



Congregation B'nai Emet
*From generation to generation, making
your family part of ours.*

Michele Paskow – Rabbi
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2019-2020 Membership Renewal

Dear Member,

Once again it is that time of the year when Congregation B'nai Emet thanks you for your past, present and hopefully, future membership in our temple. Without your membership renewal and continued commitment, CBE could not stand as the center of Jewish activity in our local community.

Enclosed you will find familiar forms to complete, including a request to update your "Membership Family Record." There is one new very important addition to the Membership Registration. The Board of Directors is asking each family to contribute a \$100 Security/Facilities Fee, payable with your membership at the time of registration, which reflects the unfortunate and sometimes senseless times we live in and that all houses of worship must face. We are actively updating and implementing new security features for our temple. You may have noticed the security cameras and improved lighting at the front of our building and parking lot, and the new neon exit signs that we have installed. We are by no means done ensuring your safety, but we are taking incremental steps. Remember, everything takes time and money.

We do not charge exorbitant prices for membership. Our dues structure is very modest, but only covers approximately 50% of our very lean, operating budget. Even with a fee structure such as ours, we have been able over the past twelve months to almost completely transform our sanctuary. We have painted, removed the old, worn, wooden pews and vinyl flooring, and replaced these with new, beautiful, comfortable chairs and modern flooring. The sanctuary's lights have been updated as well. The most exciting part of our improvements, a magnificent, custom built Ark with stained glass doors and matching Ner Tamid, should be delivered to our temple before the High Holy Days. All of this has been accomplished with your dues and generous contributions from our membership.

For a non-profit organization such as ours, we depend on our membership for support throughout the year. When you fill out your membership paperwork for this year, please consider making an additional pledge to CBE, no matter how small, or if you can, perhaps jumping up a notch and paying your membership at a higher level. No contribution is too small, but the bigger the better. We would also like to remind you, that we need you to volunteer your time to help out at our temple functions. Without your extra support we would not be able to grow as a congregation or provide the myriad of activities we present each year. Enter the following link into your web browser to sign-up for your volunteer opportunity. <http://signup.com/go/JsnSBKY>

The board, staff, and I are sincerely grateful for your ongoing support of Congregation B'nai Emet.

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