

CONGREGATION BETH AARON

Membership Application

We look forward to welcoming you into our community and our family



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Laurence Rothwachs, Rabbi

Moishe B. Singer, President

Please contact Membership chair, Sheryl Dubin by email at membership@bethaaron.org if you have any questions regarding the community, the *shul* or the membership application.

All applications should be sent to Membership chair, Sheryl Dubin, either via surface mail (care of the *shul*, 950 Queen Anne Road, Teaneck, NJ 07666) or emailed to office@bethaaron.org.

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WELCOME TO CONGREGATION BETH AARON!

Beth Aaron is one of the longest-serving Jewish Orthodox congregations in Teaneck, NJ. The Township has a large *eruv*, a remodeled and expanded *mikvah*, several day schools (both K-8 and high school), and a multitude of kosher restaurants and establishments.

We are a warm multi-generational *shul* with **over 375 member families** and are led by our ***Mara d'Asra* Rabbi Laurence Rothwachs and his wife Chaviva**. We offer **numerous *minyanim***, including four *Shacharit minyanim* Sunday to Friday. On *Shabbat* morning, we hold three *minyanim*, including *Hashkama*, the Main *minyan*, and a special Teen/Youth *minyan* (dedicated to and run by teens).

We pride ourselves on offering **many learning opportunities for men, women, and children**, including *Daf Yomi*; *Daf Shavua*; weekly *Gemarah*, *Nach*, and women's *Navi shiurim*; numerous *chaburot*; and frequent Scholar-In-Residence programs, to name just a few. We hold an annual *Siyum Mishnayot*, which include participation by members of all ages, levels, and backgrounds. Our *Beit Midrash* boasts a large Hebrew and English library of Jewish books.

Our vibrant **Youth Department** is led by Jason and Erica David, warm, creative, and fun individuals who share a passion for Jewish education. Jason and Erica teach at Yavneh Academy and Yeshivat Noam, respectively, and also are senior staff members at Camp Morasha. *Shabbat* groups provide a supervised and structured yet informal learning environment that allows children to deepen their love of Judaism and develop a positive connection with the *shul*. Groups are organized by age: Nursery/Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade, and Junior Congregation (3rd-5th grade). Mommy/Daddy and Me (0-3) allows children the opportunity to play with toys and other children in a safe and warm environment along with their parent, which also provides an opportunity for adults to meet others with children of similar ages. On *Shabbat*, the Rebecca Gottesman Library is open for children to read and take out books. Popular youth programs include "*Havdalah* and Hot Cocoa," "*Torah* Flora Nature Walk & Learn," "*Shavuot* Shmooze Around the Fire," "*Chocolate Seder*," and "*Purim* Puppet Show," just to name a few.

Our active **Men's club, Sisterhood, Young Members' committee, and Program committee** are among the many committees providing social activities where members have the opportunity to socialize and meet others. A sample of these activities include various *Kiddushim*, Cafe Night, *Cholent* Challenge, Nature Hike, Trivia Night, Movie Night, Wine Tasting, Book Club, and an annual discussion of the upcoming baseball season by a local sportswriter. These groups also perform various acts of *gemilut chasadim*, such as arranging meals for mothers who have recently given birth and providing those sitting *shiva* with *Shabbat* meals and all that is needed for home *minyanim*.

Beth Aaron strives to be a **friendly congregation that nurtures the religious, social, and educational growth of all our members, with the guidance of *halacha***. We focus on promoting spiritual growth through *tefilla*, *limud Torah*, *tzedaka*, *gemilut chasadim*, and *ahavat Eretz Yisrael*. We are deeply committed to and identify with the State of Israel, viewing its establishment and existence as central to Judaism. We support the needs of the greater Jewish community and believe in the principle of *tikkun olam*. Beth Aaron's mission is to **sustain an observant and educated community** that will remain faithful to its religious beliefs, values, and practices. Our synagogue's *halachic* atmosphere reinforces our congregation's commitment to *Torah* and the observance of *mitzvot*.

We take pride in extending you a **warm welcome and invite you to enter our home and community**. Come join us for a *Shabbat*.

Our Officers and committee members, as well as other important *shul* contact information, are listed on page 3. We encourage you to get in touch with our Officers, our Board members, and our committee chairs to express your comments, concerns, and interests. We also encourage you to join our committees and become involved in the daily life of our *shul*.

On behalf of our *Mara d'Asra* Rabbi Laurence Rothwachs, our Board, and all our members, we say, **"Welcome!"**

Moishe B. Singer, President

LOCKERS

Wood veneer lockers are located in the second-floor elevator lobby and are available for rent. Sized to fit a *tefillin* or *tallit* bag and deep enough for large *seforim*, each locker is outfitted with a built-in combination lock. The annual rental fee is \$100 per fiscal year (July 1 to June 30), which can be pro-rated. To reserve a locker, please contact the *shul* office, office@bethaaron.org. Please feel free to contact Isaac Hagler, isaachagler@gmail.com, with any further questions.

Yes, I would like to rent a locker!

