



# Membership Application

## 2019-2020

### Welcome

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We are delighted to welcome you to Neve Shalom. We hope that you will take advantage of all we have to offer, including religious services, shared life cycle events, diverse programming, and education for all ages.

### One Community

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Every Jewish journey is unique. Neve Shalom is here to support you on your journey. Together, we build One Community.

These six principles are the building blocks of the Neve Shalom Community.

*Common Values* – Neve Shalom has at its core Jewish identity. It is through this identity that we share common values, goals, and ideals for ourselves, our families, and our Community.

*Education* – The commitment to educate our youth and adults is critical to the spiritual growth and health of our community. Education supports our connection with Israel and with the greater Jewish Community.

*Leadership* – Maintaining a strong and well-trained lay leadership in both religious and administrative areas is a direct result of the dedication and passion of our professional and lay leaders and staff. Strong leadership builds a strong Community.

*Engagement* – Sitting in the center of Jewish New Jersey, the wide variety of religious, cultural, social, and tikkun olam (social justice) programs at Neve Shalom are essential to building the connections within the larger Community.

*Support* – Being available and accessible to all in our Community to share life cycle events is the basis of our connectedness, friendship, camaraderie, and sense of belonging regardless of your unique journey. Together we develop the relationships that build a loving and supportive Community.

*Spirituality* – Recognizing that we are all on our own journey of Jewish discovery, Neve Shalom provides an oasis of peace and support for each other to assist as we travel that path. Spirituality is woven throughout all aspects of our Jewish Community.

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## 1. Adult Member Information

### ADULT 1

\_\_\_\_\_  
LAST NAME                      FIRST                      MIDDLE

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY                              STATE                      ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE NUMBER                      CELL PHONE NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
BIRTH DATE                              TITLE YOU PREFER

\_\_\_\_\_  
MARITAL STATUS                              ANNIVERSARY DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
OCCUPATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
HEBREW NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
MOTHER'S HEBREW NAME                      FATHER'S HEBREW NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
KOHEN / LEVI / YISRAEL

\_\_\_\_\_  
BORN JEWISH / JEWISH BY CHOICE / OTHER

### ADULT 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
LAST NAME                      FIRST                      MIDDLE

\_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY                              STATE                      ZIP

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HOME PHONE NUMBER                      CELL PHONE NUMBER

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## 2. Children Information

### CHILD 1

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME                                      BIRTH DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
HEBREW NAME                              GENDER

### CHILD 3

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME                                      BIRTH DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
HEBREW NAME                              GENDER

### CHILD 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME                                      BIRTH DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
HEBREW NAME                              GENDER

### CHILD 4

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME                                      BIRTH DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
HEBREW NAME                              GENDER

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### 3. Areas of Interest

Help us learn more about you and your family.

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery School   | <input type="checkbox"/> Torah Reading        | <input type="checkbox"/> Music/Choir   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religious School | <input type="checkbox"/> Torah Study          | <input type="checkbox"/> Art/Theatre   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education      | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teen Programming | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs for Seniors | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Club       | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Service    | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading/Books |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sisterhood       | <input type="checkbox"/> Israel Advocacy      |  |

Are there any other skills, hobbies, or interests that you would like to share with us?

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Neve Shalom Bulletin: Our monthly bulletin is filled with news from around our community and upcoming events. It's a great way to learn about everything Neve Shalom has to offer!

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### 4. Yahrzeit Notification

Jewish custom calls for observing the anniversary of the death of loved ones according to the Jewish calendar. Please complete the information below, if pertinent, so that we may remind you at the appropriate time. (Please note any additional Yahrzeits on a separate sheet of paper.)

