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Membership Application

We are delighted at your interest in joining Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel, affectionately known as BEKI.

BEKI is a thriving, traditional-egalitarian, participatory synagogue that affiliates with the Conservative movement. Our members are incredibly diverse – in Jewish background, age, economic situation, political outlook, and sexual and gender orientation – but are united by our love of prayer, Torah, and acts of lovingkindness. We value every member and prospective member, **and we never turn anyone away for lack of ability to pay.**

Adult 1

Name (last, first, MI): _____

Hebrew name (if you have one): _____

bat ben l'mishpachat _____

Date of Birth: _____ Are you a Kohein or a Levi? _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Adult 2

Name (last, first, MI): _____

Hebrew name (if you have one): _____

bat ben l'mishpachat _____

Date of Birth: _____ Are you a Kohein or a Levi? _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Marital status: Married ____ Partnered ____ Engaged ____ Single ____ Widowed ____

If Married, Date of Marriage: _____



Children's Information (if applicable)

Child 1 Name (Last, First): _____ Nickname: _____

Child lives with: ___ Both Parents ___ One Parent _____ Other _____

Date of Birth: _____ Hebrew Name (if you have one): _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____

Child 2 Name (Last, First): _____ Nickname: _____

Child lives with: ___ Both Parents ___ One Parent _____ Other _____

Date of Birth: _____ Hebrew Name (if you have one): _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____

Child 3 Name (Last, First): _____ Nickname: _____

Child lives with: ___ Both Parents ___ One Parent _____ Other _____

Date of Birth: _____ Hebrew Name (if you have one): _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____

Child 4 Name (Last, First): _____ Nickname: _____

Child lives with: ___ Both Parents ___ One Parent _____ Other _____

Date of Birth: _____ Hebrew Name (if you have one): _____

School Name: _____ Grade: _____

Will your child(ren) be attending our religious school? Yes ___ No ___



Tell Us About Your Household

How did you hear about BEKI? _____

What do you hope to find at BEKI? _____

If you are new to the area, where did you live previously? _____

Do you have any Jewish liturgical skills? (Torah reading, service leading, etc.) _____

BEKI is a very participatory congregation. If you feel comfortable, will you tell us what the adults in the household do for a living, so we know what skills you might possess that the congregation needs. Or are there other skills or talents you might possess that might be able to help the community?

Is there anything else we should have asked or that you would like to tell us?

Are you interested in being contacted by any of these committees? Please indicate with your first name:

- _____ Membership
- _____ Publicity
- _____ Programming
- _____ Religious school
- _____ Budget & finance
- _____ Fundraising/development
- _____ Facilities
- _____ Hesed – kindness in times of need
- _____ Shabbat kiddush preparation
- _____ B'nai mitzvah kiddush preparation
- _____ Technology/web skills
- _____ Youth programming
- _____ Social Action/Tikkun Olam
- _____ Sisterhood
- _____ Art Committee



It is the custom at BEKI to read the names of loved ones who are no longer with us on the anniversary of their passing. In Yiddish, this is called a yahrzeit. These people do not have to be Jewish. Please list those that you would like to have included below.

Note: Hebrew dates begin at sunset, so if the death took place in the evening, please note that.

Notify me of the date of my loved ones' yahrzeits by:

Email ___ Postal Mail ___

Name (Last, First) _____

Relationship and to whom related _____

Date of Death _____

Name (Last, First) _____

Relationship and to whom related _____

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Relationship and to whom related _____

Date of Death _____

Jewish Status at BEKI – A note from the Rabbi

We are thrilled that you are becoming a member of BEKI!

Identity is a fraught topic in our world today, and many of us often feel that we are “not Jewish enough.” These feelings can be exacerbated by a membership application form like this! We want to push in the other, more human direction, and to embrace you as you are.

We would like to know whether you are Jewish by birth, Jewish by conversion, or not Jewish. We’re also adding a space for “it’s complicated,” as a way that you can let Rabbi Woodward know your story is more complicated than can be represented on a form like this. He’ll reach out to you if you mark that, so that you don’t have to share too much personally on this form.

It’s worth saying that Rabbi Woodward himself grew up in an interfaith family, and has been particularly involved in advocacy work within the Conservative Movement to ensure that our doors and hearts are wide open. At BEKI, we know you will find open and loving hearts.

You can reach out to Rabbi Woodward at rabbi@beki.org.

Adult 1 Name _____

Jewish by birth to Jewish mother _____ Jewish by mikvah immersion _____

Not Jewish _____ It’s complicated _____

Adult 2 Name _____

Jewish by birth to Jewish mother _____ Jewish by mikvah immersion _____

Not Jewish _____ It’s complicated _____

Child 1 Name _____

Jewish by birth to Jewish mother _____ Jewish by mikvah immersion _____

Not Jewish _____ It’s complicated _____

Child 2 Name _____

Jewish by birth to Jewish mother _____ Jewish by mikvah immersion _____

Not Jewish _____ It’s complicated _____

Child 3 Name _____

Jewish by birth to Jewish mother _____ Jewish by mikvah immersion _____

Not Jewish _____ It’s complicated _____

YOUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO CONGREGATION BETH EL-KESER ISRAEL

Annual synagogue membership dues cover less than 50 percent of Congregation Beth El - Keser Israel's operating costs. BEKI nonetheless strives to keep costs low and offers abatement and payment plans.

Membership categories (synagogue membership includes High Holiday tickets, scholarship eligibility, the rabbi's services for lifecycle events such as weddings and funerals, and discounts on classes for which fees are charged):

_____ **Single Membership: \$1,175**

_____ **Basic Family Membership: \$2,150 - This covers a two-adult household and any household that includes a child/children.**

_____ **Young Member:** If you are a single person under age 30, or a couple (living together in one household) both of whom are under 30, you may join as Young Members. The dues for Young Members are set by the Young Members themselves — you pay whatever you are able to pay. When a single Young Member turns 30, or one half of a Young Members couple turns 30; for the following membership year you become eligible for the full dues in accordance with our guidelines for the rest of the adult congregation.

I hereby apply for membership in Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel and promise to abide by all the rules and regulations of the Congregation. **I understand that nobody is turned away from the congregation because of inability to pay, and that if I am unable to pay full dues, I may apply for a confidential abatement by indicating below.**

I agree to pay the first year of my membership and thereafter, when the Board of Directors sets the annual dues. I also understand that if I resign my membership, I remain responsible for any outstanding debts to the Congregation, including dues incurred until the date the Congregation receives **written notice of the resignation.**

_____ I have enclosed full payment with application

_____ I would like a member of the confidential abatement committee to call me to discuss reduced dues or a payment plan.

Name(s) of adult members _____

Adult 1

Signature

Date

Adult 2

Signature

Date

We would love to include your photo in our monthly bulletin. If you're willing, please include an individual or group photo or email one to office@beki.org.