



Temple B'nai Chaim

New Membership Package

July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Temple B'nai Chaim! We're glad you have chosen us to be your spiritual home as you continue on your Jewish journey. There are many different ways to get to know your new community and many people here who are eager to help you along the way.

Being part of our community means belonging to something bigger than yourself; we collectively celebrate in each other's simchas, we share and carry the sorrows of loss or need on all our shoulders making them easier to bear, we embrace the Torah and all that it stands for, we carry on our faith's traditions and pass them on to our children. At TBC we are never alone because we are all a part of this Jewish community!

We are so excited to get to know you and your family and have you as part of our community. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or simply to say hello.

B'shira uv'racha (in song and blessing),

Cantor Harriet Dunkerley

Cantorharriet@templebnaichaim.org

Section 1: Member Profile

Please fill out your name(s) as you would like them to appear in our directory. The directory will only contain your name(s), address, home phone number, family email and children's names/ages. The additional information is for internal TBC use only.

	Adult Member #1	Adult Member #2
Name		
Date of Birth		
Occupation		
Business Phone		
Cell Phone		
Email Address		
Anniversary		

Family Information

Home address: _____

Home phone: _____

Family email: _____

Child Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Grade (as of 9/25)	Gender	Email

Yahrzeit Names. At each Shabbat service, we read the names of the loved ones of our congregants on the anniversaries of their death. Please indicate any family members who you would like to have remembered at our Shabbat services.

Name	Family Relationship	Yahrzeit Date

Summary Fee Schedule

The Charts below shows TBC's membership fees for 2025-2026.

Note: These may be paid in full or in installments (see p. 8).

Membership Dues	2025-2026
NEW MEMBER: 2 Adult Household (2 adults + family)	\$3600 1 year
1 Adult Household (includes children)	\$2,500
2 Adult Household (includes children)	\$3,750
Chai Society (voluntary higher level)	\$4,500
Fair Share (voluntary higher level)	\$5,500
Benefactor (voluntary higher level)	\$7,500
Mensch dues (voluntary higher level)	\$15,000

Religious School Tuition	
Junior Chai (pre-K) & Musical Mensches	Free
Grades K-3	\$600
Grades 4-7 (Sunday Judaica & Hebrew)	\$1,200
B'nai Mitzvah Fee – students entering 7 th grade (or year of b'nai mitzvah)	\$871
Confirmation Grades 10-12	\$1,200

Building Charge	
Capital Fund (payable only in years 1-6 of membership – waived for any portion of this that you have paid to another Temple)	\$450

Security Fee	
This helps pay for security personnel for religious school and larger events	\$400

Optional Donations	
Sisterhood Dues	\$60
Religious School PTO Fund	\$72
ARZA Dues (supporting progressive movement in Israel)	\$36
URJ – Union for Reform Judaism	\$18

Section 2: Membership Dues

Please check one option below. A membership year follows our fiscal year, July 1 to June 30. Dues may be paid in full or in installments (see p. 8).

Dues Categories

Our Temple will always be open to all members who want to be part of our community, regardless of their ability to meet our normal dues. In order to support those members in our community who may need assistance, and to be able to offer programming that we might not ordinarily be able to offer, we provide the opportunity for you to perform a mitzvah by contributing to our community at the level at which you feel comfortable. It is this sense of community and caring that is the essence of who we are as a congregation.

Please give to the level that you are able.

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|--|------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Mensch | \$15,000 |
| <input type="radio"/> Benefactor | \$7,500 |
| <input type="radio"/> Fair Share | \$5,500 |
| <input type="radio"/> Chai Society | \$4,400 |
| <input type="radio"/> Regular Membership | \$3,750 |
| <input type="radio"/> New Member Family | \$3,600* (through 6/30/2026) |
| <input type="radio"/> 1 Adult Household ¹ | \$2,050 |
| Subtotal Membership Dues | \$ _____ |

¹ This is defined as a one-adult household, with or without children. Members who are in two adult households where one adult member does not participate are not eligible for this dues category.

Section 3: School Tuition - Tuition may be paid in full or in installments (see p. 8).

Grade Level on 9/25	Cost	# Students	Subtotal
Pre-K	FREE	x _____	
Religious School (grades K-3)	\$ 600	x _____	= \$ _____
Religious & Hebrew School (grades 4-7)	\$1200	x _____	= \$ _____
Subtotal of School Tuition			\$ _____

Section 4: Capital Fund and Security Charge

The **Capital Fund** is for major repairs or changes to our existing facility. The payment is \$450 per year, payable during the first through sixth years of membership. The **security charge** of \$400 is to help pay for security personnel for religious school and larger events.

