



MEMBERSHIP & SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

2019-2020

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WELCOME

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, and well-heeled or down at heel.

We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Neil Diamond or just growl quietly to yourself.

You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woken up or just got out of prison.

We don't care if you're more Jewish than Moses or haven't been to Shul since Yom Kippur 10 years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast.

We welcome soccer moms, football dads, starving artists, tree huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians, junk food eaters.

We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.

We welcome you if you're having problems, or are down in the dumps.

If you don't like organized religion, that's fine. We are re-organizing ours into something more dynamic for the modern person.

We offer welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because Bubbie is visiting and wanted to come to Shul today.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither.

We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids or got lost because WAZE told you this was somewhere else and you wound up here completely by mistake.

We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters

and you.

Adapted from Coventry Cathedral Church in England which was adapted from another house of worship in the United States

A Message from the Rabbi

Dear Friends,

Our year flew by with so many wonderful educational, social and creative prayer moments. In our logo, we use the words, Tradition, Education and Community. Each word conveying something meaningful as we forge our Modern Conservative Jewish approach to the world.

In great CBOI Tradition, we introduced CBOI ONLINE LEARNS as an online interactive web community that looked at some of the important issues of our day including the rise of Antisemitism and how to diminish violence in our community. We also deepened our understanding of keeping kosher and observing Shabbat in our modern world. These web sessions are still available at CBOI.org.

All year long, we educated our children and adults alike. In our Rabbi Howard Hersch Religious School, our children led the way with our Caring Committee as our students learned about the importance of gratitude and thanking those in our community that work every day to ensure we are safe and protected. Together the Caring Committee and our students presented cookies and posters to the First Responders of our community.

With this membership packet, CBOI enters our 137th year of promoting Judaism and Jewish life in our community. I hope that each of us will take time this year to find that which is meaningful to us in our Jewish tradition, to learn a new skill or new idea and to be fully engaged in our community making it stronger for one another spiritually and emotionally.

I invite you to be in touch with me and together we will make our Jewish traditions and faith come alive for you and for your family. You can reach me at 215-579-2200 or at Rabbi.Gaber@cboi.org.

Have a wonderful summer.

Rabbi Aaron Gaber

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Brothers of Israel
**Membership
Information**

Benefits and Responsibilities of Membership

An individual Jew is an oxymoron. To be a Jew means to be in community.

What gift of energy, passion, leadership, resources, can you give to our shul this year to make us stronger?

Congregation Brothers of Israel honors and celebrates its diversity. To some congregants we are a spiritual center. For others, we are a center of learning or perhaps simply a place to network or socialize with people with whom we share common interests. There are those who experience our shul only three days a year. We support our congregants' varied involvement (which will probably change from time to time throughout a congregant's life) and work to ensure that Congregation Brothers of Israel will always be there to provide what is needed or desired, when needed or desired. Each congregant should be proud to support a larger community with a common faith but with varied commitment and involvement.

Benefits of Membership:

- The opportunity to worship with the Congregation and fully participate in services
- The ability to further the mission of the synagogue by becoming a member of a committee, a chair, a Trustee or an Officer
- Multiple opportunities to socialize and learn together throughout the year
- The opportunity to stay abreast of current synagogue events and happenings via Congregation Brothers of Israel Weekly Voice E-Newsletter
- The right to attend all meetings as Members of the Congregation, and to have one vote
- The right to attend all High Holiday services with your immediate household members and the right to purchase guest seats for extended family and out-of-town guests
- The opportunity to enroll your child in the Rabbi Howard Hersch Religious School
- The joy of celebrating your child's becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah and a Confirmand
- The privilege of having Congregation's clergy officiate at a marriage or a funeral for you or your children or parents
- The Congregation Brothers of Israel cemeteries located in Trenton and Hamilton Township, New Jersey. Visit the Congregation Brothers of Israel website at <http://www.cboi> for more information.
- The right to rent the facility at special member rates

In return, members are expected to:

- Pay annual dues and fees in a timely manner as may be set forth by the Board of Trustees
- Keep the Synagogue office informed of certain personal data such as change of address, phone number, births, email, and other data that may impact our communication and interaction with you
- Respect synagogue property, abiding by rules and regulations that may be set forth from time to time for the greater good of the building and community
- Participate and communicate. The Brothers of Israel family functions best when we know and understand your needs and wishes

Membership Cards

You will receive your Membership Card(s) upon receipt of your Payment Options Form.

Please make sure to sign your Membership Card.

If you have an unpaid balance from a previous year you will not receive your Membership Card(s) unless you have made payment arrangements with the office.

If you pay by credit card, you must provide your credit card information at the beginning of each year!

Membership Categories

Couple: Husband and wife, or two adults living in the same household in a committed relationship, with or without unmarried children under age 26, pays full dues and annual Facilities Fund. Adult children listed as dependents on their parent or guardian's tax return or registered with the Division of Developmental Disabilities may remain part of the membership.

