



Temple B'nai Chaim

Annual Registration Renewal Package

July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

June 2011

Dear Friends,

Once again, it is time for renewing your synagogue membership. At its simplest level (and you will see that we have greatly simplified the registration process this year), this is a matter of reviewing your information from last year. But at a deeper level, this simple act is an opportunity to renew your commitment to the Jewish community and to consider all the ways that the congregation can renew your life through fellowship, worship and learning. I look forward to sharing another year as we celebrate the good times, support each other through the hard times and together fill our new space with a renewed sacred spirit.

B'shalom,

Leah Cohen

Rabbi Leah Cohen

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Mensch: “someone to admire and emulate; someone of noble character. The key to being “a real mensch” is nothing less than character, rectitude, dignity, a sense of what is right, responsible, decorous”. Leo Rosten, *The Joys of Yiddish* (1968)

“A mensch always does the right things the right way.” Guy Kawasaki, “How to Change the World: How to be a Mensch”, Feb 11, 2006

Dear Mensch,

Though this year’s packet looks different from prior years, it is still filled with the details on the opportunities of membership from the wonderful worship experience (whether weekly Shabbat services or annual High Holy Days) to religious education at every age. We include information on volunteerism and “making a difference” in social action opportunities. We offer easy payment options and let you sign up online or in hard copy.

Most importantly, this packet reminds us, that by being a member of TBC we are doing the right thing in the right way. It reminds each of us that our role in the community is important. These documents are a personal statement that even in the years we never attend a service or have any children in religious school, we are still a critical link in the local Jewish community and we can be counted on for its continuity. And in those years when someone close to us is sick or in pain, and we use all the resources of Temple B’nai Chaim, this packet reminds us to be thankful to all the families whose membership (along with our own) made those resources possible. And this year begins with the joy and celebration of a beautiful new space that allows us opportunities to get together as a community in ways we have not been able to do previously.

As you sit with the papers (or screens) in front of you, choosing whether to check the box for Chai Society or Benefactor, to buy extra tickets to the High Holidays, to add your name to Sisterhood, or honor a family member who passed away with a *yahrzeit* plaque or mention in our Memorial book, remember you are a Mensch.

We the leadership of TBC, its Board of Trustees and Clergy, laud your noble character, your dignity, your sense of community and what is right and responsible and we look forward to a wonderful year together.

Best regards,

Michael Johnston

Michael Johnston, President

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Instructions

Instead of asking you to provide all of your registration information again year after year, this registration packet is intended to greatly simplify the registration renewal process both for our members and our office staff. You will therefore find enclosed in this packet two (2) pro-forma financial statements summarizing what you owe for this coming year. The first financial statement shows Membership Dues and School Tuition, with the option of a single payment by check or by participating in one of our multi-month automated withdrawal options. The second statement shows Capital Fund, B'nai Mitzvah Fees, and Elective Options, payable via a single payment by check or a one-time automated withdrawal.

Please sign and return the enclosed statements by July 31, 2011. *Any changes, deletions, or additions that you wish to make should be noted directly on your statements.* Please sign and return these financial statements to Temple B'nai Chaim, Attn: Linda Bolton, PO Box 305, Georgetown, CT 06829-0305. Note that all statements must be returned by July 31, 2010 to be eligible for the early membership dues and school tuition rates.

If TBC does not receive the signed statements by July 31, 2011, TBC will assume that all charges as disclosed are correct and you shall be billed accordingly.

For those who need to apply for abatement, please download the Abatement Application Form from the TBC web site (<http://www.templebnaichaim.org/forms.html>) and include the form with your returned pro-forma statements. Please use pre-abatement amounts for your pro-forma statements. Abatement requests will be reviewed promptly in the order received.

Should you have any questions regarding this registration renewal process, please contact Linda Bolton at (203) 544-8695 x10 or by email at officeadmin@tbc-ct.org.

College Students

TBC would like to send your children attending college an occasional letter and/or Jewish holiday item. Please provide the contact information for your college-age students below.

| | Student #1 | Student #2 |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Name | | |
| Phone Number | | |
| Email | | |
| Mailing Address | | |

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Fee Schedule Chart

The chart below shows TBC's full set of charges and fees for 2011 - 2012.

