



Congregation B'nai Israel

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WELCOME **Membership Application**

As a member of Congregation B'nai Israel, you will be a part of a progressive, egalitarian, conservative congregation. As a member you will have a personal relationship with the rabbis, staff, and other members of the community.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP INCLUDE:

Life Cycle Events

You will be part of a caring community when you experience life cycle events such as a Brit-milah and Brit bat (baby-naming) ceremony, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, marriage ceremony, shiva (mourning) and funeral services. CBI membership provides you with cemetery privileges in our Jewish and Interfaith cemeteries.

Worship and Holiday Services

Your membership helps support the High Holiday services, weekly Shabbat Services, and special Chanukah, Purim, Pesach, Shavuot and other holiday services and celebrations during the year. All of these services are free with your membership, including free ticket(s) to High Holiday services.

Reciprocity

Members are eligible for reciprocity with participating synagogues for High Holiday tickets.

Adult Education

Membership pays for adult education classes, Sunday cafés with guest presenters, lecture series, and Shabbat luncheon programs. Members can participate in other adult experiences such as informal spirituality groups, havurah -small community gatherings, dance programs, and presentations during senior luncheons.

Religious School

Members may enroll their children in (ALMA) religious school and membership helps support the education of our youth in providing subsidies to the school.

Voice in Shaping the Congregation

Members may serve on the Board, vote in elections and referenda, and serve on committees. A full list of Committees and opportunities for involvement are listed on the application form.

Ownership and Use of the Building

As a member you become part owner of the building that is a spiritual home, an event center, a kosher kitchen, a sanctuary (safe place for you and others), and a place to schmooze. Members have first priority for the use of meeting space, and special rates for rental of the social hall and kitchen.

Availability of Clergy

Members get first priority for a call on our Rabbi for pastoral counseling, hospital visitations, and similar needs

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Individual One Adult Family Two Adult Family Dual Membership

ADULT APPLICANT 1

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Gender: Male Female Other

Hebrew Name: _____ Ben/Bat: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Check to add this address to Congregation B'nai Israel group email Check to add address to member directory

Occupation: _____ Firm/Company Name: _____

Marital Status

Single Married (Anniversary ___/___/___) Engaged Separated or Divorced Widowed Partnered

Synagogue Affiliation: (if any) Previous _____ Concurrent: _____ Is your family an interfaith family? Yes No

ADULT APPLICANT 2

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Preferred Name: _____ Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Gender: Male Female Other

Hebrew Name: _____ Ben/Bat: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

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Occupation: _____ Firm/Company Name: _____

Marital Status

Single Married (Anniversary ___/___/___) Engaged Separated or Divorced Widowed Partnered

Synagogue Affiliation: (if any) Previous _____ Concurrent: _____

Is your family an interfaith family? Yes No How did you hear of Congregation B'nai Israel? Referred by _____

Newspaper/Ads Website/Facebook Other social media

How long have you been a resident of this area? _____ If applicable, where did you move from: _____

CHILD (1) if applicable

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Preferred First Name: _____ Hebrew Name: _____ Gender: Male Female Other

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Email Address: _____

Is child living at main address: Yes No (if no, indicate address) _____

Name of School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Are you interested in enrolling your child in Religious School? Yes No

CHILD (2) if applicable

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Preferred First Name: _____ Hebrew Name: _____ Gender: Male Female Other

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Email Address: _____

Is child living at main address: Yes No (if no, indicate address) _____

Name of School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Are you interested in enrolling your child in Religious School? Yes No

CHILD (3) if applicable

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Preferred First Name: _____ Hebrew Name: _____ Gender: Male Female Other

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Email Address: _____

Is child living at main address: Yes No (if no, indicate address) _____

Name of School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Are you interested in enrolling your child in Religious School? Yes No

CHILD (4) if applicable

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Name: _____

Preferred First Name: _____ Hebrew Name: _____ Gender: Male Female Other

Date of Birth: ___/___/___ Email Address: _____

Is child living at main address: Yes No (if no, indicate address) _____

Name of School: _____ Current Grade: _____

Are you interested in enrolling your child in Religious School? Yes No

Yahrzeit Information

It is custom of the congregation to read the names of loved ones who are no longer with us on the anniversary of their passing. You will be notified via mail from the CBI Office of the Hebrew date of your loved one's death unless you specify the English/Gregorian date.

Yahrzeit #1 _____ Relationship _____

Secular Date of Passing _____ Before Sundown After sundown

Yahrzeit #2 _____ Relationship _____

Secular Date of Passing _____ Before Sundown After sundown

Yahrzeit #3 _____ Relationship _____

Secular Date of Passing _____ Before Sundown After sundown

Yahrzeit #4 _____ Relationship _____

Secular Date of Passing _____ Before Sundown After sundown

I am/We are interested in the following committees or activities:

- Abundance Farm Education Israel Committee Personnel Committee
- Adult Education Endowment Kiddush Corps Religious School
- Bikkur Holim Financial Oversight Library Ritual
- Aesthetics Fundraising MANNA Tikkun Olam
- Caring Community Gan Keshet Preschool Membership Valley Jewish Seniors
(Chesed Initiative)
- Cemetery Governance Nominating Other
- Chevra Kadisha House and Properties Northampton Cot Shelter

Please write any special talents, interests, or ideas you wish to share with us to better serve the congregation:

Would you like to make an appointment with the rabbi to discuss any of the information on this application?

No, thanks Yes

I/We make application to Congregation B'nai Israel on _____ (Date)

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

FILING APPLICATION

Application for membership must be accompanied by a deposit of \$100, applicable to the first year's dues (except for qualifying young adult applicants), and a deposit to the Building Fund of \$85, applicable to the Building Fund. Application and deposit (totaling \$185.00) should be mailed to *Congregation B'nai Israel, 253 Prospect Street, Northampton, MA 01060. Contact the synagogue office at: (413) 584-3593 ext 202, or email office@cbinorthampton.org*

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

- Deposit Received (Amount \$ _____) Date Received _____
- Sent to Membership Committee Sent to Board of Directors
- Added to Membership List (Date: _____)