

# Explanation of Our Dues and Fees Structure

*If there is no bread, there can be no Torah; If there is no Torah, there can be no bread.*

-Pirke Avot, Teachings of our Fathers

The idea behind this quote is both clear and profound: in order to create a strong Jewish life, a community must create for itself a strong economic base. Membership dues are the main source of funding for Congregation Beth Israel services, programs, and activities. Your financial commitment helps us accomplish our mission of serving the lifelong spiritual and educational needs of our congregants, and creates strong connections in the Jewish community.

When you join, you become a member of our synagogue community and receive:

- Services of clergy for life cycle events
- Worship services and educational programs throughout the year
- High Holy Day tickets for those covered by your membership
- Our monthly *Bulletin* and weekly *Chai Lights*, our e-mail newsletter
- The right to purchase lots in our Cemetery
- A warm, caring, Jewish community for you and your family to join
- Access to the largest synagogue library in the state

Besides annual dues, your financial commitment also includes fees. Every member pays an Energy and Security Assessment fee to cover increasing energy costs and to maintain our Temple's life/safety fire equipment and systems. Most of the cost of operating our Religious School is shared by our members through dues, but we do ask the families who have children in Religious School to pay for a portion of the costs. We also charge a Building Fund if you have not paid into a fund at any other synagogue. See the reverse side of this page for current rates. *These rates are subject to change.*

## **New Members**

Experience our synagogue for a year and see what we have to offer you! If you have never been a member of Congregation Beth Israel, we extend complimentary dues to you for your first year.

*(Note: Fees are the same as current members. This offer is for dues for our fiscal year July 2009—June 2010 only.)*

## **Chai Membership**

When you make a financial commitment over and above annual dues and become a Chai Member, you give every member of Congregation Beth Israel, regardless of his or her financial situation, the opportunity to participate fully in the life of the Congregation. Your additional financial commitment enhances the synagogue's full range of programs and services and helps us make up the difference for those unable to pay the full dues.

## **Dues Reduction**

Congregation Beth Israel's policy is **that no one is denied membership due to financial limitations**. We open our doors to all who wish to become a part of our community, regardless of ability to pay. You may request a **confidential** application for dues abatement by sending your request to :

**CBI Dues Committee  
P.O. Box 370051  
West Hartford, CT 06137-0051**

## Congregation Beth Israel Dues and Fees Rate Sheet

These rates are valid for the fiscal year **July 1, 2009– June 30, 2010**

### DUES

	One Adult Household	Two Adult Household*
<b>Age under 32</b>	\$ 560	\$1,150
<b>Age 32 and over</b>	\$1,110	\$2,190
<b>Out of Region Member**</b>	\$500	\$500
<b>Special New Member Rate***</b>	Complimentary	Complimentary
<b>Chai Membership</b>	Chai (1 adult household) \$1,600 Chai (2 adult household) \$2,800 Double Chai \$3,600 Triple Chai \$5,400 Gold Chai \$10,000	

\*Two-adult households – please use the average age of both adults to determine your dues category.

\*\*To qualify a person must not maintain a residence in the state of Connecticut or within a 50 mile radius of the Temple.

\*\*\*This rate is offered to anyone who has never been a member of Congregation Beth Israel. During the first year, the new member will not be responsible for dues, unless you are having a life cycle event (Bar/Bat Mitzvah, Weddings, purchasing a cemetery plot, etc.). New members must pay the Energy /Security Assessment and the Youth Education Program fees, if applicable.

### FEES

#### **ENERGY AND SECURITY ASSESSMENT:**

**\$200**

Annual assessment to cover energy and security costs.

No assessment for members who pay voluntary annual dues of \$5,000 or more.

#### **YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM (Religious School):**

**\$300 per child**

If applicable. There is a \$750 cap per family.

#### **B'NAI MITZVAH FEE (Religious School):**

**\$500 per child**

#### **BUILDING FUND:**

This is used to maintain and improve the physical plant and facilities. Building Fund payments begin in the second year of membership. This fee is waived if you have already paid another synagogue.

Payment Period	One-Adult Household	Two-Adult Household
<b>Over 10 years</b>	\$75/year (\$750)	\$150/year (\$1,500)
<b>Over 5 years</b>	\$125/year (\$625)	\$250/year (\$1,250)
<b>Payment now</b>	\$500	\$1,000