Single Head of Household: Singles, widows, widowers, and divorced individuals, with unmarried children under 26, pays 80% dues and Annual Facilities Fund. Adult children listed as dependents on their parent or guardian's tax return or registered with the Division of Developmental Disabilities may remain part of the membership.

Individual: Singles, widows, widowers, and divorced individuals without unmarried children under 26, pays 55% dues and Annual Facilities Fund. Adult children listed as dependents on their parent or guardian's tax return or registered with the Division of Developmental Disabilities may remain part of the membership.

Young Couple: A husband and wife, or two adults living in the same household in a committed relationship who are under age 38 and whose oldest child has not yet reached third grade pays \$495 dues and Annual Facilities Fund for the first year of membership. In subsequent years, the following schedule shall be followed as long as the member continues to meet the category definition:

2nd year 30% of dues and Annual Facility Fund

3rd year 35% of dues and Annual Facility Fund

4th year 40% of dues and Annual Facility Fund

5th year 45% of dues and Annual Facility Fund

6th year and beyond 2/3 of dues and Annual Facility Fund

When an adult reaches the age of 38, or the oldest child reaches third grade, the member will be assigned to the Couple Category.

Young Individual: Individual who is under age 38 and whose oldest child has not yet reached third grade pays \$360 dues and Annual Facilities Fund for the first year of membership. In subsequent years, the following schedule shall be followed as long as the member continues to meet the category definition

2nd year 25% of dues and Annual Facility Fund

3rd year 30% of dues and Annual Facility Fund

4th year 35% of dues and Annual Facility Fund

5th year 40% of dues and Annual Facility Fund

6th year and beyond 2/3 of dues and Annual Facility Fund

When an adult reaches the age of 38, or the oldest child reaches third grade, the member will be assigned to the Individual or Single Head of Household membership category as appropriate.

Senior Citizen Couples: When a husband or wife, or one of the adults living in the same household in a committed relationship, reaches the age of 70, the couple may notify the Synagogue office that they elect to be considered a Senior Citizen couple and pay 75% dues and Annual Facility Fund, starting with the following month/billing period. A letter will be sent by July 1st to all members turning 70 during the upcoming fiscal year explaining that to change to the Senior category, they must contact the Synagogue office upon turning 70. The month after the office has been contacted the change will go into effect. The change goes into effect upon notification; dues will not be reduced until such notification, nor will a credit be issued. Adult children listed as dependents on their parent or guardian's tax return or registered with the Division of Developmental Disabilities may remain part of the membership.

Senior Citizen Individual: When singles, widows, widowers, and divorced individuals reach the age of 70, the individual may notify the Synagogue office that they elect to be considered a Senior Citizen Individual and pay 45% of dues and Annual Facility Fund, starting with the following month/billing period. Adult children listed as dependents on their parent or guardian's tax return or registered with the Division of Developmental Disabilities may remain part of the membership. A letter will be sent by July 1st to all members turning 70 during the upcoming fiscal year explaining that to change to the Senior category, they must contact the Synagogue office upon turning 70. The month after the office has been contacted the change will go into effect. The change goes into effect upon notification; dues will not be reduced until such notification, nor will a credit be issued.

Original Seniors: If a husband and a wife or individual reached the age of 66 by June 30, 2014, they may remain in the Senior Couple or Senior Single membership category at their request.

Associate Members: A member who has: (a) belonged to CBOI for more than five years, (b) moved at least twenty miles away from the synagogue, and (c) has met all past financial obligations to the Synagogue may become an Associate Member who pays \$315 dues. Each Associate Member household shall be entitled to:

1. The opportunity to purchase two High Holy Day tickets per year.
2. Life cycle services performed by the Rabbi or Cantor at the discretion of the clergy.
3. To attend all regular and special meetings of the Congregation but shall have no right to vote.
4. To participate in religious services, social affairs and programs offered or sponsored by the congregation.
5. To receive all publications and communications of the Congregation.
6. To any other privilege which may be conferred by the Board of Trustees.

Original Associate members: Any Associate Member who has been paying in that category on or before April 29, 2014, the date of adoption of this policy, may remain an Associate Member going forward, even if they do not meet the three criteria above. Furthermore, the grandfathered Associate Members will be asked and encouraged to pay the new dues rate for their category, but will be permitted to continue at their previous rate if it is found to be necessary by the Financial Secretary.



Friday, August 9th



Sisterhood

Congregation Brothers of Israel, Women's League of Conservative Judaism, known as Sisterhood, welcomes you to an exciting New Year. We invite women of all ages to come out and participate in our programs so we can get to know one another. By coming together we all can contribute to creating a warm and welcoming Jewish community for ourselves and our families. We encourage you to get involved, become a member and help support our synagogue. Our goal is 100% participation!

Some of our regular activities include book reviews, managing the synagogue gift shop, hosting Annual Membership Dinners, and other opportunities for socializing with our synagogue family. We are planning an exciting programming schedule for the fall, so watch for dates and program details. If you are willing to host a Sisterhood event at your home, please call me or the office.