#### Yahrzeit 1

NAME

HEBREW NAME

RELATIONSHIP

DATE OF DEATH

BEFORE SUNSET / AFTER SUNSET

#### Yahrzeit 3

NAME

HEBREW NAME

RELATIONSHIP

DATE OF DEATH

BEFORE SUNSET / AFTER SUNSET

#### Yahrzeit 2

NAME

HEBREW NAME

RELATIONSHIP

DATE OF DEATH

BEFORE SUNSET / AFTER SUNSET

#### Yahrzeit 4

NAME

HEBREW NAME

RELATIONSHIP

DATE OF DEATH

BEFORE SUNSET / AFTER SUNSET

## 5. Membership Dues and Fees

Family Membership<sup>1</sup>

First year	\$ 1,350
Second year	\$ 1,975
Subsequent years	\$ 2,600

Individual Membership

First year	\$ 787
Second year	\$ 1,131
Subsequent years	\$ 1,475

Senior Family Membership<sup>2</sup>

First year	\$ 1,100
Second year	\$ 1,600
Subsequent years	\$ 2,100

Senior Individual Membership<sup>2</sup>

First year	\$ 652
Second year	\$ 925
Subsequent years	\$ 1,200

Associate Family<sup>3</sup>

\$ 600

Associate Individual<sup>3</sup>

\$ 600

Age 23-35 Family Membership<sup>4</sup>

\$ 1,100

Age 23-35 Individual Membership<sup>4</sup>

\$ 550

- Age 90+ Senior Membership<sup>5</sup> - We honor our super senior members by removing fixed dues. We ask that these members give a gift of the heart, generously supporting our community at a level that is meaningful to them. **We extend our deepest gratitude** to our many super senior members who have continued to support our shul at the standard Senior Membership rate and above.

### Other Required Annual Fees

Repair/Replacement Fund	\$ 85
United Synagogue Dues	\$ 74.50
Jewish Theological Seminary	\$ 20

### Optional Fees

Masorti in Israel Donation	\$ 10
Men's Club Dues	\$ 45
Sisterhood Dues	\$ 36
Building access key card	\$ 20 <sup>6</sup>

## SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Membership is never denied for financial reasons. Special, confidential arrangements can be made by contacting our financial secretary through the Synagogue Office at 732-548-2238.

<sup>1</sup>Newlyweds receive free Family Membership for one year beginning the first day of their marriage.

<sup>2</sup>Senior: Date of Birth on or before June 30, 1953.

<sup>3</sup>Associates: In order to qualify as an Associate, the applicant must either a) reside more than 50 miles from Neve Shalom or b) be a member in good standing at another USCJ synagogue. Associates are entitled to receive the bulletin and yahrzeit notices and may purchase High Holy Day tickets separately if they wish to attend High Holy Day services at Neve Shalom.

<sup>4</sup>Age 23-35: Date of Birth for all adults on or after July 1, 1984.

<sup>5</sup>Age 90+: Date of Birth before June 30, 1929.

<sup>6</sup>This fee is a deposit. If your key card is returned, your fee will be returned.

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## 6. Religious School Fees

Neve Shalom is committed to providing your children with a Religious School experience that is enjoyable and inspiring. Our exciting curriculum is enhanced with crafts, games and extra-curricular activities.

### Annual Fees

	Members		Non-Members	
K-2	Book and material fee	\$ 125	Book and material fee	\$ 125
	Tuition	\$ 450	Tuition	\$ 600
3-7	Book and material fee	\$ 125	Non-members, please contact our Synagogue Office at 732-548-2238 for information.	
	Tuition	\$ 900		
8-12	Book and material fee	\$ 50		
	Tuition	\$ 450		

In previous years, the K-2 tuition had been fully underwritten through the generosity of several donors with the goal of growing the program and introducing Neve Shalom to new families. Going forward, these donors have decided to direct their philanthropy towards other aspects of our community. Still, **the per day cost of our school at \$19** is significantly lower than many other extracurricular activities thanks to the financial support the school continues to receive from the synagogue.

Education is a key value for the Jewish people and we never deny participation in our school for financial reasons.

### Notes

Tuition may be included in the payment plan options below.

B'nai Mitzvah families must be current in their financial obligations 60 days prior to the simcha (celebration).

### Discounts

For families with multiple children registered in Religious School, a \$75 discount to tuition will be provided per child in grades 3-7 after the first child.

### Additional Fees

B'nai Mitzvah Lessons \$ 750 per child

B'nai Mitzvah Kiddush Sponsorship \$ 500 (includes 25 non-member guests, there is \$5 fee per additional guest)

Please go to [www.neveshalom.net/RSregister](http://www.neveshalom.net/RSregister) to register your children for Religious School.

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## 7. Payment Information

Payment Plan Options: Includes dues and other fees

Payment in full: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Lump sum payments, as follows:

By July 15, initial 50% of total balance due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

By Nov 15, next 25% of total balance due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

By Feb 15, final 25% of total balance due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Equal installments over 10 months, beginning July (1st or 15th) paid in full by May 2020. At least 3 months must be paid to receive High Holy Day tickets.

