



# **SYNAGOGUE EMANU-EL A CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATION**

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## **WELCOME TO SYNAGOGUE EMANU-EL**

Welcome to Synagogue Emanu-El. We are pleased to have you visit and hope that you will return. If you have come from out of town, we welcome you to historic Charleston as well. The Jewish community of Charleston dates back to at least 1695 and in colonial times was the largest Jewish community in the country.

Emanu-El was the first Conservative congregation in South Carolina. Our synagogue celebrated its 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary in August 2012, and has been located at this address since 1980. We offer Shabbat, festival, and daily services. Our worship is egalitarian and we encourage our youth to participate in leading our services.

We offer special holiday programming for all ages, a seniors group, weekly minyan breakfasts, monthly Shabbat dinners, as well as ongoing adult education programs: Hebrew classes, Bible study, Basic Judaism, and a weekly discussion on a Jewish text at Lunch and Learn. This is just the tip of the iceberg- there really is something for everyone around here!

Synagogue Emanu-El tries to provide a sense of extended family in times of joy and sorrow. We are available for all the rites of passage throughout the entire life cycle. Our cemetery and bereavement committees are there in time of need as well. We are always glad to welcome questions about our tradition or for the opportunity to be a sounding board and a listening ear in times of need. Members of the Jewish and general community are welcome to participate in all of our services and activities.

Our Synagogue School is open to the entire community. We offer Sunday school for kindergarten through seventh grade. We also have a two-year confirmation program for High School students, titled "Tichon". We work to create young Jews who are at home in the synagogue and familiar with our ancient/modern tradition. We are proud that most of our b'nai mitzvah can lead our entire service.

We welcome you to become involved in Jewish life in Charleston and to be a part of the exciting activities at Emanu-El.

Shalom and once again, welcome to Synagogue Emanu-El and Charleston.

**We invite you to learn all about us .....**

## **Tradition and Change**

Jews first settled in Charleston in 1695 establishing one of the first ongoing synagogues in the New World. Synagogue Emanu-El was founded in this historic Jewish community in 1947, the first Conservative congregation in South Carolina, an affiliate of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. We are a modern Conservative congregation emphasizing the continuity of Jewish traditions while being responsive to the challenges of a changing world.

## **Location**

Synagogue Emanu-El's impressive complex is centrally located within the greater Charleston area and is one of the reasons for our continuous growth. Near I-26, the Synagogue is built on five serenely wooded acres in one of the beautiful residential sections of the West Ashley area.

## **New Members**

Emanu-El's traditions and customs actively meet the needs of a very broad spectrum of the Charleston Jewish Community. Both families and single persons are most welcome in our congregation. We enjoy the full participation of women in all aspects of Jewish life and religious rituals. We welcome every Jewish person and Jewish household, whatever his or her level of Jewish knowledge.

Our newest and youngest members are as deeply involved in synagogue life as our founding families. In fact, our new members are the nourishment for continued growth, vitality and the enhancement of the Jewish spirit.

## **Religious Services**

Synagogue Emanu-El observes all the Jewish holidays always striving to enhance the beauty and meaning of its religious services and celebrations.

Our central pillars of observance are the Sabbath Services with a Kiddush on Saturday morning. Our High Holy Day services convey a very special warmth and spirituality.

The congregation holds daily morning services Monday through Friday and evening services Monday through Thursday in our Steinberg Chapel.

Our Bar and Bar Mitzvah celebrations are observed during the Shabbat Morning service with the Bat and Bar Mitzvah celebrant leading the service. Children are encouraged to participate in our ongoing adult services as well. A variety of programs on our Friday night services promise you'll find the right one for you.

## **Education**

Synagogue Emanu-El takes great pride in instilling a love and understanding of Judaism in our children. Our Religious School offers educational programming for preschoolers through ninth grade confirmation students, including Hebrew instruction for 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

The Synagogue also sponsors a variety of adult study programs, including Hebrew instruction, mini-courses and in-depth study on a wide range of topics.

## **Sisterhood**

Emanu-El Sisterhood provides a full program of involvement for the modern Jewish woman. The Sisterhood operates our Judaica Shop and provides major financial support for the Synagogue and its Religious School. Our Sisterhood also participates in community service activities.

## **Men's Club**

Membership in Synagogue Emanu-El Men's Club is open to any member of the Jewish community who is 18 years of age or older. The purpose of the Men's Club is:

1. To strengthen the involvement of the members in the life of the congregation.
2. To promote friendship and fellowship among the members.
3. To integrate and advance the congregational institutions.
4. To promote a more thorough knowledge and appreciation of Jewish life.
5. To stimulate social and cultural activities among the members and in the community at large.
6. To train knowledgeable leaders for the synagogue and the Jewish community.
7. To promote the development of the synagogue.

The Men's Club has special outings and events, and supports the synagogue by working on various special projects.

## **Programming**

It's easy to make friends at Emanu-El through its many ongoing programs. These include participation in services, Shabbat dinners, family events and special celebrations. Members of Synagogue Emanu-El play an integral role in the activities of the Jewish community and the Charleston community-at-large.

