



CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL

Dues, Contributions, Participation, and Volunteerism

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The most important question you have to ask yourself about joining a synagogue is "Does this house of worship meet my needs as a Jew?" If you have looked at Beth Israel and decided we are the right synagogue for you and your family, we are privileged and proud you have decided to join our congregational family.

While we, like other conservative synagogues around the country, need funds to pay for our operating expenses there are many ways to contribute.

- **Volunteer.** There are many ways you can volunteer and participate at Beth Israel. The Board has several committees where assistance is needed. Special events need volunteers. Get involved in our Religious School by teaching or assisting a teacher. The Sisterhood and Men's Club have many activities that only happen through volunteers.

- **Participate.** We have many events at Beth Israel including weekly Shabbat services. Your participation in these religious, educational and social activities is essential for our Congregational family to thrive and continue to grow.

- **Dues.** *Our Congregation has never turned away a member who is unable to contribute financially or is unable to contribute the full dues amount.* Beth Israel only has one dues structure. A membership at our congregation is \$1,800 annually (our fiscal year is from 1 Jan to 31 Dec). Most congregants can afford full dues, some are able to contribute more than this amount, and some cannot afford this level of financial commitment. Once you join Beth Israel, we will be asking you to make a financial commitment commensurate with your means and the synagogue's needs.

- **Contributions.** Should you wish there are many other ways to donate funds to Beth Israel in addition to your dues commitment. These include remembering loved ones on their Yahrzeit, participating in our annual Aliyah sale, sponsoring an Oneg or Kiddush on a special occasion for your family, or donating funds to help send our youth to Jewish summer camps to name a few.

Everyone is welcome at Beth Israel. When a new member joins, we hope they will make commitments to volunteer, participate and donate. These commitments are what make Beth Israel special for each individual and help us to create one of the best small conservative congregations in the country.

We hope to see you soon at the synagogue!



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