business. Jews in Bermuda were mostly transient, except for the Meyer family, which became Bermudian. (The Meyers no longer have a family presence, although the name remains.)

1945+

Jews began to travel to Bermuda more, some settling on the island.

1940s–50s

Jewish visitors faced discrimination by hotels and travel agencies. Some hotels did not permit Jews to stay and several clubs forbade Jewish membership.

1967

Most Jews in Bermuda chose not to reveal their religion. An exception was Puisne Judge Hector Barcillon, who, in response to the Six-Day War in Israel, revealed he was Jewish.

1940s–95

US naval officers and their families established an *ad hoc* Jewish community after two American bases were built in Bermuda. Jewish residents of the island took over the group when the US military withdrew in the mid-1990s.

1900s–2000s

The community held celebrations and events at hotels, private clubs, and retail spaces, including Mermaid Beach Hotel, Bermuda Chamber of Commerce, Royal Amateur Dinghy Club, and the third floor of Trimingham’s department store.

2008

The JCB took the existing 15-year lease at St John’s Road.



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OUR GOAL

www.jewishbermuda.com/fundraiser

PHASE 1: \$850,000

Property Acquisition
& Foundational Renovations

ACHIEVED



PHASE 2: \$500,000

Enhancement & Expansion

IN
PROGRESS

PHASES 1+2 = \$1.35 million

HOW TO GIVE

www.jewishbermuda.com/donate

We welcome donations of any size. Significant donations will be recognised in the following categories:

Founder \$250,000

Ner Tamid \$100,000

Torah \$50,000

Mishna \$25,000

Star of David \$10,000

Mezuzah \$5,000

Hamsa \$1,000

Questions: JCBfundraising@gmail.com

We are asking for financial commitments to buy the building and make necessary renovations.

We invite you to support our community in accomplishing this historic milestone