By participating in our SCRIP program you can help Sisterhood raise funds on an ongoing basis, without any added cost or effort! Just buy supermarket gift cards from the synagogue office. These prepaid gift cards are used just like cash. We have SCRIP for the local supermarkets including McCaffrey's, Shop Rite, Giant and Acme. Shop where you normally buy your weekly groceries. With every purchase, you earn revenue for Congregation Brothers of Israel.

Also, please support our annual Sisterhood fundraiser by including your family in the High Holiday greeting card sent to all members of the congregation. Look for the mailing in your High Holiday packet.

Sisterhood always is open to your ideas, your friendship and your leadership skills. If you want to discuss your ideas for a program or your desire to get involved, we would love to hear from you!!

Diane Strauss, Sisterhood Chair



Men's Club

The CBOI Men's Club is a group of men of all ages and backgrounds who gather to learn, have fun, and support our synagogue. We are affiliated with the Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs (FJMC) and are in the Middle Atlantic Region (MAR). Our goals are to serve the needs of the CBOI community; support our synagogue affiliates, operating needs, and educational programs; involve men in Jewish life; and produce new and exciting programs for our synagogue family. These programs include our Sunday minyan, Yom Hashoah candles to remember the Holocaust, annual trip to see the Trenton Thunder, Man of the Year Dinner, our famous Super Bowl party and other social activities.

CBOI Men's Club encourages the attendance and full participation of non-Jewish spouses in our community in all its events. We also seek the integration of interfaith families into our CBOI family. Under the leadership of Michael Dubrow, we will continue to participate in a program with intermarried families called Keruv. The word Keruv means to come closer. We want to welcome our interfaith families to come closer and be part of our family. Programs and articles will continue to be offered to provide opportunities for engagement for our interfaith families.

Please volunteer and help Men's Club reach its goals. If you have any program suggestions please let me know. Men's Club is a wonderful way to become active in our CBOI family.

Ralph Floyd, Men's Club President

Web-Site Directions for **cboi.org** Login and Use

1. On your computer, type in **cboi.org** in your internet search box.
2. On the top right-hand side in the black strip you will see the word “**Login**” in a grey box with a downward facing arrow. Press there.
3. First time users can setup new password by putting in your e-mail address and creating a password, then sign in.

Returning users should put in your e-mail address and password, then sign in.

If you forget your password, click the “forget password or set up new password” link underneath the sign in box. From here, the website will prompt you to type in your e-mail address and will then send you an e-mail to reset your password.

4. Once you log-in you will see our home page with added “**DIRECTORY**” and “**MY ACCOUNT**” headings in white in the blue box with the CBOI logo. These pages are only accessible to other signed in CBOI members.
5. The “**DIRECTORY**” link will lead you to a webpage with all of our members and their contact information. There are letters at the top to search alphabetically, and a search bar to enter a name.
6. If you press “**MY ACCOUNT**” heading it will take you to a screen with your TRANSACTIONS, PROFILE, FAMILY, YAHRZEITS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, View Your DIRECTORY, AND EVENTS. This information can only be seen by you.
7. On the top of the website, in the smaller blue strip there is a white heading for **Calendar**. If you press it, you will go to our Calendar Page. You can change the filter to show the general calendar, with everything on it, or the religious school calendar which highlights Sunday School, Hebrew School, Confirmation, Tot Shabbat and special events for Religious school shared with family.
8. If you click the “**ABOUT US**” white heading, you will see a grey drop-down menu that will bring you to our history, information on our staff, and other pages about our synagogue.
9. If you click the “**WORSHIP**” heading in white, through the grey drop-down menu, you will be brought to candle-lighting times, information on Teffillin, read teachings from Rabbi Gaber, find information of the Jewish Holidays, and listen and read to what you say when you are called to the Torah for an Aliyah.

10. If you click the “**EDUCATION**” heading, through the grey drop-down menu, you will be brought to recorded zoom sessions of past on-line learning subjects, both interesting and informative.

Under this heading you can also click “**ADULT EDUCATION**” in the grey drop-down menu to bring you to a page that features the week’s Parshah and information on Talmud studies.

11. If you click the “**VOLUNTEER**” white heading, in the grey drop-down menu, you will get information on our community garden, caring committee, and cemetery committee.

12. If you click on the “**CONTACT US**” white heading, you will be brought to a page with our location, address, and phone number.

13. If you click the “**SYNAGOGUE LIFE**” heading, you will see a grey drop-down menu that will give you access to information on upcoming events and the many clubs at CBOI.

14. If you click the “**WEEKLY VOICE**” white heading, you will be led to an online list of all of the past Voices.

15. If you click the “**FORMS**” white heading, you will get to a page with links to the membership handbook, frequently asked questions, first-time membership enrollment, Abatement request, and Gan Mayim Pavers.

If you have any suggestions, comments, or need further help on exploring our website, please contact rosalynzucker@gmail.com.

Security Updates and Enhancements

In the wake of national and recurring world events these last few years, Brothers of Israel realized the need to do something to provide safety for our members and community. We cannot ignore the fact that the environment has become more violent and attacks are more frequent. We need to be prepared.