Most of the above events are held in our large social hall, which can seat up to 200 diners. The facilities include kosher kitchens and are available to members of the congregation for Simchas and special events.

## **The Emanu-El Family**

Synagogue Emanu-El's goal is to foster a warm, intimate, caring atmosphere in which every member is important. We hope you will choose to celebrate with us, pray with us, learn with us, and be part of our friendly Emanu-El Family.

Please call us and visit the synagogue facilities. Our congregation would be most pleased to welcome you.

The Synagogue office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday. Our telephone is (843) 571-3264, Email us at [emanu-el@emanu-el.com](mailto:emanu-el@emanu-el.com) or visit our website: [www.emanu-el.com](http://www.emanu-el.com)

# SYNAGOGUE EMANU-EL Membership Application

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	Member	Member
<b>Full Name</b>		
<b>Home Address City/State/Zip</b>		
<b>Home Phone</b>		
<b>Cell Phone</b>		
<b>Home Email</b>		
<b>Occupation</b>		
<b>Name of Business</b>		
<b>Business Address City/State/Zip</b>		
<b>Business Phone</b>		
<b>Business Email</b>		
<b>Marital Status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Household/Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Separated	
<b>Maiden Name</b>		
<b>Birth Date</b>		
<b>Anniversary Date</b>		
<b>Previous Address</b>		
<b>Previous Synagogue Affiliation</b>		
<b>Do you have any children?    If yes, how many?    ___ 0-18    ___ over 18</b>		

## Please Read & Sign

Annual membership dues are established by the Synagogue Board of Trustees (Article II, Membership, Section 6, Paragraph 1). I understand the dues will be \$\_\_\_\_\_ per year. In addition, there is a building maintenance fee of \$135.00 per year.

I also understand the building assessment (Article II, Section 6, Paragraph 2) and pledge \$\_\_\_\_\_ or agree to an assessment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to be paid annually, over a five-year period.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for one-fourth of the annual dues and one fourth of the annual building assessment.

Recommended by \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## New Member Profile

Member

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Full Name		
Hebrew Name		
Jewish Background (circle one)	Reform / Conservative / Orthodox / Other: _____ / Non-Jewish	Reform / Conservative / Orthodox / Other: _____ / Non-Jewish
If raised in another faith, have you converted to Judaism? (circle)	Yes (please attach certification)    No	Yes (please attach certification)    No
Date of Bar/Bat Mitzvah		
Relatives at Synagogue Emanu-El		
Father's Name		
Father's Hebrew Name		
Mother's Name		
Mother's Hebrew Name		
Parents' Affiliation		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Kohen <input type="checkbox"/> Levi	<input type="checkbox"/> Kohen <input type="checkbox"/> Levi
Do you have any Hebrew knowledge or synagogue skills?		
Chant Torah/Haftorah?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

### Yahrzeits Observed

Name	Relationship	English Date (Include Year)	Before or After Sundown

For Each Child (Please include your adult children)

Name (last, first & middle)				
Hebrew Name				
Nickname				
Birth Date				
Bar/Bat Mitzvah Date (if applicable)				
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
Live with Parents	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
Marital Status				
Date of Marriage				
Chant Torah/Haftorah	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**Synagogue Emanu-El Men's Club**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check areas of interest:**

- Membership** – Promotes membership in the Men's Club
- Programming** – Prepares and executes programs and activities.
- Education and Synagogue Activities** – Defines and develops educational activities and coordinates with other arms of the synagogue

**Other** – Please feel free to express any of your own personal interests or suggestions.

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Dues for Men's Club are \$36.00 per year. Please return your check with your completed form to our Treasurer:

Mr. Chet Fischbein 35 St. Augustine Drive, Charleston, SC 29407

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**Sisterhood Emanu-El**  
**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check areas of interest:**

- **Administrative Activities** – Create invitations, stuff mailings, make phone calls, etc.
- **Baking/Cooking** – Bake or cook in the synagogue kitchen for various functions
- **Bereavement** – Help provide the traditional meal after a funeral
- **Book Club** – Meet to discuss the book-of-the-month in a member's home
- **College Liaison** – Create and send holiday care packages to college students
- **Donor Program** – Help coordinate this annual fundraiser benefitting our Religious School
- **Floral Arrangements** – Assist with holiday floral arrangements for the Bimah
- **Judaica Shop** – Help provide and sell an array of Judaica to our congregants including tallitot and mezuzot
- **High Holy Day Booklet** – Facilitate the creation of a remembrance booklet for Yizkor to memorialize or honor our loved ones
- **Kitchen** – Help with the maintenance and upkeep of the Synagogue kitchen
- **New Year's Greetings** – Help with this project which publishes Rosh Hashanah greetings to family and friends in the Scroll, our synagogue bulletin
- **Torah Fund** – Help coordinate this annual fundraiser benefitting the Jewish Theological Seminary of America where our Rabbis, Cantors, and lay leaders train
- **Sisterhood Shabbat** – Help coordinate or participate in the annual Shabbat morning service led entirely by Sisterhood members
- **Fundraising Events** – Help coordinate other fundraising efforts
- **Other** – List any additional suggestions