Subtotal \$ _____
Additional optional donation to security \$ _____

Section 5: Optional Donations

These elective donations cover membership in TBC auxiliary groups, as well as other donation opportunities to support Reform Judaism. Please check off those you would like to participate in.

- ☐ Sisterhood \$60
(auxiliary organization that is open to all adult women in the community)
- ☐ Religious School PTO Activity Fund \$72
(supports school activities)

- ☐ ARZA Dues \$36

The Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) is the unified force supporting the growth of progressive Judaism worldwide and works to sustain the vibrant reform community in Israel. ARZA is an affiliate of the Union of Reform Judaism. We send ARZA all of the funds collected along with a list of our members who support this valuable organization.

- ☐ URJ Program supporting Reform Judaism in Israel \$18

Subtotal of Optional Donations \$ _____

Section 6: 2022 High Holiday Worship Services

High Holiday Memorial Book for Yizkor Service

Our tradition at TBC is to create a *Book of Memory* for Yom Kippur to memorialize our loved ones who are no longer with us. If you would like to participate in this mitzvah of sharing collective memories of loved ones, please print their names below and consider an optional donation in honor of your family members.

TBC Member Name: _____

Loved Ones:

Remembered by:

Please include my contribution of:

___ \$1800 ___ \$1500 ___ \$1000 ___ \$500 ___ \$360 ___ \$180 ___ \$90 ___ \$54
___ Other \$ _____

Subtotal of Memorial Book

\$ _____

Please note non-payment and resignation policies:

Article IV of our By-Laws provides that a member who fails to pay any obligation due the Congregation within 6 months after such obligation is due may be suspended and deprived of all membership rights and privileges. If your financial situation worsens during this membership year, please contact TBC as soon as possible to discuss special dues arrangements regarding your outstanding obligations. If deemed necessary, we can revise your financial commitments to TBC to ensure that you remain a member in good standing.

Article IV also provides that the resignation of any member shall not relieve the member from the payment of any obligation due to the Congregation at the time of resignation. Any unpaid obligations, including those previously arranged to be paid in installments, are due immediately upon the member's resignation. Any pre-paid obligations are forfeited to the Temple at the time of resignation and not eligible for reimbursement. TBC does not pro-rate dues and school tuition for members who leave the Temple during the middle of the fiscal year.

A member's account must be in good standing prior to renewal of membership. Thus, any outstanding charges from the previous fiscal year must be paid in full before renewal of membership can be processed.

In order to have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah date assigned for a student, the family must be in good standing.

If a family is renting the social hall for any occasion including B'nai Mitzvah, all associated fees for the social hall rental must be paid in advance of the event.

Payment Options

a. Payment Options

If you are choosing the New Member Family rate of \$3,600 you have two payment options for the dues,

- 1) all at once upon registration or
- 2) \$1800 upon registration and \$1800 no later than January 15, 2026

If you are **choosing a higher dues level**, you also have the option to spread the payments out either quarterly or in 10 increments. The Automatic Withdrawal Authorization form included on the next page is used to set up those payment structures.

School tuition, capital fund payments, security payments and other optional payments are paid annually regardless of the level of dues you select.

Please check your dues payment option:

- ☒ I am fully paying New Member Family dues of \$3600
- ☒ I am paying \$1800 of the New Member family dues now and \$1800 on January 15, 2026
- ☒ I am choosing a higher dues level and will be making payments quarterly or over 10 payment periods (to be fully paid by June 15, 2024)

If you have any questions about payment terms, please contact Simon Curtis, TBC Treasurer treasurer@templebnaichaim.org

Privacy Statement

Release of Personal Information

Temple B'nai Chaim's directory is intended for the personal use of our members. Any commercial or other use is strictly prohibited. As a member of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ), TBC is required to provide our full membership list to the URJ each year. Occasionally, we receive other requests for a list of our members from other Jewish organizations. We are very sensitive to the privacy of our members; accordingly, each request will be reviewed before being acknowledged. If deemed appropriate, the only information we will provide is the name, address, home phone number, and family email of our adult members.

Please check below if you do not wish any of your information to be released to other organizations.

Please do not release any of my personal information to organizations besides the URJ.

Signature

Date

Please mail your completed packet to:

**Temple B'nai Chaim
Attn: Denise Seccurra
P.O. Box 305
Georgetown, CT 06829-0305**

Final Checklist

Paperwork due back to TBC:

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Total due with membership enrollment before Dec 31, 2025:

First year membership dues \$ _____

Security Deposit \$ _____

Capital Account \$ _____

Total due \$ _____

Did you remember to:

- ☐ Select a payment option? [page 8]
- ☐ Enclose a check (if paying in full) or voided check (if paying by automated withdrawal)?
- ☐ Fill out the TBC Registration Automated Withdrawal Authorization Form? [page 9]