Safety and security are very important priorities for our synagogue. Congregation Brothers of Israel is home to over 150 families, and the safety of each one is of the utmost importance. Please remember security is never convenient, but a lifestyle that needs to be integrated into our everyday life.

- **A full line of communication**

 - Walkie-talkies in each classroom along with the Office, Rabbi and Education Director

- **A deterrent in each classroom**

 - Air Horns in each classroom

- Teachers all have photo ID's on them, visible for all to see
- There are Escape Ladders in the Modular classrooms
- There are Escape Ropes in the upstairs classrooms
- We are conducting routine Fire Drills
- Locks have been installed in all upstairs classrooms, for lockdown purposes
- Locks have been installed where needed downstairs
- Exit security bar installed in both the front and back Sanctuary doors
- We are conducting routine Security Drills/ Lockdowns
- Knox Box installed (fire dept., police dept. emergency aid), have access to our building
- Panic Buttons have been installed in the Synagogue building
- Panic Buttons have been installed in the Modular
- A Security Video Surveillance Camera has been installed by the front door
- All employees and staff have been trained under the A.L.I.C.E. program
- A peep hole has been installed in our current door
- A new front door will be installed by the Summer

Rabbi Howard Hersch Religious School

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Religious School Tuition and Fees

Torah Tots is free; please be our guest. **Tuition for all other students is \$360 per student, per year***. There is no registration fee.

Every student's tuition, regardless of grade, will be \$360.00. Membership in the synagogue is required during the child's 4-7th grade years unless other arrangements have been agreed to; however, no child will receive a bar/bat mitzvah date unless their family is a member in good standing of the synagogue.

Synagogue membership is not required for participation in Torah Tots, primary grades or Confirmation.

*This does NOT include the one-time Bar/Bat Mitzvah fee. The Bar/Bat Mitzvah fee is billed in 5th grade and must be paid in full prior to B'nai Mitzvah instruction commencing. A separate letter is enclosed regarding the Bar/Bat Mitzvah fee (page 21).

Grade	Days/Times
Torah Tots (Nursery/Pre-K)	Five sessions throughout the year, Sundays, 10:00am-12:00pm
Primary –Kindergarten/Alef (1 st), Bet (2 nd) grade	Sundays 9:15am-11:15pm
Gimel (3 rd), Dalet (4 th), Hay (5 th), Vav (6 th) and Zayin (7 th) grades	Sundays 9:15am-12:30pm and Wednesdays 5:00pm-6:30pm
Confirmation (8 th , 9 th and 10 th grades)	Approximately 2 Wednesdays a month

All-inclusive Religious School fees will be invoiced in full in July, soon after your membership fees. School fees can be placed on the same billing schedule as dues.

If you need to apply for a scholarship based on financial need, please check the box on your child's school registration application and contact Barry Wind, bwind@barrywind.com or 215-504-1223, extension 326. This is a confidential process.

Message from Joan Hersch, Education Director

Summer time and..... this religious school educator's thoughts have turned to next year....program enhancements and a lot of plans to recharge, redo and re-Jew!

In attempting to continually maintain and improve the quality of our school we are always evaluating, seeking advice and learning about best practices being used to make religious education a joyful and meaningful experience.

One of the keys to a successful religious education is the involvement and commitment of the entire family to Jewish living. The second paragraph of our mission statement charges us,

“To involve the entire family through family education programs and family celebration experiences, thereby encouraging families to incorporate Jewish learning and Jewish living in their everyday activities.”

Please fill out and return all forms and help us make appropriate plans for continuing our Jewish Journey for 5780, together, with your children and the whole family.

I am available throughout the summer to speak with you. Please call me cell, 267-980-7500 or email me (morahi@aol.com) to set up an appointment, share an idea or just say hello! If you know of any families who would like to find out about the Rabbi Howard Hersch Religious School, let me know and I will contact them.

While filing out your registration forms, think about the

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL TOP TEN

(in addition to the commandments!!)

Top 10 reasons Hebrew School is way cool compared to other activities

1. Everyone is on our A team.
2. Judaism isn't seasonal. You can be Jewish all year long
3. We don't pray before the game, prayer is our game
4. We don't ask for God to be on our side, we ask to be on God's side
5. We don't rank our participants, we are all equal
6. We really do care for each other
7. Judaism is not a competition
8. We don't make you all dress alike
9. We care about what you think
10. It's the right thing to do

Have a wonderful and safe summer!

Warmest Regards,
Joan

Rabbi Howard Hersch Religious School Registration

Please take care of your registration for the 2019-2020 school year immediately. The number of teachers needed is directly related to the number of students we anticipate. Your cooperation in this will be very helpful in assuring the best possible teachers and learning environment for our students.

To help us plan properly for the individual needs of each child, every question must be answered. All information included here will be kept confidential.

You can now **register your child on line**. Please go to our web-site, **CBOI.org**. You **MUST** login with your id and password. Go to **FORMS**. If you do not have a computer, please phone the office for a printed copy of the form.

