

The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah

*****MEMBERSHIP*****

WELCOME: We are happy that you are interested in The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah and invite you to share worship services with us on Friday evenings, Saturday mornings and each weekday minyon. We hope you will visit our Congregation, tour the facilities and talk with our devoted members and staff.

WHAT OUR CONGREGATION REPRESENTS: Congregation B'nai Jehudah was founded in 1870 and is a Reform Jewish Congregation active in the reform movement. This historic congregation is affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Congregations and The Association of North American Reform Congregations. We are a patron of the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion and the Seminary for Reform Rabbis. Our congregation consists of approximately 1,100 families.

OUR MEMBERS: The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah is very proud of the diversity of its membership. Any Jewish individual, couple or interfaith couple, may become a congregational member. The unit of membership is the individual or in the case of married persons, the couple. Members' dependent children through college are included in the membership of their parents.

TWO PRIMARY KINDS OF MEMBERSHIPS: (1) Regular membership entitles members to all the services, programs, education, and activities provided by the Congregation. (2) Associate membership requires maintaining regular membership in another local congregation and entitles members to all benefits of the Congregation except privileges for Religious School, Hebrew School, Youth Group, Cemetery, Congregational Voting and Board Membership.

HOW OUR CONGREGATION IS SUPPORTED: Our congregation is a non-profit religious institution belonging to its members who provide its funding through annual contributions. The officers and trustees, who are elected at an annual congregational meeting, conduct the business of the congregation. The only compensation received by these officers and trustees is the feeling of satisfaction they and the members of the many active committees gain from doing their work well and giving service to the Jewish community.

THE GOALS OF THE CONGREGATION: Congregation B'nai Jehudah strives to serve Judaism, its members and the broader Jewish community through worship services, Jewish education for children and adults, social and cultural activities, social justice programs, special experiences for all ages and life cycle ceremonies. Our youth education includes Bar/Bat Mitzvah and stresses involvement through 10th grade, Confirmation. We maintain our own cemetery where members may purchase the right of burial in consecrated ground.

OUR STAFF: Our staff consists of a Senior Rabbi, Rabbi, Cantor, Executive Director, Director of Education, Program Director, Preschool Director and a Youth Director, as well as clerical and custodial personnel. Our staff, together with involved and committed members; work to promote Jewish values and Jewish experiences through their personal service to members, through activities with the Jewish and larger community, and through involvement in the national bodies of Reform Judaism.

BECOME A PART OF THE TEMPLE, CONGREGATION B'NAI JEHUDAH FAMILY: We are an active, devoted and involved religious community. We offer a wide variety of cultural, social and educational programs to serve you and your family. We hope that you will find a home within this historic congregation, which is committed to a contemporary level of ritual observances and an open and welcoming liberal Jewish atmosphere.

We hope you are interested in affiliation and will read and complete this form. Our membership committee and staff want to answer your questions and be of assistance. Please phone our congregation at 913-663-4050. We are eager to visit with you and have you become part of our B'nai Jehudah family.

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ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

At The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah, we welcome those seeking to affiliate with a Reform Jewish synagogue. In consideration of the financial needs of the congregation, each member is asked to contribute a Minimum Annual Contribution amount established annually by the Board of Trustees. We also have a group of generous members who support the congregation in an enhanced contribution program we call the Ner Tamid Circle. They make it possible for us to offer membership to seniors (over 65) with limited or fixed income, and special categories to younger congregants just starting out, all of whom might otherwise be unable to become members. We are proud of this tradition of welcoming everyone, regardless of ability to contribute fully. For more information about the Ner Tamid Circle or adjusted contributions, please call Jeanne Kort, at (913) 663-4050 extension 131.

SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CONTRIBUTION FOR 2009 – 2010

(With or without children)

The amounts listed below are valid from June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010

YOUNG CONGREGANTS – Ages 29 and under	\$ 180
YOUNG CONGREGANTS – Ages 30	\$ 360
YOUNG CONGREGANTS – Ages 31 – 32	\$ 540
YOUNG CONGREGANTS – Ages 33	\$ 720
YOUNG CONGREGANTS – Age 34	\$ 900
Age 35 and over – Minimum Contribution	\$1,620
*ASSOCIATE MEMBER	\$ 600 *

****BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND – Required for all new members**

3 years of annual contribution payable over 5 years

NER TAMID CIRCLE and LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS – OUR ENHANCED CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

Ner Tamid Cornerstone	\$18,000 and up Annually
Ner Tamid Pillar	\$ 9,000 and up Annually
Ner Tamid Visionary	\$ 7,200 and up Annually
Ner Tamid Guardian	\$ 5,400 and up Annually
Ner Tamid Leader	\$ 3,600 and up Annually
Ner Tamid Builder	\$ 2,400 and up Annually

There are special benefits provided in each of the Ner Tamid categories, which are explained on a separate sheet. Please contact the Executive Director regarding our Lifetime Membership Program.

