

Temple Beth Am

Application for Dues Relief 2017-18 for Returning Members

prospective or new members: please contact us for an application

complete, sign and mail 1st page to Temple Beth Am attn: Financial Secretary – 203 Church Place – Yorktown Hts, NY 10598

	Adult Member 1	Adult Member 2	
Name			
Home and/or Cell Phone			
E-mail			
Mailing address	#street	City/State/Zip	
Membership Category	Annual Amt	Write in Dues Owed	Notes
Family	\$2405		
Single Parent Family (single,divorced,widowed ONLY)	\$2086		
Single	\$1558		
Senior Family (1 member 62 or older)	\$1682		
Senior Single (62 or older)	\$ 921		
Religious School Fees			
One child grades 1-7*	\$1177		
Two children grades 1-7*	\$1884		
Three or more children grades 1-7*	\$2384		
Kindergarten (per child)	\$ 278		
Chai School A (grades 8-9) per child	\$ 800		
Chai School B (grades 10-12) per child	\$ 475		
BM 1.1.18-12.31.18 due 17/18(\$1035 for twins)	\$683		Bm date:
BM 1.1.19– 12.31.19 due 17/18 (\$1090 for twins)	\$720		Bm date:
Subtotal			
*subtract \$200 for each enrolled 1 st grader (account will be rebated this amt by 11/30/17)			
Total Dues and Fees owed 2017/18			

Attach additional sheet(s) if necessary to answer any questions

1. Have all dues and fees from previous fiscal year (7/1/16 to 6/30/17) been paid in full? yes no
2. If not, how much is still outstanding?
3. What is your plan to repay this amount?
4. Briefly describe requested assistance – for example “Deferred Payment till _____”, “Reduction of Fees”
5. Briefly describe the financial or other circumstances giving rise to this request:

Applicant(s) acknowledge and confirm the following:

1. It is the responsibility of each member to pay toward the annual cost of operations of Temple Beth Am.
2. This application for Dues Relief is consistent with the attached Temple Beth Am Dues Relief Guidelines
3. I/we authorize Temple Beth Am, to make confidential inquiries as it deems appropriate to validate this application.
4. I/we understand that the decision as to whether and to what extent to provide Dues Relief is solely in the discretion of Temple Beth Am.

Applicant Name(s)	Signature(s)	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Dues Relief is based in the Jewish obligation of Tzedakah

- Tzedakah is an important aspect in Judaism. It is a Hebrew word for giving justice or assistance, helping people who are in need and sharing our blessings. In Judaism, giving to people in need is a sign of righteousness and giving justice. It is not merely an act of generosity. Tzedakah is considered a duty.
- But it is also important to know that the Tzedakah we call Dues Relief does not come from a distant institution, but rather it is a deeply personal act of giving and receiving, that comes from each member of our congregation to another member. This Tzedakah should be received with an open heart and with a sense of giving Tzedakah, when possible, in return.
- The recipient of Dues Relief should keep in their hearts and minds the ways in which they can give Tzedakah to our congregation – through increased dues or donation if/when they are able to do so financially, or through giving of their time, skills, knowledge and expertise to contribute to the life and vibrancy of Beth Am.

Dues Relief Guidelines

1. Members and prospective members seeking dues adjustments are expected to demonstrate their “need” on an annual basis. A prior history of need is an important consideration, but is not a guarantee of future financial assistance. To ensure consistency in the application of these guidelines, *on an annual basis*, Members in need of support (or continued support) are expected to submit a request, in writing, on the form attached, which includes an acknowledgement confirming the members’ agreement to and compliance with these Guidelines.
2. All members – including those receiving dues relief – are expected to meet their financial commitment to Temple Beth Am’s operating costs on time and in accordance with terms of payment.
3. The level of financial assistance is determined solely by Temple Beth Am Financial Secretary, and, when appropriate according to Temple policy, with the advice and approval of the Dues Committee, and can range from deferred payment terms to complete waiver of fees.
4. All members and prospective members are entitled to know the names and contact information for all members of the Dues Committee.

All consultations and dues information shared by congregants with the Financial Secretary, or when necessary the members of the Dues Committee, will remain confidential to the Dues Committee; unless circumstances necessitate the inclusion of other Executive Board Members and Clergy; such circumstances may include, but are not limited to, the absence of a Dues Committee Member or at the request of a congregant. Only the financial changes required for the bookkeeper to update Temple Beth Am’s dues records will be transmitted outside the specifically named members of the Dues Committee.

May the door of this synagogue be wide enough to receive all who hunger for love, all who are lonely for friendship.

May it welcome all who have cares to unburden, thanks to express, hopes to nurture.

May the door of this synagogue be narrow enough to shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity.

May its threshold be no stumbling block to young or straying feet.

May it be too high to admit complacency, selfishness and harshness.

May this synagogue be, for all who enter, the doorway to a richer and more meaningful life.