Each teacher will receive a copy of the form, so he or she can plan effectively for your child. Each child is unique and we can only try to meet his or her specific needs when you tell us about them. The information you share will be kept in strictest confidence.

Please return all forms by July 10, 2019

We encourage you to invite neighbors and friends to consider sending their children to our school. Our religious school is a wonderful place for children to learn about the joys of being Jewish. I look forward to speaking with any families interested in finding out more about our program.

In August you will receive the school calendar, parent handbook, PTO sign -up sheet and other important information.

Thank you for entrusting your children to us. We are honored to be your partners in Jewish education.

Have a wonderful summer.

B'shalom,

Joan Hersch

Dates to Remember:

Registration Due July 10th

Shabbat Under the Stars August 9th

School Begins September 4th

Parent Teacher Organization

“Making Ordinary Extra-Ordinary”

Did you know that the educational programs of our religious school are greatly enhanced by the funding assistance given by our own Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) here at Brothers of Israel?

PTO makes it possible for our school and our students to have all the extra activities that do so much to enhance their religious education. PTO works closely with the religious school education director and teachers to plan and implement new and invigorating programs/event for families, students and the school. With a joint effort, PTO establishes a caring community and promotes acts of kindness within our synagogue.

In order to achieve the above goals, PTO needs your help!! Please join PTO. You DO NOT have to have a student in the religious school to join.

If you have a student(s) enrolled, please become a member!! If you do not have a student enrolled, why not consider becoming a **PTO BOOSTER** this year by contributing and becoming a member.

With your membership and involvement in PTO, our religious School and students will benefit greatly throughout the year ahead!!! PTO dues are \$36/year. Checks should be made out to CBOI PTO and sent directly to the office or payment can be added to your synagogue account.



Events Calendar 5780 (2019/2020)

Shabbat Under the Stars (BBQ)	Friday, August 9 th	Chanukah Starts	Sunday, December 22 nd
Tisha B'Av	Sunday, August 11 th	Chanukah Party	Sunday, December 22 nd
Opening Day of Religious School	Sunday, Sept 8 th	Tu B'Shevat	Monday, February 10 th
Selichot	Sunday, Sept 21 st (T.I.)	Purim Celebration - Carnival	Sunday, March 8 th
Erev Rosh Hashanah 5778	Sunday, Sept. 29 th	Purim/Megillah Reading	Monday, March 9 th
Rosh Hashanah 5778	Sunday, Sept. 30 th	Fast of the First Born	Wednesday, April 8 th
Rosh Hashanah Second Day	Tuesday, Oct. 1 st	Pesach First Seder	Wednesday, April 8 th
Kol Nidre	Tuesday, Oct. 8 th	Passover Services	Thursday, April 9 th -10 th
Yom Kippur	Wednesday, Oct. 9 th	Passover Services	Wednesday, April 15 th -16 th
Sukkot First Days	Monday, October 14 th – 15 th	Yom HaShoah	Tuesday, April 21 st
Sukkot Family Dinner	Wednesday, October 16 th	Yom HaShoah Community Program	Sunday, April 19 th
Shemini Atzeret	Monday, October 21 st	Annual Congregational Meeting	Tuesday, May 26 th
Simchat Torah Celebration	Monday, October 21 st	Lag B'Omer Celebration	Wednesday, May 13 th
Simchat Torah	Tuesday, October 22 nd	Tikkun Leyl Shavuot	Thursday, May 28 th

Ongoing Activities/Classes/Events & Social Groups

Talmud Study • USY • Torah Tots • PTO
 • Social Events • Bar and Bat Mitzvah •
 Sisterhood • Adult Education
 • Israel Forum • Confirmation

• Men's Club Programs
 • Community Dinners • Keruv (Interfaith) •
 Caring Committee • Ritual • 55+ • Hebrew
 Reading class • Leisure Club (Seniors) • Kadima

Torah Tots and Tot Shabbat

Get on board to.....sing Songs, make crafts, enjoy stories and celebrate the Jewish Year. For all members of the community ages 3 and 4 with an adult buddy! No charge to participate. Torah Tots meets monthly on Sunday mornings. Tot Shabbat meets monthly on Fridays at 6:00 PM. Call or check the website for dates.



Dear B'nai Mitzvah Family:

In an effort to simplify the financial aspects of your B'nai Mitzvah experience, we have combined most of the charges and services into a single fee.

The Bar/Bat Mitzvah fee, set by the Brothers of Israel Board of Trustees, is \$1,350. This fee will be added to your family's bill in 5th grade, and periodic payments should be made along with other synagogue and religious school charges. **The fee must be paid in full prior to the start of the B'nai Mitzvah Class and individual B'nai Mitzvah tutoring.**

The new fee will include:

- B'nai Mitzvah training and tutoring, as well as learning materials
- Friday night Oneg Shabbat, which includes pastries, beverages, basic paper goods and linens
- Challah and wine for the kiddush and hamotzi at the conclusion of Shabbat morning services
- Basket of wrapped kosher candies to toss at the Bar/Bat Mitzvah after the chanting of the Haftorah on Saturday
- Custodial fee for the set up and clean-up of Friday and Saturday services, Friday night Oneg and Saturday basic Kiddush
- If you and your guests are leaving the synagogue immediately following services for an off-premise luncheon, a basic Kiddush will be provided for approximately 35-40 regular Shabbat attendees. (The basic kiddush will include bagels and spreads, fruit, beverages, pastries and basic paper goods.)

