

To Our Community High Schoolers and Parents of Teens:

CBEYG (Congregation Beth Emeth Youth Group) is beginning its 2018-2019 year. We welcome all Jewish teens to join us and become a member of CBEYG, and through the temple youth group, also a member of NFTY-NE (North American Federation of Temple Youth – Northeast Region).

CBEYG is a peer-led youth group for high school students (grades 9-12) built on positive interpersonal connections, Jewish living, and peer leadership. All of the activities are planned by and for the teenagers. CBEYG meets every Wednesday night for dinner and an informal program from 5:30-7:00pm. CBEYG also has approximately one overnight event per month for their temple membership and participates in weekend regional events with NFTY-NE. CBEYG is a youth-run group consisting of seven board members who are responsible for all Wednesday night programming and all CBEYG weekend events. CBEYG's activities are overseen by youth group advisors, Andrew Kauffman and Maddie Laks.

NFTY-Northeast is comprised of nearly 1000 members from 50 active Temple Youth Groups (TYGs) spanning Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Upstate New York and Montreal, Canada. We are one of 19 regions that make up NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth), the youth movement of the Union for Reform Judaism.

Membership in CBEYG has its privileges. CBEYG membership includes:

- 30 weekly programs with full dinner provided from September – May
- Fun weekend events, including: Apple Overnight, Havdalah Overnight, and Purim Carnival
- Eligibility and subsidy to attend CBEYG Eisner Retreat – a weekend-long event in Great Barrington, Massachusetts
- Membership in NFTY and eligibility to attend NFTY events, including: Levi Leap, Fall Conclavette, Week-long Institutes: Summer and December, Winter Wonderland Ski Trip, Spring Conclavette, and Leadership Kallah

Membership dues are \$150.00 for CBE temple members and are \$200.00 for non-CBE members for the year. **Please note:** Dues do not include CBEYG Retreat and NFTY Events. Congregation Beth Emeth (CBE) provides a subsidy for all CBEYG members to offset program expenses (e.g. staffing, supplies, maintenance, etc.).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the advisors via email: cbeyouthgroup@gmail.com. If there is an emergency, you can reach Andrew Kauffman (518-339-4852) or Maddie Laks (508-641-3723) by cell phone. Membership forms are due on or before October 24th, 2018 and are **required for attendance at Apple Overnight**.

Thank you,
Andrew & Maddie

**CBEYG (Congregation Beth Emeth Youth Group)
2018-2019 Membership Form**

Submit dues to Andrew Kauffman/Maddie Laks by **October 24th, 2018**

*Please make checks payable to **CBEYG***

Dues: \$150 for members of Beth Emeth / \$200 for non-members

General Information

Youth (Member) Name: _____

Grade: _____ Birthday: ____/____/____

Home Address:

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (1): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (2): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Alternate Emergency Contact: _____

Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Driving Release

Signatures on the Driving Release apply to all local CBEYG events for the 2018-2019 year.

I give permission for my child _____ to drive to/from CBEYG local events. I agree not to hold Congregation Beth Emeth or its agents liable for any accidents, injuries, damage or fatalities that may occur in transit to or from CBEYG events. I also waive all rights to sue the aforementioned organization and its agents for any of the above-mentioned incidents that occur in transit.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

I give permission for my child to be driven to/from CBEYG local events by _____
(If left blank, only the Advisor(s) can transport youth, unless a written note is provided) and/or the CBEYG advisor(s). I release said person(s) and Congregation Beth Emeth of any responsibility in the event of an emergency under these conditions.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian Medical Release

Signatures on the Parent/Guardian Medical Release apply to all local/regional CBEYG events for 2018-2019.

Youth (Member) Name: _____

Date of last Tetanus Booster: ____/____/____

Medications: _____

Medical Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Preferred Hospital(s): _____

PLEASE NOTE ANY **SPECIAL NEEDS** (food, allergies, physical restrictions, etc.):

To my knowledge, this health history is correct. The youth above has my permission to engage in youth group activities, except those noted in the Code of Conduct. I release Congregation Beth Emeth and its agents from all responsibilities, other than the supervision of scheduled activities. In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby authorize the physician selected by the CBEYG Advisor to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and order injections, anesthesia, or surgery for my child named above.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

The CBEYG advisor has my permission to give my child _____ Advil or Tylenol in the event that he or she feels it is needed. *(If no, leave blank and do not sign below.)*

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

****This page contains Personal Health Information (PHI) and will be kept confidential and not shared with anyone, unless there is an emergency and medical attention is sought to ensure the health and safety of your child.****

CBEYG Code of Conduct: B'rit Kehillah

Signatures on the CBEYG Code of Conduct apply to all local and regional CBEYG events for the 2018-2019 year.

1. Youth members are expected to abide by all local, state, and federal laws at every local and regional youth group event.
2. Temple property or the property of the locations we visit is not to be abused.
3. Leaving a youth group event without permission or prior notification of an advisor is strictly prohibited.
4. No possession or use of drugs, alcohol, or other illegal substances is allowed.
5. Any verbal or written rules announced by advisors or board members are to be observed.
6. Aside from Wednesday meetings, youth may not attend any local or regional events without signed permission from their parent/guardian (unless otherwise specified).
7. Youth may not drive to or from local events, or be driven by another CBEYG member, without a signed consent from their parent/guardian (*see above*).
8. No driving by youth is allowed to any regional event. No transportation other than that provided by CBEYG, other parent/Chaperone, or Advisor is permissible to any regional event.

I have read the above rules and agree to abide by them. I understand that if I violate any of these rules, my parent(s) will be notified and expected to pick me up immediately at any hour, the police will be contacted as needed, and I will be suspended from future CBEYG activities until future notice.

Member Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: ____/____/____