



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2023-2024

Membership includes Chapter dues and registration,
in addition to all non-specialty programs held at Etz Chaim or the Bayit.

	Etz Chaim Members	Non-Etz Chaim Members
Chalutzim (Grades K, 1, and 2)	\$60	\$78
Chaverim (Grades 3, 4, and 5)	\$70	\$88
Gesher (Grades 6, 7, and 8)	\$80*	\$98
USY (Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12)	\$90	\$108

**If you became a Bar or Bat-Mitzvah at Etz Chaim, your 8th grade Gesher Membership is FREE!*

IF YOU JOIN BEFORE ROSH HASHANAH, TAKE \$15 OFF THE RATES ABOVE!

All checks should be made out to: Congregation Etz Chaim
(Please note **Youth Group Membership** on the memo line)

CHILD'S INFORMATION

Child's Name: _____ Hebrew Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____ Grade ('23- '24): _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

School Attending: _____ T-Shirt Size: __ Child __ Adult // S M L XL XXL

PARENT'S INFORMATION

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____ Child Lives with Me! Y or N Jewish? Y or N

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____ Child Lives with Me! Y or N Jewish? Y or N

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

EMERGENCY, SAFETY, AND SECURITY INFORMATION

Primary Care Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____ Group Number: _____

Member Number: _____

Phone Number: _____ Address: _____

*We understand that we have participants whose success may depend on their unique needs being addressed. For the success, and overall health & safety of your child, please list all psychological and/or medical information we should know about them here, including medications (name/dosage/frequency):

*Your child(ren)'s privacy is very important to us. Great care will be taken to maintain the confidentiality of this information. The Youth Director will share this information with your child(ren)'s youth group advisor(s), the Synagogue Executive Director, and appropriate medical personnel only when deemed necessary.

I give permission for my child(ren) to take over the counter medications under supervision from the Youth Director or his/her designee:

☐ acetaminophen ☐ ibuprofen ☐ antihistamine ☐ decongestant

If parents cannot be reached, please give the name and phone numbers of two people responsible for your child(ren):

Name: _____ Primary Phone Number: _____

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MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Please list any additional information we should be aware of, including other extracurricular activities:

**CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM YOUTH DEPARTMENT
CONSENT, AUTHORIZATION, AND RELEASE**

I hereby grant permission for my child, _____, to participate in Congregation Etz Chaim Youth Programs for the 2023-2024 year. I understand that this permission form grants permission for my child to travel to activities on any mode of transportation selected, including, but not limited to a coach bus, school bus, minivan, van, personal vehicle, taxi, or any other form of transportation for any event, including chapter events, sub-regional events, or regional events during the 2023-2024 year.

I hereby agree to hold Congregation Etz Chaim, its Officers, Directors, agents, servants, employees, and representatives free from any and all liability resulting from any injuries which might occur to my child named above. In the event of an injury to the child while participating in the program, every reasonable attempt would be made to notify me. Should I, for whatever reason, not be able to be contacted by reasonable efforts, I grant permission to those in charge to seek and administer any and all necessary and/or required medical attention and/or treatment for my child and I further grant permission and authorization to any hospital, doctor or medical personnel to administer whatever care and treatment they deem necessary for the best interest of my child, and I expressly agree to assume full financial responsibility for all costs and related expenses arising as a result and to hold Congregation Etz Chaim and all of its organizations and employees harmless from any such liability and agree to indemnify them.

I understand that disruptive behavior by my child will not be tolerated and may result in my child being suspended from upcoming events and/or activities or asked to leave the program. I have discussed these rules with my child, and he/she is aware of the same.

Unless this box is checked ☐, I agree to allow Congregation Etz Chaim and/or its related Departments, to publish for general circulation in any media, Internet, etc., any photographs, video clips, artwork, audio clips, involving any activity in which my child has participated.

All checks will be made out to Congregation Etz Chaim unless otherwise stated on a flyer or application. The Youth Department prefers checks rather than cash. Due to the amount of pre-planning involved, there will be no refunds made for cancellations after the deadline date. Please adhere to deadlines. All money can be turned into the Youth Director via the office at Etz Chaim or at any youth program. No money will be accepted without proper paperwork. If payments are mailed, please address the envelope to the Congregation Etz Chaim Youth Director and make sure to allow enough time for it to arrive.

Parent's Signature

Date

CONGREGATION ETZ CHAIM YOUTH DEPARTMENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Arrival/Dismissal

All participants are expected to arrive before the start of each program and be picked up after each program concludes. If any parent must pick up their child early, they should reach out to the Youth Director and/or Advisor(s) in a timely fashion. If any child is being picked up by an adult other than their own parent or sibling, the Youth Director must receive written notice, whether through email or a signed letter provided at drop-off. USYers of driving age are not allowed to drive during any program.

Behavior

All Youth Department participants are to treat each other with respect and dignity. At no time will any derogatory remarks toward one another be tolerated.

Hukei Habayit (House Rules)

With the understanding that we have different participants who are set up for success in different ways, we ask that no pets are brought into the Bayit, unless a specific activity/program asks for them. All food brought into the Etz Chaim Bayit must be marked kosher or approved by the Youth Director or Rabbi. Participants will not be allowed to leave their program unless the Advisor(s)/Youth Director deem the Bayit cleaned. In the spirit of fostering independence, we ask that Parents, unless in an official volunteer capacity, do not join us during programs.

Dress Codes

The dress code will vary from program to program. It is mandatory, however, that all those who identify as male, while in the Synagogue, wear kippot. While in the Sanctuary, everyone must have their shoulders covered. Shorts, skirts and skorts must be an appropriate length. Shirts cannot show midriff, back or cleavage and must be free of inappropriate language or insignia. Tank top straps must be two fingers in width.

Financials & Financial Assistance

While most programs that happen at Etz Chaim or the Bayit will be covered by your dues, some specialty programs (like Chocolate Seder) may incur an additional fee. All monies must be paid at the program, or in advance. Late payments may incur an additional fee. Checks are preferred and should be made out to *Congregation Etz Chaim* with the activity and participants name on the memo line. We believe that financial need should never stop a child from participating in any of our programs. Please reach out to our Youth Director at YouthDirector@EtzChaim.net, for more information or if you have any questions.

Please be aware that by signing below, you are indicating that you are aware of the aforementioned policies of the Congregation Etz Chaim Youth Department. If there is a violation of any said policies, our staff has been trained regarding our standard operating procedure.

***All rules and regulations set forth by the HaNegev Region, or
International USY will be enforced by this department when applicable.***

Parent's Signature

Child's Signature

Date

