

Temple B'nai Israel
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GENERAL INFORMATION

Temple B'nai Israel was established in 1906 and serves the religious needs of the Jewish community in Northwest Alabama and Southern Middle Tennessee.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES & EDUCATIONS

Evening Sabbath Services	Friday nights, 7:30 p.m.
Adult Education	Saturday mornings, 9:00 a.m.
Morning Sabbath Services	Saturday mornings, 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Members are asked to donate 1½% of their federal adjusted gross income per calendar year. Minimum dues are as follows:

Individual	\$350 annually
Family	\$600 annually

Membership dues are payable Jan. 1 and should be paid annually, semiannually, quarterly, or monthly, in advance. Dues for new members are pro-rated for the first year on a monthly basis and payable at the time of affiliation (i.e., a new family joining July 1 would owe dues of \$300, payable at the time of joining).

Those who cannot pay minimum dues because of financial hardship may make confidential written application to the treasurer for a waiver, explaining in detail the reason for the request. It is Temple B'nai Israel's policy to accept individuals desiring membership regardless of financial status.

Dues fund the Temple's annual operating expenses and are generally deductible for income tax purposes.

GENERAL DONATIONS

The Temple encourages general donations. These donations take the form of "get well" or "life event" donations (e.g., births, namings, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, memorials, etc.).

Acknowledgments of donation (not amounts) are made by the Finance Committee and are published regularly in the Temple newsletter.

All general donations are used to fund the Temple's annual operating expenses unless a specific purpose is designated by the donor. Donations generally are deductible for income tax purposes. Please provide the exact name(s) and address(s) for acknowledgments.

CEMETERY LOTS

Temple B'nai Israel may sell rights in perpetuity, to a limited number of cemetery lots in Oakwood Memorial Cemetery, Sheffield, AL. The current cost is \$400 per lot. In addition, a \$50 (or greater) donation to the Cemetery Beautification Fund is requested. Proceeds from the sale of such rights are used to help fund the Temple's annual operating budget. The purchase of an interest in a lot is not deductible for income tax purposes.

CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND

This Fund was established by the Board to accept donations to supplement the cost of maintenance of the Temple's portion of Oakwood Memorial Cemetery. A \$50 (or greater) donation to the Fund is requested at the time a member purchases a cemetery lot. Donations to this Fund are generally deductible for income tax purposes.

PHILLIP OLIM RESTRICTED TRUST FUND

This fund was established by the Board in memory of the late Phillip Olim, a member who served as treasurer of the Temple for over 30 years. The trust is used to maintain the Temple's existing building and building improvements. Investment income can, at the Trustee's direction, be used to fund operations. The permanent Trustee is responsible for approving all activities of the fund. Stanley Shipper serves as Trustee of the Fund.

ALEX AND DAVID MARKOWITZ RESTRICTED FUND

This fund was established by the Board from a generous bequest from Clara Markowitz, wife of Alex Markowitz and mother of David Markowitz. Earnings from the Fund are used to help fund ongoing education programs and Temple operations.

ROSEMORE RESTRICTED FUND

This Fund was established by the Board for the primary purpose of renovating the Temple's interior decorations and other improvements. It is funded by a 10 year charitable trust created by Fred and Marion Rosemore, parents of Martha Greenberg. Martha Greenberg serves as chairperson of the Rosemore Fund.

HERBERT & PAULINE LEVY MEMORIAL FUND

This fund was established by certain members and friends of Herbert & Pauline Levy, parents of Liz Muhlendorf. The primary purpose of the Fund is to help pay for social activities at the Temple. Liz Muhlendorf is chairperson of the Fund.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS/CHARGES

Sunday School Fee: Determined annually by the Religious School Committee.

Passover Sedar/other special events: Determined annually.

Memorial Plaques: Memorial plaques cost \$200. Orders may be placed by calling a member of the Cemetery Committee or the Treasurer.

Tree of Life: Leaves commemorating special events cost \$50. Orders may be placed by calling Martha Greenberg or the Treasurer.

Payment: All checks for Temple dues, general, and "life event" donations should be made payable to Temple B'nai Israel and mailed to:

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c/o Martin R. Abrams, Treasurer
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