

## **Temple B'nai Israel (TBI) Membership Process**

We appreciate your interest in becoming a member of Temple B'nai Israel, Kalamazoo's reform congregation since 1866. Membership in our temple community gives you access to weekly worship, celebrations of Jewish holidays, our growing religious school, adult education, Jewish cultural activities, and many more life-enriching ways to connect with your Jewish identity. Below is a summary of the steps that are necessary to achieve membership status. Many people are ready and willing to answer questions about any aspect of temple life, and the membership process in particular, so please feel free to contact us.

1) Please complete the online TBI Membership Information Form, click "submit form" at the bottom of the document, and this information will go directly to TBI. Also, please download and complete the Fair Share Dues Commitment Form.

**NOTE:** If you don't have internet access to download the forms, please call or e-mail the Temple and these forms can either be mailed to you or we can make arrangements for you to pick them up at TBI.

2) Please send the following to **Temple B'nai Israel (Attn: Treasurer), P.O. Box 19666, Kalamazoo, MI 49019:**

- Fair Share Dues Commitment Form
- A check or credit card information for at least one-quarter of your fair share dues commitment

**NOTE:** If you have any financial questions or issues, please contact the Treasurer at templebnaiisrael@charter.net subject line: Treasurer before you mail in your membership forms.

3) Building Fund Commitment:

In order to make necessary improvements to our temple's building, each member or family is required to contribute to the building fund. A total amount of \$500 per individual or \$1,000 per family can be paid in installments over five years or paid in full. The Treasurer will send you a separate bill for your building fund obligation on an annual basis until the member or family's obligation has been fully met. The building fund payment or payments are a separate financial responsibility from annual dues. If it is difficult for a member to pay their building fund contribution, arrangements can be made with the Treasurer.

4) Upon receipt of all of the above, the Membership Committee Chair gives your name to the Cantor or Synagogue Associate, who will contact you within two weeks.

5) At the next temple board meeting, the Temple Board will be notified of your pending application for membership.

6) A member of the Membership Committee will enter your contact information in the temple database, and you will begin receiving e-mails, newsletters, and other mailings within two weeks.

7) Within two weeks, a board member or committee chair will call to welcome you to our congregation, answer any questions you may have, and discuss your vital participation on a temple committee.

**Temple contact information:**

**Mailing Address:** Temple B'nai Israel, PO Box 19666, Kalamazoo, MI 49019

**Phone:** 269-342-9170

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