PAYMENTS – See page three for the Contribution Payment Option Form of the Membership Application. It allows you to select a payment plan with several choices for your convenience. The Congregation's fiscal year is June 1 to May 31. When joining after the beginning of the fiscal year, contributions are prorated. For the convenience of members we also accept payments for contributions and other charges with Visa and MasterCard.

* **ASSOCIATE MEMBER** – Our criteria is that you be a regular member in good standing of another Kansas City area Jewish Congregation (a letter must be furnished, so stating, from your congregation) or you must reside outside of the Kansas City, Metropolitan area at least six months of the year. Associate membership does include High Holiday tickets.

** **BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND** – A building maintenance fund donation is required by all new members. Building maintenance fund donations are three years of annual terumah paid over five years.

******* MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION *******

Application is hereby made for [regular ____] [associate ____] membership in The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah. Agreement is acknowledged that members will abide by the Charter, By-laws, and Regulations of the Congregation.

The financial year of the Temple begins June 1st and ends May 31st. Temple quarters begin June 1st, September 1st, December 1st, March 1st.

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

Regular membership contributions are pledged to the Congregation in the annual amount of \$_____.

Annual contributions will be paid in advance [annually ____], [semi-annually ____], [quarterly____], [monthly____].

Enclosed is a first payment of \$_____.

A Building Fund pledge is made to the Congregation over 5 years in the total amount of \$_____.

Building Fund pledges will be paid in advance [annually____], [semi-annually____], [quarterly____], [monthly____].

Enclosed is a first payment of \$_____.

Membership will begin on the first day of the month of _____.

Please charge my credit card number: _____ **Expiration Date:** _____

Charge the amount of: _____ **Signature:** _____

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Associate membership contributions are pledged to the Congregation in the annual amount of \$600.00.

Regular membership is at _____ Congregation.

Contributions will be paid in advance [annually____].

**SUBMISSION OF AT LEAST ONE QUARTER'S PAYMENT IS REQUIRED
IN ORDER FOR THIS APPLICATION TO BE PROCESSED**

Enclosed herewith is our first membership payment in the amount of \$_____.

Applicants for Regular and Associate Members should complete the family information form on the reverse.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Applicant

Date

Board of Trustees

Date

All memberships are subject to review by the Executive Director and the Contributions Administration Committee.

*****The Temple, Congregation B'nai Jehudah Family Information*****

Membership Name _____
 Home Address _____ Home Phone () _____ Fax () _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code + 4 _____
 Marital Status: Single Divorced Separated Widowed Married Marriage Date: _____

ADULT (1)

ADULT (2)

Title			
First Name			
Middle Name			
Nick Name			
Last Name			
Suffix and/or Maiden Name			
Birth Date & Place			
Occupation or Profession			
Specialization or Expertise			
Business Name			
Address			
City/State/Zip			
Phone/Fax	()	()	() ()
E-mail Address			
Religious Background	Reform <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodox <input type="checkbox"/>	Conservative <input type="checkbox"/> Not Jewish <input type="checkbox"/>	Reform <input type="checkbox"/> Orthodox <input type="checkbox"/> Conservative <input type="checkbox"/> Not Jewish <input type="checkbox"/>
Jew By Choice	Conversion Date: Congregation: City & State:		Conversion Date: Congregation: City & State:
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Year & City			
Confirmation Year & City			
Name & City of Previous Congregation			
Name of Congregation where Currently affiliated			
Congregation Activities of Interest			
Skills, hobbies, talents			
Education	High School <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate School <input type="checkbox"/>	College <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	High School <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate School <input type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Highest Degree	Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate <input type="checkbox"/>	Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Bachelors <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate <input type="checkbox"/> Masters <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>
College attended			
Major Field			
Mother's Full Name			
Father's Full Name			
List full name and relation to any member of B'nai Jehudah			

Child's First & Last Name			
Nick Name			
Birth Date/ Male or Female			
College/School & Grade			
Address Where Living			
City/State/Zip			
Phone	()	()	()
Spouse/Partner's Name			

(Please use separate sheet to provide information for additional children)

***** Yahrzeits*****

Full Name _____ How Related? _____ English Date of Death _____

(Please use separate sheet for additional yahrzeits)