

Frequently asked questions-

What denomination of Judaism is CBOI?

Congregation Brothers of Israel is part of the Conservative movement. We are fully egalitarian and welcome everyone.

When are services?

Friday night services begin at 8:00pm. Shabbat services begin at 9:30am. Holiday and special service times are noted on our website on the Calendar.

Do you have a minyan?

Minyan meets every Sunday Hebrew School is in session, at 9:20am. To determine whether Hebrew School is in session, please see our website at www.cboi.org. There is a calendar at the top of the home page.

I am not your garden variety Jew. I am single, divorced, married to someone who is not Jewish, not very observant, LGBTQ, a person of color... Am I welcome?

Absolutely. Our world is a diverse one, and CBOI is too. If we were all alike, it would be a very boring congregation. Diversity makes us stronger, and more likely that you will meet others like yourself.

Do you have a Hebrew school? Can my child become a Bar or Bat Mitzvah there?

We are very proud of our Hebrew school. Our children (mostly) look forward to Hebrew school on Wednesdays and Sundays. We have a strong Bar/Bat Mitzvah program and most of our Bnai Mitzvah go on to become tutors in the school and participate in three years of confirmation.

How can I meet people?

Come to our events. Every service is followed by an Oneg or Kiddush, where you can nosh and chat. We have a Sisterhood and a Men's Club, Tot Shabbat and Torah Tots and many other occasions for you to develop synagogue friendships. Some of our committees, like the Caring Committee, the Community Garden are always looking for more members. You are always welcome to join Rabbi Gaber for Talmud study on Wednesdays at 11am.

Is the food you serve kosher?

Yes it is. Our Oneg, after Friday night services is parve, because you may have eaten before the service. Our Shabbat Kiddush may be dairy or it may be meat, but never both! All food served has a heksher and our kitchen rules for segregating meat, dairy and parve foods are strict.

I may not be able to fully afford membership.

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.