- ☐ A check made out to Congregation Beth Aaron is enclosed ☐ Please bill my account for \$100
☐ Please bill my account for the pro-rated locker charge

SISTERHOOD

Beth Aaron has an active Sisterhood that not only enriches the life of the *shul*, but also enhances the lives of its members with a variety of programming that engages and connects women in all stages of their lives. In addition to the annual *Shalach Mishloach* project and *matza* sale, the Sisterhood also sponsors a Book Club that meets throughout the year, a summertime *Seudah Shlishit* program, topical lectures, and other programs that tap into the women's diverse interests. Among the *chesed* activities supported by Sisterhood are organizing meals for families with new babies. We encourage you to join us. Sisterhood's annual dues are just \$18.

Yes, I would like to become part of the Beth Aaron Sisterhood!

- ☐ A check made out to the Beth Aaron Sisterhood is enclosed ☐ Please bill my account for \$18

MEN'S CLUB

The Beth Aaron Men's Club organizes the *shul's* weekly *kiddushim*, pre-Pesach meals, and *Simchat Torah Kiddush*. It is behind the scenes at many *shul* activities such as putting up and decorating the *shul's sukkah*. It is an active arm within the *shul*, providing camaraderie, activities, and events for men of all ages. Activities include trivia night, hiking, and a *cholent* challenge, complementing programs such as lectures and Israel movie night. We encourage you to join us. Men's Club's annual dues are just \$18.

Yes, I would like to become part of the Beth Aaron Men's Club!

- ☐ A check made out to the Beth Aaron Men's Club is enclosed ☐ Please bill my account for \$18

THE TEANECK MIKVAH AND ERUV

The Mikvah: The Teaneck *Mikvah* serves the Teaneck, Bergenfield, and New Milford communities. First built in the 1970s, the main Teaneck *Mikvah* on Windsor Road recently underwent a renovation and construction project to meet the needs of our growing community. The new, state-of-the-art main *Mikvah* includes 18 preparation rooms, four *Mikvaot*, special handicap accessible facilities, an exclusive preparation room for brides, and a new *Keylim Mikvah*. A satellite *mikvah*, containing one immersion pool, five preparation rooms, and one waiting area, is used only on *erev Shabbat* and *erev Yom Tov*. The satellite *Mikvah* is a few blocks from Beth Aaron.

The Eruv: The Teaneck-Bergenfield Area *Eruv* consists of two separate areas, North and South of Route 4. The two *Eruvim* are linked at specific locations by crossovers. To check whether the *eruv* is operational, a hotline is available on Friday afternoon, and there are red and green lights on the front of Orthodox *shuls* in the Township.

Both the *Mikvah* and the *Eruv* are partially funded through a "*Kehilla* model," enabling access to a broader potential base of support. A \$36 annual communal assessment for the *Mikvah* and an \$18 communal assessment for the *Eruv* are added to members' statements on July 1 of each year, the start of the *shul's* fiscal year.

HIGH HOLIDAY SEATS

High Holiday seat prices vary depending on location and membership. Seating for *Mincha/Maariv* both nights of *Rosh Hashana* is in the Main *Shul* only, and all seats are open to everyone.

Main *Shul* pricing for 2022/5783:

Seating for full members only: \$155 per ticket

***Beit Midrash (Hashkama minyan)*, Social Hall, and *Vasikin* pricing for 2022/5783:**

Seating for full members: \$130 per ticket

Seating for associate members: \$180 per ticket

Seating for non-members: \$200 per ticket

No *Shul* member will be turned away due to a lack of funds.

BETH AARON'S DYNAMIC WEBSITE AND APP

Beth Aaron's website, www.bethaaron.org, provides up-to-date information on *davening* times, *shiurim*, and events. You also can

- Pay outstanding balances.
- Make donations.
- Reserve High Holiday seats.
- Order *lulavim* and *etrogim*.
- Make reservations for pre-*Pesach* meals.
- Send *Mishloach Manot* to friends and neighbors.
- Find *shiva* details.
- Arrange to sponsor a *Kiddush*.
- Dedicate a day of learning through our *Parnas Hayom* program.
- And do much, more!

Also available at bethaaron.org are challenging and informative questions about the week's *parasha*, the weekly announcements, calendars, photo albums of recent events, and information about room rentals.

Check out www.bethaaron.org now! And don't forget to download the Beth Aaron app to your phone so that you have access to *minyan* times, program information, and much more even when you are not at a computer.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Congregation Beth Aaron understands that from time-to-time members may have difficulties in paying dues and/or a building fund commitment.

The *shul* is firmly committed to ensuring that no one experiences a financial barrier to participation in our community. We do this both because it is the right thing to do and because it offers members the opportunity to make a reasonable and responsible arrangement with the *shul* so that their own self-worth and value within the community is enhanced.

The level of funds you can contribute in no way will affect your membership, nor will anyone call to ask for further information. In addition, all communications and any arrangements will be kept completely confidential.

If you require consideration in meeting your financial obligations as a member, please email fac@bethaaron.org.