| Temple B'nai Chaim Fee Schedule | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Membership Dues | 2011-2012 Fee | 2011-2012 Early Reg. Fee | Religious School Tuition | 2011-2012 Fee | 2011-2012 Early Reg. Fee |
| Mensch (Voluntary Higher Level) | \$ 5,200.00 | \$ 5,200.00 | Jr. Chai (alt. Sunday) | \$ 550.00 | \$ 250.00 |
| Benefactor (Voluntary Higher Level) | \$ 4,400.00 | \$ 4,400.00 | Grades K-3 (Sunday) | \$ 1,025.00 | \$ 725.00 |
| Fair Share (Voluntary Higher Level) | \$ 3,750.00 | \$ 3,750.00 | Grades 4-7 (Sunday + Wed/Thu) | \$ 1,700.00 | \$ 1,400.00 |
| Chai Society (Voluntary Higher Level) | \$ 3,000.00 | \$ 3,000.00 | Grades 8-10 (alt. Wednesday) | \$ 1,075.00 | \$ 775.00 |
| Full Member Dues | \$ 2,950.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | | | |
| Single Member Dues | \$ 2,050.00 | \$ 1,650.00 | | | |
| New Member Dues | \$ 2,500.00 | \$ 2,500.00 | | | |
| Payment Options | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One time payment by check, due with registration forms. - Donation of stock or other securities (please contact Treasurer directly to make arrangements). - Two (2) automated withdrawals, scheduled for 8/15/2011 and 11/15/2011. - Four (4) automated withdrawals, scheduled for 8/15/2011, 11/15/2011, 2/15/2012, and 5/15/2012. - Ten (10) automated withdrawals, scheduled monthly from 8/15/2011 to 5/15/2012. | | | | | |
| B'Nai Mitzvah / Confirmation Fees | 2011-2012 Fee | | Elective Donations | 2011-2012 Fee | |
| Grade 4 | \$ - | | Sisterhood Dues | \$ 60.00 | |
| Grade 5 | \$ 400.00 | | Religious School PTO Activity Fund | \$ 54.00 | |
| Grade 6 | \$ 400.00 | | Jr. Youth Group (Grades 6-8) | \$ 36.00 | |
| Grade 7 | \$ 400.00 | | Sr. Youth Group (Grades 9-12) | \$ 54.00 | |
| Grade 7 - B'nai Mitzvah Oneg Fee | \$ 300.00 | | ARZA Dues | \$ 36.00 | |
| Grade 8 | \$ - | | URJ - Reform Synagogues in Israel | \$ 18.00 | |
| Grade 9 | \$ - | | Tree of Life Plaque | \$ 250.00 | |
| Grade 10 | \$ 350.00 | | Memorial Plaque | \$ 360.00 | |
| Building Fund | | | Note: Facility Rental charges are provided on a separate schedule. | | |
| Building Fund | 2011-2012 Fee | | | | |
| Capital Building Fund (years 1-6) | \$ 450.00 | | | | |
| Payment Options | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One time payment by check, due with registration forms. - One time automated withdrawal, scheduled for 8/31/2011. | | | | | |

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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 six (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 and request abatement on any outstanding obligations. In this way, we can revise your financial commitments to B'nai Chaim and 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 the Congregation at the time of resignation. Any unpaid obligations, including those previously arranged to be paid on an automated withdrawal schedule, 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.

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2011 High Holy Day Worship Services

This section specifies the number and type of High Holiday Tickets that you would like to purchase this year, as well as any names to be included in and donation towards the Yom Kippur Yizkor Memorial Book.

Tickets for adult members and children living at home are included in your membership. For relatives, such as parents, grandparents, adult children not living at home, siblings, etc., the cost is \$54 per ticket. For non-related guests, the cost is \$540 per ticket. All fees in this section are payable either by check or by a special one-time automated withdrawal.

Please return this form with your registration statements.

The Ritual Committee and the Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that once again our congregation will be able to worship together as a sacred community in single services. We look forward to bringing our entire membership together on Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah morning (first day), Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur at services held in the theater of Wilton High School. Second day services for Rosh Hashanah will be held in our sanctuary at TBC. Tashlich services will again be held at a site along the Norwalk River, a short distance south of our synagogue. Please complete the form that follows (by July 31st) to request tickets for High Holy Day services. To ensure the safety of our members, tickets will be required for admission to all High Holy Day services other than children's services, second day of Rosh Hashanah, and Tashlich. Additional information will be sent with your tickets. For security reasons, we need to have the names of everyone who attend our services. We look forward to worshipping together as a community.

Names of Member(s): *[Free with registration]*

Names of Member Relative(s): *[\$54 per ticket]*
(please indicate relationship of each person to family)

Names of Guest(s): *[\$540 per ticket]*

Number of tickets for immediate family _____ @ \$0 each = \$ 0.00

Number of tickets for relatives _____ @ \$54 each = \$ _____

Number of tickets for guests _____ @ \$540 each = \$ _____

Additional Donation towards High Holy Days Bima Flowers and Oneg \$ _____

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Volunteer Activities

The strength of our community lies in the commitment of our members. Thank you to all of our members who have and continue to volunteer. Our community is grateful to you for your commitment. The congregation sponsors many wonderful events that are made possible by the volunteer hours so generously contributed by our members. If you have volunteered in the past you know the impact that only an hour or two can have on the success of an activity and the personal satisfaction that giving of your time brings. Please return this form with your registration materials.

