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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 traditional, egalitarian, participatory synagogue, affiliated with the Conservative movement. Our members are diverse – in Jewish background, age, economic situation, political outlook, and sexual and gender orientation – but are united by our love of Torah and Jewish community. **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 _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Phone and Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Adult 2

Name (last, first, MI): _____

Hebrew name, if you have one: _____ bat/ben _____

Date of Birth: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Preferred Phone and Email Address: _____

Marital status (circle one): Married Partnered Engaged Single Widowed

If Married, Date of Marriage: _____



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Children's Information (if applicable)

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

Child lives with: Both Parents One Parent _____ Other _____

Date of Birth: _____ Bar/Bat Mitzvah (Y/N): _____ Date: _____

Hebrew Name: _____ School Name: _____ Grade: ____

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

Child lives with: Both Parents One Parent _____ Other _____

Date of Birth: _____ Bar/Bat Mitzvah (Y/N): _____ Date: _____

Hebrew Name: _____ School Name: _____ Grade: ____

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

Child lives with: Both Parents One Parent _____ Other _____

Date of Birth: _____ Bar/Bat Mitzvah (Y/N): _____ Date: _____

Hebrew Name: _____ School Name: _____ Grade: ____

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

Child lives with: Both Parents One Parent _____ Other _____

Date of Birth: _____ Bar/Bat Mitzvah (Y/N): _____ Date: _____

Hebrew Name: _____ School Name: _____ Grade: ____

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



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Tell Us About Your Household

How did you hear about BEKI? _____

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

If you previously belonged to another synagogue, which one? _____

What led you to join BEKI? Tell us about your Jewish journey. _____

Are you able to chant Torah or Haftarah? Can you lead a daily, Shabbat, or festival service? Any other synagogue skills you possess? _____

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. You will be notified via email of the date of your loved ones' yahrzeits.

Name (Last, First)	Relationship and to whom related	Date of Death/Time (a.m. or p.m.)



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What Do You Want From BEKI?

What are the most important aspects of synagogue life for you? Please rate the importance of each of the following: (A is very important, B is moderately important, C is not important)

	Adult 1			Adult 2		
	A	B	C	A	B	C
Social Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Shabbat Services	<input type="checkbox"/>					
High Holy Days Services	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Children’s Jewish Education	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Adult Jewish Education	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Teen Education & Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Events for Young Families	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Sisterhood/Men’s Club	<input type="checkbox"/>					
Activities for Mature Adults/Empty Nesters	<input type="checkbox"/>					

What do you most hope to get from synagogue membership? (Shabbat meals with fellow congregants? Adult learning? Religious school? Playmates for your kids? A great challah recipe? You name it.)

BEKI is a 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?

Professions: _____

What are your talents or interests? Please indicate with your first name, and an officer will contact you:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| _____ Membership | _____ Hesed – kindness in times of need |
| _____ Marketing | _____ Shabbat kiddush preparation |
| _____ Events & activities | _____ B’nai mitzvah kiddush preparation |
| _____ Religious school | _____ Strategic planning |
| _____ Budget & finance | _____ Technology / web skills |
| _____ Fundraising/development | _____ Youth programming |
| _____ Ritual | _____ Social Action/Tikkun Olam |
| _____ Shabbat morning greeter | _____ 20/30s Havurah |
| _____ Facilities | _____ Sisterhood/ Men’s Club |
| _____ Adult education | _____ 50+ /Empty Nesters |

Other _____

What do you most hope to contribute to your synagogue? (Leading services? Planning and carrying out activities? Teaching? Raising/contributing money? Chanting Torah/Haftarah? You name it.)



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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. If I apply for an abatement, a member of the abatement committee will call me to arrange a reduced payment (see also "A Guide to Your Financial Commitment," page 7 of this application).**

Dues cover less than half the cost of operating the synagogue. Therefore, 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.

Dues and fees are payable in advance. Please return your application & your check for the correct amount made out to Congregation Beth El-Keser Israel.

Adult 1

Signature

Date

Adult 2

Signature

Date

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



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Hebrew Name & Status Information

BEKI welcomes attendance and participation by people at all stages of their Jewish journeys. At the same time, we strive to comply with generally accepted standards of legal Jewish status as defined by Jewish law and as interpreted by the Rabbinical Assembly. Therefore, in accordance with Conservative Jewish practice, please indicate the Jewish status of the members of your family. This information will remain confidential and will be reviewed only by Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen.

Rabbi Tilsen will be pleased to work with anyone in your household who is considering conversion or would like to bring their technical legal status into alignment with their existing Jewish identity. You may give this form to the office or directly to Rabbi Tilsen.

If you have any questions about this page, or would like to discuss these questions – or any others -- please feel free to get in touch with Rabbi Tilsen at (203) 389-2108 x 10 or jjtilsen@beki.org.

We look forward to getting to know you!

	ADULT 1	ADULT 2
First & last name		
Was your birth mother Jewish?		
If you converted to Judaism, give name & city of Rabbi who supervised your conversion		
Hebrew name (if you have one; Hebrew or English characters)		
Your father’s Hebrew name (if known)		
Your mother’s Hebrew name (if known)		
Was your biological father a Kohen, Levi or Yisrael?		

Were any of your children adopted, converted or both? If so, please provide confidential details and documents.



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**A GUIDE TO YOUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT
TO CONGREGATION BETH EL-KESER ISRAEL
2015-2016 5775-5776**

Annual synagogue membership dues cover less than 35 percent of Congregation Beth El - Keser Israel's operating costs. BEKI nonetheless strives to keep costs low and offers abatement and payment plans.

Name(s) of adult members _____

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):

- Basic Single Membership: \$995** - This includes two-adult households, with or without children, in which only one adult chooses to affiliate with Beth El-Keser Israel.
- Basic Family Membership: \$1675** - This covers a two-adult household, with or without children, in which both adults choose to affiliate with Beth El-Keser Israel.
- 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.
- Kadima & USY Dues:** Families with children in grades 6-12 can include the membership dues of **\$30 (Kadima) or \$40 (USY) for each child** joining our Kadima/USY Youth BEKI/BJ Chapter.
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