A full Kiddush for your guests is not included in this B'nai Mitzvah fee, Nor is the fee for the optional videotaping service provided by Men's Club.

If your family chooses to host a Kiddush luncheon at the synagogue, you are responsible for making arrangements for the luncheon and a server with an approved caterer. Linens and paper goods are also your responsibility.

We hope that by relieving you of some of these mundane details, you'll have a little less stress and a lot more nachas.

Billing Dues and Fees

Questions and Answers about Billing

Congregation Brothers of Israel offers four payment options for dues, tuition and certain other fees. The purchase of additional High Holiday seats can be billed.

Four Payment Options for dues, tuition and certain fees.

- 1) 100% payment by July 31, 2019 (pay with cash or check, including Facilities Fee, 2% discount!)
- 2) Two (2) equal payments due July 31 and December 31, 2019
- 3) Four (4) equal payments due July 31, Oct 31, Jan 31 and April 30, 2020
- 4) Ten (10) equal payments beginning July 31 and ending April 30, 2020

Please submit payment in full or your payment option form, found in this booklet, by July 31st, informing the office which payment option you have chosen.

Some questions you may have:

Why can't I pay my dues whenever I want?

There are three reasons:

- 1) We need to know what our cash flow will be for the year and plan accordingly.
- 2) Customized payment plans increase the level of complexity for invoicing and collections, and that is ultimately more expensive.
- 3) Delays in payments impose interest and administrative costs upon the synagogue.

Why do I have to send in a payment option form?

The option form tells us your intention and enables us to track receivables and cash flow.

Is this really necessary?

Yes. This method has been highly successful. Collecting the dues and fees in a timely way ensures that the synagogue will be able to pay its bills on time and offer the services and programs we have come to enjoy, while keeping dues and spending in check.

What if I can't afford the full amount of the dues and fees?

No one will be denied membership because of financial hardship. You may apply for abatement in a completely confidential process by writing to the synagogue

Financial Secretary, via the office.

Complete the abatement form on the back cover and return it to the Synagogue office.

Can I pay by credit card or direct deposit?

Yes. Please complete the credit card authorization form when you select your payment option or go online at www.cboi.org and set up the payment plan in MY ACCOUNT.

Every credit card transaction will include a 3% surcharge to cover the processing fees.

Can I pay by electronic payment, ACH or online?

Yes. Most banks offer bill payment on line or you can go online at www.cboi.org and set up the payment plan in MY ACCOUNT. Choose E-REM CAP.

Can I get my monthly bill on-line or hard-copy by mail?

Anyone who has an email will automatically receive their monthly statement by e-mail. If you wish to receive a hard copy statement by mail please fill out the request form in this packet.

Facilities Fund Fee (replaces Building Fund)

CBOI does not have a Building Fund for new members. A Facilities Fund Fee of \$100 is charged to each member unit to assist in funding capital improvements, repairs and maintenance. This fee is charged annually.

Schedule of Dues and Fees

2019/2020 Dues Categories/ Annual Membership

Note: Please see membership categories definitions on the following pages

Membership Categories

Couple/Family	\$2390
Single head of household with children	\$1840
Individual	\$1285
Young Couple	\$ 495 then % increase
Young Individual	\$ 360 then % increase
Senior couple (<i>one family member over 70</i>)	\$1785
Senior Individual	\$1025
Newlywed (<i>first year after marriage dues will be waived</i>)	0

Associate membership

\$ 315

(For those who live outside the area who wish to continue to receive synagogue mailings. Does not include High Holy Day tickets or the other benefits and privileges of full membership)

Annual Facilities Fund Fee

\$ 100

Optional: Mitzvah Fund

\$ 613

The Mitzvah Fund is optional tzedakah used exclusively to help your fellow congregants who are not currently in a position to fully pay the stated rate and who qualify for financial assistance.

It is the policy of Congregation Brothers of Israel to consider family units as such without regard to the individual religious beliefs of each spouse or partner.

If full payment of dues and Annual Facilities Fund Fee is received by July 31 and paid by cash or check, the member will receive a 2% discount.

High Holiday Seats

There will be a mailing and email regarding the High Holidays later this summer. Be on the lookout for additional information.