Please include your name and phone number and indicate all areas that are of interest to you.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Bolton at (203) 544-8695 or officeadmin@tbc-ct.org.

Family Name: _____ **Home Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

| | <u>First Name</u> | <u>First Name</u> |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Adult Education - Help plan adult education activities..... | _____ | _____ |
| B'nai Mitzvah - Assist in the coordination of B'nai Mitzvahs..... | _____ | _____ |
| Caring - Assisting our members in times of need..... | _____ | _____ |
| Communication - Help with publicity or Chai Lites | _____ | _____ |
| Education - Support the Religious School, PTO and Education Director..... | _____ | _____ |
| Finance - Help prepare the budget and manage TBC's financial health..... | _____ | _____ |
| Fund Raising - Help organize fund raising programs and events..... | _____ | _____ |
| Governance - Help organize leadership development and succession..... | _____ | _____ |
| Holidays - Help plan / prepare for a holiday events and services..... | _____ | _____ |
| House - Help with the management or landscape of our facility..... | _____ | _____ |
| Library - Help organize and maintain our libraries..... | _____ | _____ |
| Membership - Help meet and welcome new and prospective members..... | _____ | _____ |
| Office Volunteers - Support the Rabbi, Cantor, Education Director, and Office Manager. (Monday-Friday as available)..... | _____ | _____ |
| Ritual - Support the observance and conduct of TBC's worship services..... | _____ | _____ |
| Social Action - Help TBC fulfill its social and ethical responsibilities..... | _____ | _____ |
| Sukkah - Help put up and take down the Sukkah | _____ | _____ |
| Social/Hospitality - Help organize social events..... | _____ | _____ |
| Technology - Help upgrade and maintain our Information Systems..... | _____ | _____ |
| Ushers - Greet attendees & usher at occasional holiday or Shabbat services... | _____ | _____ |
| Youth - Support and oversee the Junior and Senior Youth Groups..... | _____ | _____ |
| Other- _____ | _____ | _____ |

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TBC REGISTRATION AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL AUTHORIZATION FORM

I/We authorize Temple B'nai Chaim to initiate debit entries to my/our account indicated below at the DEPOSITORY (identified below) for the purpose of accomplishing the following pre-authorized payments:

RECURRING AUTOMATED WITHDRAWAL

TOTAL RECURRING DEBIT AMOUNT: \$ _____, from registration packet. This is the subtotal of membership dues and school tuition.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE OPTIONS: (please check one)

- Two (2) Equal Payments (August & November)
- Four (4) Equal Payments, (August, November, February, & May)
- Ten (10) Equal Payments (monthly from August to May)

PER PAYMENT DEBIT AMOUNT: \$ _____, which is the total debit amount divided by the number of equal payments. Please round up to the nearest penny.

ONE TIME SPECIAL AUTOMATED WITHDRAWAL

TOTAL ONE-TIME DEBIT AMOUNT: \$ _____, from registration packet. This is the subtotal of B'nai Mitzvah Fees, Building Fund, Additional Activities, and High Holiday Tickets, as well as any outstanding balance on your account from the prior fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. This automated withdrawal is scheduled to take place on August 31, 2011.

- Check here if your automated withdrawal information has changed from last year. (Any changes require completing and signing this form.)*

BANK INFORMATION

BANK/DEPOSITORY NAME: _____

BRANCH ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

BANK ROUTING NUMBER (9 DIGIT ABA #): _____

ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____

ACCOUT TYPE (check one): CHECKING SAVINGS

My/Our account will remain subject to its individual terms and conditions, which are not modified by this authorization. I/We understand that this authorization will remain in its full force and effect until Temple B'nai Chaim has received written notification from me/us of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford TEMPLE B'NAI CHAIM and the DEPOSITOR a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

If my/our account is closed or does not contain the necessary funds to cover the automated withdrawal, then it is my/our responsibility to notify Temple B'nai Chaim of such changes in writing before the next scheduled automated withdrawal and make alternate arrangements, such as providing a new account number. Failure to do so will result in instantaneous termination of automated withdrawal, and I/we shall immediately pay the balance of remaining outstanding charges in order to remain members in good standing.

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

(Signature) (Date) (Signature) (Date)

**** PLEASE ATTACH AN UNSIGNED & VOIDED CHECK TO THIS FORM ****

NOTE: Recurring automated withdrawals are scheduled for the **Error! Reference source not found.**th of the month. If the scheduled date of an automated withdrawal falls upon a holiday or a weekend, Temple B'nai Chaim will initiate the automated withdrawal on the next business day. Members who enroll after the first recurring automated withdrawal will have their debits allocated over the remaining scheduled withdrawal periods.