



Congregation Beth Israel Membership Application

By signing below, you agree to abide by the by-laws, rules, & regulations of Congregation Beth Israel:

Adult #1

Signature

Date

Adult #2

Signature

Date

Welcome to Congregation Beth Israel! We are delighted that you have chosen to become part of our community. We hope that you will find membership an enriching experience & encourage you to explore the diverse opportunities for Jewish expression that CBI offers.

All information in this application will be treated confidentially. Completed applications can be mailed to 53 Lois Street in North Adams, dropped off in-person, or emailed to our office at office@cbiberkshires.com. Please type or print all information clearly.

For questions regarding this application, please call our office at (413) 663-5830 or email office@cbiberkshires.com.

Adult Applicant #1

First & Last Name

Nickname *(optional)*

Title *(optional)*

Date of Birth *(MM/DD/YY)*

Gender & Pronouns

Cell Phone Number w/ Area Code

☐ do not list in directory

Email Address

☐ do not list in directory

Accessibility or Health-Related Accommodations

Is Applicant Jewish?
(By Birth or Conversion)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Planning to Convert

Can Applicant Read Hebrew?
(At Any Reading Level)

☐ Yes

☐ Transliterations Only

☐ No

Transliterated Jewish Name
(i.e. Yosef ben Dan v'Chaya)

Religious Background(s) *(Please Select All That Apply)*

☐ Reform Judaism

☐ Conservative Judaism

☐ Orthodox Judaism

☐ Jewish (Unaffiliated)

☐ Sephardic

☐ Ashkenazi

☐ No Formal Religious
Belief System

☐ Other Religion(s):

Emergency Contact • Must Be a Non-Applicant

First & Last Name:

Relationship to Adult Applicant #1:

Primary Phone Number w/ Area Code:

Adult Applicant #2

First & Last Name

Nickname *(optional)*

Title *(optional)*

Date of Birth *(MM/DD/YY)*

Gender & Pronouns

Relationship to
Adult Applicant #1

Wedding Anniversary
(If Married to Adult #1)

Cell Phone Number w/ Area Code

☐ do not list in directory

Email Address

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Accessibility or Health-Related Accommodations

Emergency Contact • Must Be a Non-Applicant

First & Last Name:

Relationship to Adult Applicant #2:

Primary Phone Number w/ Area Code:

Is Applicant Jewish?
(By Birth or Conversion)

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Planning to Convert

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(At Any Reading Level)

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Adult Member History

Past &/or Current Synagogue Membership(s)
(Include Synagogue Name, Location, & Years)

Was Applicant Previously
a CBI Member?

☐ Adult #1 Only

☐ Adult #2 Only

☐ Adult #1 & #2

☐ No

Start & End Years of
Prior CBI Membership

Reason for End of Prior
CBI Membership

Yahrzeit Notice Information

First & Last Name	Relationship	Member(s) Observing	Date of Death (Gregorian or Jewish)

Children Currently Living At Home

Child #1's First & Last Name

Child #2's First & Last Name

Child #3's First & Last Name

Nickname
(optional)

Gender &
Pronouns

Nickname
(optional)

Gender &
Pronouns

Nickname
(optional)

Gender &
Pronouns

Date of Birth
(MM/DD/YY)

Academic
Grade

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Academic
Grade

Interested in Jewish Journeys?

☐ Yes (Grades K–7)

☐ In Future

☐ No

Emergency Contact • Must Be a Non-Applicant

First & Last Name:

Relationship to Child(ren):

Primary Phone Number w/ Area Code:

Contact Information

Home Address

☐ do not list in directory

City

State

Zip Code

Landline w/ Area Code

☐ do not list in directory

Mailing Address (If Different)

☐ do not list in directory

City

State

Zip Code

Seasonal Address (If Applicable)

☐ do not list in directory

City

State

Zip Code

Landline w/ Area Code

☐ do not list in directory

Dates Occupied

☐ Send Mail Here

How Did You Hear About CBI?

What Do You Hope to Find in CBI's Community?

What Led You to CBI?

☐ Community

☐ Cemetery Planning

☐ Educational Classes

☐ Events & Programs

☐ Family Connection

☐ New to the Area

☐ Our Rabbi

☐ Shabbat Services

☐ Upcoming Life Cycle Event: _____

☐ Other: _____

Special Skills & Volunteering Areas of Interest (optional)

☐ Arts & Crafts

☐ Baking & Cooking

☐ Band, Choir, & Dance

☐ Building & Grounds

☐ Cemetery & Chevra Kadisha

☐ Chanting Torah & Service Leadership

☐ Driving & Transportation

☐ Education Programs (Adult & Family)

☐ Event Planning & Public Relations

☐ Fundraising & Grant Writing

☐ Membership & Outreach

☐ Photography & Videography

☐ Spiritual Life & Jewish Life Cycle

☐ Teaching Hebrew & Jewish Topics

☐ Ushering & Zoom Hosting

☐ Other: _____

Membership Information

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP | \$830.00/Year

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP | \$1,650/Year

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP | \$18.00/Year

↳ 1ST YEAR FREE! For students (18–30) enrolled in a full-time undergraduate or graduate program (EXCLUDES cemetery & voting privileges)