Once again under Rabbi Gaber's leadership, we hope to engage everyone in a meaningful way during the holidays. In our efforts to create community and bring everyone to our spiritual home at the same time, we will be offering a parallel service with our regular morning services. This service will be led by a knowledgeable and capable member of the clergy. Rabbi Gaber will participate at different times in all the services including sharing his High Holiday messages in both services. The regular morning service will take place in the sanctuary, while the parallel service will be held in the modular. Both services will include a Torah Service. The parallel service (11:00am – 1:15pm) will include more English, be very user friendly and welcoming to people of many ages. It will be participatory and everyone will learn something and reflect on the holiday. All of our services are egalitarian and include participation by the entire community. We hope to engage all worshippers in a way that will lift their souls and help them find enhanced meaning in the holidays. We will provide additional details for our children's and babysitting services. Once again, on busy days we will utilize off-site parking with continuous shuttle service to the synagogue. If you would like to be involved as a Torah reader, Shofar blower, English reader, usher or otherwise participate, please let us know!

Forms to fill out
and send back

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All We Ask for is Your Heart

“Said Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai to his five best students: ‘Go out and see which is the best way a person should follow.’”

Rabbi Eliezer said: A good, kindly eye.

Rabbi Joshua said: A good friend.

Rabbi Yossi said: A good neighbor.

Rabbi Simeon said: One who foresees the future consequences of his acts.

Rabbi Elazar said: A good heart

Said Rabbi Yochanan ben Zakkai: I prefer Elazar’s words [i.e., a good heart], for in his words all of your words are contained.

Pirkei Avot 2:9

The work of each committee is made possible through volunteer efforts. As you can see, the list is inclusive of nearly every aspect of our community life. Jump in anywhere! Please check the boxes of activities that interest you. Return this form (along with your Contact and Payment Options forms) in the return envelope provided. You will be contacted over the summer.

Opportunities for Involvement

Name: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Men’s Club |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barbecue (Shabbat Under the Stars) | <input type="checkbox"/> Office volunteer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget & Finance | <input type="checkbox"/> Oneg/Kiddush assistance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buildings and Grounds/Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Ritual/Religious Life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious School (PTO) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caring Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Shabbat and Holiday Hospitality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Care/Babysitting | <input type="checkbox"/> Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications (Marketing/PR/Website) | <input type="checkbox"/> Shiva leader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Dinners | <input type="checkbox"/> Sisterhood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decor | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Holiday Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> 55+ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holocaust programming | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Israel Forum | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Keruv – Interfaith | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leisure Club (Seniors) | <input type="checkbox"/> Your ideas _____ |

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Membership Directory



Now that our website, www.cboi.org has been refreshed, you may have more convenient options at your fingertips.

- Our Calendar is right on the home page at the top of your screen and you can reference it to find out if Religious School is scheduled, what time an event will start, or when your next committee meeting will take place.
- You can log in with a password you choose and access and change your personal information such as address, phone number and email address easily. You can also look up your family's yahrzeits.
- You can make a donation, pay a bill or set up a payment schedule yourself, using a credit card or e-check. **Please note:** the S at the end of HTTPS stands for 'Secure'. It means all communications between your browser and the website are encrypted.
- And starting in September, you will be able to access a Membership Directory. The Membership Directory is only available to members, associate members and staff who have logged in with their synagogue recognized email address and password. You can opt to include as much or as little of your information as you choose or you can opt not to be listed at all, by checking that option and returning this page to the office. No information on children will ever be listed.

Please do not list me or my family in the Membership Directory.

I would like to be included in the Membership Directory. Unless specified here, my name, my spouse's name, my address, my phone numbers and my email will be listed. I understand that only members of CBOI can access this information and the Directory does not include any information on any children.

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5780 New Year's Card

We would like to include your name on our beautiful New Year's card. Please be sure to complete the form below and print your name(s) the way you wish them to appear on the card. We also invite our out-of-town members and friends to join the rest of our synagogue family in extending your New Year's wishes by adding your name(s) to the card. We will be accepting names and checks until **AUGUST 14th**. It is very important that your return this form so we can be sure to include all the names, spelled correctly.

LISTING PRICES:

Single Name/Couple.....\$10.00

Family Listing.....\$18.00

*****Please list married children as a separate family and include an additional donation.**

Checks should be made payable to **BOI SISTERHOOD** and mailed to
Congregation Brothers of Israel
530 Washington Crossing Road
Newtown, PA 18940

If you have any questions, please call the synagogue office at 215 579-2200.

Please complete the form below (print) and return it with your payment, or
for your convenience add it to your membership bill on page 35

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please leave my listing the same as last year: _____ (yes or no)

List name(s) as follows: _____

Additional Listing(s): _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____

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CBOI COLLEGE OUTREACH



Your CBOI family wants to stay in touch with your sons and daughters while they are in college. Our Men’s Club and Sisterhood underwrite two mailings each year (Chanukah and Purim/Pesach).

In order to have your student participate, please provide the following information. Feel free to add another sheet for additional students. We are happy to include students who are living at home while they study.