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dues for Sisterhood are \$40.00. Please return completed form to:  
Lydia Mandel, 101 Coralie Drive, Summerville, SC 29483

## SYNAGOGUE EMANU-EL PARTICIPATION SHEET

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

We hope that you will choose to participate in synagogue life by joining a committee

- Building and Grounds Committee - Responsible for the proper maintenance of the buildings owned by the congregation and supervising the care and maintenance of our lawns and gardens.
- Cemetery Committee - In charge of the cemeteries belonging to Synagogue Emanu-El and provides for their care in a suitable manner.
- Chesed Committee- Reach out to those who are bedridden or may need assistance keeping in touch with the community. Visit the sick and whoever may need some special attention.
- Constitution Committee- Revising our constitution.
- Education- Interested in attending Adult Education Classes, or in facilitating an adult education class.
- Finance & Audit- Meets monthly to supervise all financial business of the synagogue: operating budget, review bills, accounting records, dues, collections & donations.
- Fundraising Committee- Responsible for raising funds through the development of projects, programs and endowments.
- Hazak Committee- Programing for the golden age.
- Interior Committee- Plans and approves the interior design and decoration of the synagogue.
- Library Committee- Maintains our lovely library. Chooses, purchase and catalogues new books.
- Personnel Committee- Responsible for employee relations.
- Programming - Plan and promote and bring programs of educational & cultural interest to our synagogue.
- Ritual Committee - Formulates rules and regulations compatible with Conservative Judaism for all services.
- Social Action Committee- Active involvement in synagogue out reach programs: food drives, Homeless Shelter, etc.
- Ushering Committee- responsible for greeting those attending services, directing a congregant or visitor to available seating, and to see that proper decorum prevails during services.
- Welcome & Hospitality - To welcome, inform and encourage new and/or non-affiliated members of the community to find a spiritual home at Synagogue Emanu-El.
- Youth Group- This committee will look after the welfare of the youths affiliated with the congregation, and shall provide for the activities of these youths.



# SYNAGOGUE EMANU-EL MEMBERSHIP DUES 2021-2022

- **GOLDEN CHAI**

**Household- \$12,000**

10 Reserved High Holy Day Seats, all Shabbat Dinners & Programs (reservations required)

**Single- \$ 5,775**

5 Reserved High Holy Day Seats, all Shabbat Dinners & Programs (reservations required)

- **SILVER CHAI**

**Household- \$6,100**

8 Reserved High Holy Day Seats, all Shabbat Dinners & Programs (reservation required)

**Single- \$ 3,000**

4 Reserved High Holy Day Seats, all Shabbat Dinners & Programs (reservation required)

- **BRONZE CHAI**

**Household - \$ 4,000**

6 Reserved High Holy Day Seats, all Shabbat Dinners & Programs (reservations required)

**Single- \$ 2,000**

3 Reserved High Holy Day Seats, all Shabbat Dinners & Programs (reservations required)

- **SUSTAINING**

**Household-\$2,750**

4 Reserved High Holy Day Seats

**Single \$2,000**

2 Reserved High Holy Day

## **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**

Single \$ 1,425

Household \$ 2,050

**Under 35** (subject to annual review to be eligible for inclusion in the 35 and under dues category, all included adults must be 35 years of age or under at the beginning of the synagogue's fiscal year beginning July 1)

**Single \$ 250**

**Household \$ 450**

**Privileges:** Regular Membership includes All Shabbat services, High Holy Days tickets and voting rights. Religious School is available at members' rate. Burial privileges in the Emanu-El Cemetery are available according to the Synagogue Emanu-El's Cemetery Bylaws

## **Enlisted Military Personnel**

\$685.00 (Active Duty)

**Privileges:** Same as Regular Membership

## **Associate Memberships**

Living In or Out of Town

Single \$ 600

Household \$ 800

**Privileges:** All services, Religious School at members' rate, High Holiday tickets.

**No burial rights and no voting rights.**

**NOTE:** If a resident of the Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester area applicant must have primary membership at BSBI, KKBE or Dor Tikvah to be eligible for Associate status.

## **Out of Town Memberships**

Membership includes all services, High Holy Day tickets and voting rights.

Burial privileges in the Emanu-El Cemetery are available according to the Synagogue

Emanu-El's Cemetery Bylaws

Building Fund assessment is waived unless the member in this category moves to the Charleston, Berkeley, or Dorchester area.

Single \$ 725

Household \$ 1,050

## **Building Fund**

Building Fund is assessed to those **new** members who have not previously made pledges. Building Fund commitments are payable over five (5) years.

Under 35 \$ 550

Over 35 \$1,650

\* There is also a \$135.00 per year Required Building Maintenance Fee assessed per membership

