

# Annual Membership Dues

At Congregation Beth Israel, 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 Standard Dues amount established annually by the Board of Directors. We also have a group of generous members who support the congregation in an enhanced dues program we call the Century Club. They make it possible for us to offer special dues categories to seniors (over 65) with a limited or fixed income, younger congregants just starting out, enlisted military personnel, and others unable to afford the full cost of membership. We are proud of this tradition of welcoming everyone, regardless of ability to contribute full dues. For information about the Century Club or adjusted dues, please call our Membership Coordinator at extension 3113.

<i>Schedule of Standard Annual Membership Dues 2006/2007</i> ①	
Couple . . . . .	\$2,000 and up
Couple - Young Congregants (ages 31 - 36) . . . . .	\$400 - \$900 ②
Couple - Young Congregants (ages 22 - 30) . . . . .	\$300
Couple - Military Enlisted Personnel . . . . .	\$300
Individual . . . . .	\$1,000 and up
Individual - Young Congregant (ages 31 - 36) . . . . .	\$200 - \$450 ②
Individual - Young Congregant (ages 22 - 30) . . . . .	\$150
Individual - Military Enlisted Personnel . . . . .	\$150
Junior Member (ages 18 - 21) . . . . .	\$100
Associate Member . . . . .	\$300 ③
<i>Building Maintenance Fund (see H on back of this page):</i>	
Per Couple . . . . .	\$2,500
Single . . . . .	\$1,250
<i>Security Surcharge:</i>	
Per Household . . . . .	\$ 75

<i>Century Club and Life Memberships</i> <i>Our Enhanced Contribution Program</i> (see B on on back of this page)	
Life Member . . . . .	\$100,000
Century Club Pillar . . . . .	\$10,000 and up
Century Club Benefactor . . . . .	\$6,200 and up
Century Club Sponsor . . . . .	\$4,500 and up
Century Club Patron . . . . .	\$3,250 and up
Century Club Mitzvah Member . . . . .	\$2,700 and up
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS may participate at any level by contributing 50% of the dues amounts stated above.</li> <li>▪ There are special benefits provided in each of the categories which are explained on a separate sheet.</li> <li>▪ Please contact the Executive Director at (858) 535-1111, ext. 3113, for information regarding our Life Membership Program.</li> </ul>	

## ① *Payments:*

A Dues Payment Option Form accompanies our Membership Application. It allows you to select a payment plan with several choices for your convenience. The Congregation's fiscal year is July 1 to June 30. When joining after the High Holy Days, dues are prorated. For the convenience of members, we also accept payments for dues and other charges with Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card or American Express. See C on the back of this page for additional information.



## ② *Young Congregants' Dues Schedule* (increased yearly as follows):

### *Couple Membership:*

Age 31 – \$400	Age 33 – \$600	Age 35 – \$800
Age 32 – \$500	Age 34 – \$700	Age 36 – \$900

### *Individual Membership:*

Age 31 – \$200	Age 33 – \$300	Age 35 – \$400
Age 32 – \$250	Age 34 – \$350	Age 36 – \$450

## ③ *Associate Member:*

Our criteria is that you be a member in good standing of another San Diego area congregation (a letter must be furnished, so stating, from your congregation) or you must reside outside of San Diego County at least six months of the year. Associate membership does not include High Holy Days tickets.

*Associate Membership:* \$300 plus \$35 Building Maintenance Fund

*All membership applications are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.*

Please see the other side of this page for *Questions and Answers* about membership dues and other fees.

## Questions and Answers About Membership Dues and Other Fees

### A. What does the synagogue do with my/our dues?

Think of dues as a form of *Tzedakah*, not as a fee for service. Annual membership dues contributions sustain this institution and make it possible for us to provide programs and services to all. Dues are our major source of operational income with which we pay our ongoing expenses for educational and program materials, building operations, security, insurance, salaries and annual support of the Union for Reform Judaism.

### B. What is the Century Club and what is Life Membership?

Our Century Club is a program of enhanced annual support of the synagogue above the Standard Dues. The contributions of Century Club congregants make it possible for us to offer membership to anyone regardless of their ability to pay full dues.

There are five levels in our Century Club: *Mitzvah* Members, Patrons, Sponsors, Benefactors and Pillars. There also are tangible benefits offered to Century Club congregants at each of these levels. Our Century Club congregants are sustaining members who, by their additional support, make an investment in our future and help guarantee Jewish survival.

Life Members make a significant dues contribution, payable over one to five years, that is placed in our Endowment Fund.

### C. Can I/We pay our financial obligations in installments?

Yes. Dues, Building Maintenance Fund, and school fees can all be paid in installments. Please refer to our Dues Payment Option Form and/or Religious School Enrollment Applications for details.

### D. Is it possible to receive financial assistance if I/we cannot afford the full dues or Religious School Tuition?

Yes. While the dues and tuition amounts are set by the Board of Directors to pay for the costs of operating the synagogue, we do not turn anyone away who cannot pay the full amount. It has always been our practice to accept members at a rate commensurate with their ability to pay.



### E. If I/we need a dues adjustment or a Religious School scholarship, what do I/we have to do?

The Board of Directors requires anyone needing a dues adjustment or a Religious School Scholarship to complete a financial form, which is evaluated by Dues Review and Scholarship Committees.

### F. Are there any charges other than dues I/we should know about?

Yes. There is a Building Maintenance Fund (see **H**) and there are separate fees for Security, Religious School, *Bar/Bat Mitzvah* training and Preschool.

### G. Do I/we receive High Holy Days tickets with our membership?

Yes. For regular synagogue membership, excluding Associate Members, couples receive 2 adult tickets and individual members receive 1 adult ticket. Members also receive a ticket for any unmarried child who is still financially dependent.



If a member needs additional tickets for children or guests who do not meet these criteria, they may be purchased in accordance with our established High Holy Days Guest Ticket Policy.

### H. What are the Building Maintenance Fund, the Capital Gift Program and the Dor L' Dor Society?

The Congregation asks all new members age 31 and over, to contribute to the Building Maintenance Fund. Contributions are payable in 1 to 5 years. A portion of this money pays for improvements and major repairs, including purchase of equipment and furnishings. The balance is kept in a reserve fund.

Concurrently, we are still seeking and welcome Capital Gifts for which we offer donor naming opportunities on our campus.

Another donor recognition program we offer is our *Dor L' Dor* Society. This program acknowledges members who have made a gift to our Endowment Fund or who have made a provision to name CBI in their estate plans.

Anyone wishing to discuss our Capital Gifts or *Dor L' Dor* Society programs should speak with the Executive Director by calling (858) 535-1111, ext. 3113.