Name: _____

Class year: _____ (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior)

School Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Notes: _____

(please make us aware of food allergies, absence from campus for co-op or study abroad, etc)



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Contact Information

Please return by July 31, 2019 – Membership Cards will not be mailed if this form is not returned

Name _____ Name _____
 Work Phone _____ Work Phone _____
 Email _____ Email _____
 Cell Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Home Address _____
 Home Phone _____

Child's Name	D.O.B.	Current Age	Secular School	Grade (9/14)

Dues and Fees - 2% discount on dues only

Membership Fees (description page 9-10) Please Circle ONE	\$ _____
Couple/Family	\$2390
Single head of household with children	\$1840
Individual	\$1285
Young Couple	\$495 then % increase
Young Individual	\$360 then % increase
Senior couple (<i>one family member over 70</i>)	\$1785
Senior Individual	\$1025
Newlywed (<i>first year after marriage dues will be waived</i>)	0
Associate Members	\$ 315

First Year Members ½ Price \$(_____)

Abatement Request-You must request this each year
(upon approval your amount will be adjusted by office) \$(_____)

Annual Facilities Fund Fee \$ 100.00

Education Fees (from page 10) \$ _____

Optional (Please fill in those you wish to join/donate to)	
Sisterhood membership (\$36 regular/ \$25 senior)	\$ _____
Men's Club membership \$36	\$ _____
PTO membership \$36	\$ _____
Mitzvah Fund (see page 9 - optional) \$613	\$ _____
New Year's Card (optional – complete/return form page 31)	\$ _____

Total \$ _____

Payment Enclosed \$ _____

Net Balance \$ _____

IMPORTANT - Please complete this page and page 36 and return with all other applicable forms in the enclosed return envelope by July 31 to: Congregation Brothers of Israel. 530 Washington Crossing Road. Newtown, PA. 18940

2019 Payment Options

Dues are an ANNUAL COMMITMENT to the vision, goals, and programs of Congregation Brothers of Israel. Please indicate which one of the four payment options you have chosen to fulfill your commitment for this year. To maintain your membership in good standing, submit this form together with the appropriate payment by July 31, 2019. These options are for payment of dues and fees. **FEES FOR HIGH HOLIDAY GUEST TICKETS CAN BE ADDED TO YOUR BILL.**

___ **OPTION ONE:** 100% payment of dues and fees by July 31, 2019 (pay with **cash or check**, incl Facilities Fee, 2% discount!)

___ **OPTION TWO:** Two (2) equal payments – due July 31 and December 31, 2019

___ **OPTION THREE:** Four (4) equal payments (July 31, October 31, Jan 31 and April 30, 2020)

___ **OPTION FOUR:** Ten (10) equal payments – beginning July 31 and ending April 30, 2020

Method of Payment:

___ Check/Cash Payment(s) will be made in accordance with the payment option selected above

___ Credit Card will be billed for each installment in accordance with the payment option selected above

___ I have set up my payment plan online.

I/We agree to accept the responsibilities and privileges of membership at Congregation Brothers of Israel and to pay the total of all financial obligations according to the above payment plan.

Signature

Date

Credit Card Information (Visa, MasterCard or American Express Only)

If paying by credit card there will be a 3% surcharge

Name as it appears on card

Authorized Signature

Credit card #

Expiration Date

3 Digit Security Code

Special Circumstances: No one will be denied membership because of financial hardship. If you would like to apply for abatement, please complete the following page and send it to Barry Wind, at bwind@barrywind.com or 14 South State Street, Newtown, PA 18940. Requests for financial adjustments consideration must be submitted in writing by July 31st. A limited amount of abatement is available for qualified members. All requests will be kept in strict confidence.

*Resignations: We hope everyone will choose to continue their membership. However, we recognize that there may be reasons to change your status. **Please let us know if you do not wish to renew your membership and the reason why.** Your feedback is most valuable. If we do not receive your resignation request in writing, we will consider your membership as active and you will be billed in four equal payments (Option 2). We appreciate your taking the time to respond. You may also contact any of the officers whose names and contact information are provided herein.*

IMPORTANT: WE NO LONGER WORK WITH KESEF ACCOUNTING SERVICE. PLEASE SEND ALL CHECKS AND INFORMATION TO OUR ADDRESS IN NEWTOWN, PA. IF YOU HAVE AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS SET UP WITH YOUR BANK, PLEASE CHECK TO SEE THEY ARE NOT GOING TO KESEF ACCOUNTING.

ABATEMENT REQUEST

Abatement Certification

I certify that full payment of the regular dues charged to me by Congregation Brothers of Israel would create a significant financial hardship. I request a reduction of this payment through the Synagogue's abatement program for fiscal year 2019/2020. The amount that I feel I can pay toward my dues is \$_____ for this year.

The circumstances giving rise to my request for abatement are:

I understand that if an abatement is granted, it will be for this fiscal year only (ending June 30, 2020) and that I must demonstrate a continued need to receive an abatement in future years. Abated dues will be due and payable promptly upon granting of abatement. I also understand that this certification will be treated confidentially and that the President of the congregation or the Financial Secretary will speak with me personally about my request if I choose or if they think it would be helpful.

Signed: _____

Name: _____
(print)

Date: _____

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To protect your privacy, please mail this page separately to:

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