Note: Any member who resigns within 6 months of the start of the fiscal year for reasons other than moving or death in the immediate family is responsible for 6 months of dues payments as well as payment of all past dues.

### Statements & Bulletin

Please e-mail my statements and bulletin to: \_\_\_\_\_.

*Unless a specific request is made to the office, our monthly bulletin and statements will be delivered via email. Thank you for understanding and helping Neve Shalom "go green!"*

### Payment Methods

Cash or Check

Please make checks payable to Neve Shalom.

Stock or securities

Please see page 4 for details.

Post-dated checks

Please date checks for the 1st or 15th of the month and make checks payable to Neve Shalom. Checks must be submitted by July 15.

Credit card

Provide the following credit card details  
(note: a transaction fee of 3% will be charged):

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
BILLING STREET ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE ZIP

\_\_\_\_\_  
CREDIT CARD NUMBER

\_\_\_\_\_  
EXPIRATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
VISA / MASTERCARD / DISCOVER / AMEX

If your credit card information changes, please contact us to provide the updated information.

Please sign and return to Neve Shalom, 250 Grove Ave., Metuchen, NJ 08840.

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SIGNATURE

DATE

## 8. You can save by paying your dues with appreciated stock!

Donating appreciated stock can help maximize your tax savings while supporting a great cause. Donations of appreciated stock are fully deductible at their full market value *and* avoid capital gains taxes that you would have to pay when selling the stock.

Scenario: Family earning \$100,000 annually		
	Sell securities and donate cash	Donate appreciated securities
<b>Strategy</b>	Sell securities worth <b>\$2600</b> in cash and donate \$2600 cash.	Donate appreciated securities worth <b>\$2600</b> and an unrealized gain of <b>\$1734</b> .
<b>Capital gains tax</b>	Realize <b>\$1734</b> gain and pay <b>\$260</b> in capital gains tax.	Pay no capital gains tax
<b>Income tax deduction</b>	Deduct <b>\$2600</b> in income and save <b>\$624</b> in income tax.	
<b>Outcome</b>	Net tax savings: <b>\$624</b>	Net tax savings: <b>\$884</b>

For an earner in the top tax bracket, the savings from this same scenario would be **\$1375**.

Even if you don't need to sell securities to generate cash today, donating appreciated stock and using on-hand to buy that same stock saves you money later by creating a free step-up in basis.

### Ready to donate appreciated stock?

- The most straightforward option is to directly transfer stocks by contacting your broker and giving them instructions about which shares you wish to transfer to Neve Shalom. The synagogue office can supply you with our account information. Please let the office know to expect the transfer, as our broker will not notify us.
- A second option is to give through a **donor advised fund** – a giving vehicle that allows donors to make a charitable contribution, take an immediate tax deduction, and decide later which organizations to disburse the funds to.

Donor advised funds are not just for the wealthy – many have minimum contributions of \$5,000 (less than two years of dues). They can greatly streamline the process of donating appreciated stock, especially if you choose a fund affiliated with your brokerage firm; most have online tools that help you identify the most tax-efficient stocks to donate.

Donor advised funds have different fees, minimums, and restrictions on the types of organizations you can support. If you know you want to pay your dues through a donor advised fund, we recommend reaching out first to confirm that they will permit grant recommendations to Neve Shalom.

### Questions?

Contact [office@neveshalom.net](mailto:office@neveshalom.net) with any questions, and we will be happy to help!

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## 9. Over 70½? You can save taxes by paying dues from your tax-deferred accounts.

Each year the IRS requires you to take your RMD (required minimum distribution) from your tax deferred retirement accounts. This distribution is 100% taxable, but you can reduce your taxes by paying your dues as a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA.

For example, if you make a donation of \$2,400 to Neve Shalom, you will pay no taxes on the \$2,400. The key is that the \$2,400 is counted as part of your RMD *and* is not taxable. *Important: in order to realize this benefit, the distribution must go directly from the custodian to the charity; if the money goes first to you or any other intermediary, the distribution will be taxable.*

To learn more, visit [fidelity.com/learning-center/personal-finance/retirement/qcds-the-basics](https://www.fidelity.com/learning-center/personal-finance/retirement/qcds-the-basics)

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