CONGREGATION BETH AARON MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT AND DUES PLAN

The philosophy of Congregation Beth Aaron is to welcome all as members of our *shul*, regardless of ability to pay his/her dues and building fund commitment. In cases of hardship, adjustments can be made by contacting the Financial Arrangements Committee at FAC@bethaaron.org.

Annual Dues: Regular Membership

Family: \$1,000/year Individual/Single Parent: \$500/year

New member rate: \$500 for families; \$250 for individual/Single Parent. The new member rate is valid for two (2) years.

Annual Dues: Associate Membership

(Offered to those with a full membership in another bona fide synagogue)

Family/Individual/Single Parent: \$375/year

Building Fund Commitment (required of full members):

Full Members: \$7,000

The Building Fund commitment can be paid in installments. Additionally, it is generally deferred for members who rent their home. New regular members can defer the payment of building funds for the first two (2) years of membership.

I/We agree to pay all dues, building Fund, and other amounts that may be assessed the members of Congregation Beth Aaron.

Through the submission of this full membership agreement, I/we agree to pay the entire Building Fund assessment of \$7,000 using the various options below.

Of course, I/we or the Congregation may suggest a revision of this arrangement based on circumstances at the time.

- ☐ As new members, I/we will defer the Building Fund for two (2) years.
If you check this box, your choice below will be deferred for two (2) years.

I/We agree to pay the entire Building Fund assessment in:

- ☐ 1 lump sum. I/We enclose \$7,000.
☐ 2 annual installments. I/We agree to pay \$3,500 during this fiscal year and in the following fiscal year.
☐ 4 annual installments. I/We agree to pay \$1,750 during this fiscal year and in each of the following 3 fiscal years.
☐ 5 annual installments. I/We agree to pay \$1,400 during this fiscal year and in each of the following 4 fiscal years.
☐ 7 annual installments. I/We agree to pay \$1,000 during this fiscal year and in each of the following 6 fiscal years.
☐ Building Fund Assessment not applicable because I/we currently reside in an apartment or are renting a home.
We understand that a Building Fund assessment will be charged at the time of a home purchase.
☐ Please contact me/us about other options for payment.

Each annual installment is due by June 30, the Congregation's fiscal year-end.

Enclosed is my initial payment of:

Membership dues in the amount of \$_____ Building Fund in the amount of \$_____

Applicant # 1 Signature _____ Date _____

Applicant # 2 Signature _____ Date _____

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU INTO OUR BETH AARON FAMILY!

CONGREGATION BETH AARON
Membership Application

Application Date: _____ Why did you choose to join Beth Aaron? _____

Membership Type: Full () Associate ()

For Full Membership Only: We previously were members at _____

For Associate Membership Only: We are full members at: _____

NAMES (please include maiden name where applicable)

Applicant #1 _____ Hebrew Name _____

() Kohen () Levi () Yisrael

Father's Hebrew name _____ Mother's Hebrew name _____

Paternal grandfather's Hebrew name _____

Maternal grandfather's Hebrew name _____

Applicant #2 _____ Hebrew Name _____

() Kohen () Levi () Yisrael

Father's Hebrew name _____ Mother's Hebrew name _____

Paternal grandfather's Hebrew name _____

Maternal grandfather's Hebrew name _____

CONTACT INFORMATION

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone: _____

OTHER INFORMATION

Applicant #1

Cell phone _____ Work Phone _____ Email (preferred) _____

Occupation _____

Applicant #2

Cell phone _____ Work Phone _____ Email (preferred) _____

Occupation _____

CHILDREN (if applicable - please use an additional sheet if more room is required)

Child's English Name	Child's Hebrew Name	Birthdate (MM/DD/YY)	School

OVER

SIGNIFICANT DATES

Applicant #1

English Birthday _____ Hebrew Birthday _____

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Sedra _____

Applicant #2

English Birthday _____ Hebrew Birthday _____

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Sedra _____

If married, Anniversary Date _____

Please submit a photo of the applicant(s) so that we can recognize you when you come to *shul*.

Please indicate if we can add your photo(s) to the online Membership Directory.

☐ Yes ☐ No

YAHRTZEIT INFORMATION

Relation	Hebrew name	English Name	Hebrew Date of Death

SKILLS

In terms of synagogue skills, please indicate the services you are qualified to render:

() Read *Torah* () Read *Maftir* () Read *Megillah* () *Daven* () Blow *Shofar* () Give a *shiur*

Do you or any family members have skills that would benefit Beth Aaron? If so, please provide details:

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

Do you or any family members have hobbies or interests that would benefit Beth Aaron? If so, please provide details:

CAN WE HELP?

Please let us know about any special needs you or your family might have so that we can best accommodate you. In order for the *shul* to best be responsive to your needs, we ask that all issues or concerns be written and directed to the *shul* office. It is our goal to respond to you as quickly as possible.

Congregation Beth Aaron is committed to meeting the varied needs of our members and our community. We offer opportunities not only for religious fulfillment, but also for the development of social and personal relationships. As a new member, you will be contacted to discuss your needs and interests.