SEASONAL MEMBERSHIP | \$705.00/Year

↳ For individuals whose primary residence is outside of the local area & who reside in the local area for less than 4 months each year (EXCLUDES cemetery & voting privileges)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP | \$505.00/Year

↳ For individuals who were previously at a full membership level for 5 or more consecutive years but no longer maintain a local residence (EXCLUDES voting privileges)

Higher levels of membership help CBI offer programs to a diverse membership while defraying operating costs. Sponsor members have full membership rights & are eligible to receive the following additional benefits:

INDIVIDUAL SPONSOR | \$1,470.00/Year

↳ Includes free admittance for 1 adult to our Break-the-Fast Meal & Passover Seder each year

FAMILY SPONSOR | \$2,940.00/Year

↳ Includes free admittance for 2 adults & up to 3 children to our Break-the-Fast Meal & Passover Seder each year

BENEFACTOR SPONSOR | \$3,990.00/Year

↳ Includes all benefits of Family Sponsor, plus an invitation to tea with Rabbi Rachel Barenblat

FELLOW SPONSOR | \$6,170.00/Year

↳ Includes all benefits of Benefactor Sponsor, plus a signed poem by Rabbi Rachel Barenblat

ALL MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTIBLE • ONLINE PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE VIA THE ORANGE DONATE BUTTON ON OUR WEBSITE • CHECKS MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL • WE CANNOT ACCEPT CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENTS VIA PHONE OR IN PERSON

Membership Level

☐ INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP
\$830.00/Year

☐ FAMILY MEMBERSHIP
\$1,650.00/Year

☐ STUDENT MEMBERSHIP
\$18.00/Year After 1ST Year

☐ SEASONAL MEMBERSHIP
\$705.00/Year

☐ ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP
\$505.00/Year

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\$1,470.00/Year

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\$2,940.00/Year

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\$3,990.00/Year

☐ FELLOW SPONSOR
\$6,170.00/Year

☐ SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT
\$_____/Year ★

Billing Cycle

☐ ANNUALLY • EVERY 12 MONTHS
(Closest Quarterly Period to Join Date)

☐ BIANNUALLY • EVERY 6 MONTHS
(January/July or April/October)

☐ QUARTERLY • EVERY 3 MONTHS
(January, April, July, & October)

CBI Building Fund

☐ FOR ALL FIRST-TIME CBI MEMBERS ★
\$1,500.00 (\$500.00/Year for 3 Years)

★ For financial hardship, contact president@cbiberkshires.com prior to submitting your application

Membership/Financial Commitment Policy

ALL ARE WELCOME & INCLUDED

Our membership is made up of Jewish & interfaith, converts & questioning, young & old, gay & straight, singles & non-traditional families, learners of all ages, & more – all are accepted at CBI & valued just as they are. We welcome all to become members of our community!

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

The financial commitment structure is designed to provide the foundation for our operating expenses in order for us to share this extensive range of spiritual nourishment in a fair & fiscally responsible manner. We understand that membership is a major financial commitment, & this level of support reflects the importance of maintaining a rich Jewish life in the Berkshires for future generations.

BUILDING FUND

New members contribute to the Building Fund, which is used solely for building maintenance & for any future expansions necessary for CBI's growth. The assessment is \$1,500.00, payable over three years. Extensions may be granted in cases of need.

EDUCATION ENROLLMENT FEES

Fees for our education programs are only used to pay for the cost of running these programs. In fact, many of these fees are highly subsidized by grants from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, Jewish Federation of the Berkshires, & community sponsors.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The financial commitment structure is our foundation for meeting the congregation's basic needs. Some events such as holiday celebrations, social gatherings, & trips may require additional fees. Underwriting for special events is always welcome.

What if I can't afford the financial commitment?

We have a non-exclusion policy for all who wish to become members – no one is ever turned away for financial reasons. Please schedule a confidential discussion with our co-presidents, treasurer, or rabbi for individual accommodations.

Am I able to pay my financial commitment & fees in segments over time?

Membership dues, pledges, & other fees are invoiced on a single quarterly statement. Members may select their own billing cycle during the application process, but those who require more time to make payments may arrange to do so with our treasurer.

If my spouse does not intend to participate in programs, events, & services at CBI, can I join as an individual member?

An individual membership applies only to a member without a spouse or children living at home. We treat all family members the same, no matter how much or little they attend. Pastoral care & life-cycle events are provided for all family members.

I have another question – who should I contact?

CO-PRESIDENTS • president@cbiberkshires.com

TREASURER • treasurer@cbiberkshires.com

RABBI RACHEL • rabbi@cbiberkshires.com

CBI OFFICE • office@cbiberkshires.com

WEEKDAY PHONE • (413) 663-5830