BETH SHALOM
RODFE ZEDEK

2026 / 2027 NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

MEMBERSHIP at CBSRZ

Any person of the Jewish faith, over 18 years of age, may become a Member of the Congregation, subject to approval of the Board of Directors. Whether Jewish or non-Jewish, a spouse, life partner, or a child (under age 25), of a Member is also welcomed as a Member and receives all the benefits and privileges of Membership. If you need additional information please contact Wendy Bayor, Temple Administrator, at office@cbsrz.org or 860-526-8920.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I/We hereby wish to become member(s) of CBSRZ, making a personal and philanthropic commitment to the support and continuity of this community.

Adult 1 Information

Full Name

First Middle Initial Last

Religious Background

☐ Jewish ☐ Not Jewish _____

Hebrew Name (if known)

Home Address

Street

City State Zip

Phone Numbers

Home Work Mobile

E-Mail Address

Occupation **Employer**

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Birthday **Anniversary (if applicable)**

Adult 2 Information

Full Name

First Middle Initial Last

Religious Background

☐ Jewish ☐ Not Jewish _____

Hebrew Name (if known)

Home Address

Street

City State Zip

Phone Numbers

Home Work Mobile

E-Mail Address

Occupation **Employer**

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Birthday **Anniversary (if applicable)**

Emergency Contact Information

Please fill in the name(s), relationship(s) to you, and phone number(s) of one or two people we can contact in the event of an emergency. This information will not appear on the membership roster.

Name Relationship Phone Number

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Other Family Members at CBSRZ

Name Relationship

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Children Living at Home / College

Please list even those who are grown.

Name / / Birth date

Hebrew Name (if known) Current School Grade

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Web/Photo Release

I authorize CBSRZ to use my and my family members' images/likeness in CBSRZ-related print publications or on the congregational website for the purposes of publicity. I understand that I may not be notified in advance of publication. Images/likenesses of minors will not be used, in any manner, without prior notification and consent from a parent/guardian.

Initials (Adult 1) Initials (Adult 2)

Privacy Statement

CBSRZ does not share congregants' personal contact information with outside organizations or individual parties, and does not confirm membership to non-members without the express consent of our congregants. However, contact information is shared with other members of CBSRZ via the Membership Directory and by special requests to our staff.

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Inclusion

CBSRZ strives to be an inclusive community and aims to accommodate those who may require special assistance in order to participate fully in congregational activities. We invite you to share with us any physical, cognitive, emotional, or behavioral challenges that you (or members of your family) may have. As always, your information will be kept strictly confidential, and will be shared with clergy or staff only as needed in order to assure CBSRZ's inclusiveness and accessibility. To discuss these issues on a confidential basis, please contact Temple Administrator, Wendy Bayor at 860.526.8920.

Yahrzeits

Yahrzeits are read at every Friday night service on the Hebrew anniversary of a loved one's death. Many congregants choose to honor loved ones with a memorial plaque. Please contact the temple office for more information. Please attach a separate paper with additional listings, if needed.

Name	Date of Death	To Whom Related	Relationship
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Opportunities for Involvement

We offer many ways to get involved and contribute, not only to CBSRZ, but to the bigger world outside our doors. Everyone has something to offer. Start small and volunteer for one thing. Host one Oneg, or plan an ambitious start-up venture. Whether you find your path with Social Action, Chesed, the Mavens, any of the other volunteer opportunities, or with something entirely new at CBSRZ, it will be worthwhile.

Volunteer Opportunities for Adult 1

If you are interested and able to volunteer, please review and select. The committee chairperson will be in touch with more information.

COMMITTEES

I would like to learn more about volunteering for:

- ☐ Adult Education
- ☐ Art Gallery
- ☐ Cemetery
- ☐ Chesed
- ☐ Choir
- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Development
- ☐ Facilities
- ☐ Farmland
- ☐ Finance
- ☐ Mavens
- ☐ Membership
- ☐ Outreach
- ☐ Religious Affairs
- ☐ Youth/Education
- ☐ Social Action

SPECIAL SKILLS

I have skills to share with the congregation...

- ☐ Accounting/Financial
- ☐ Chanting Torah
- ☐ Chevra Kadisha (Burial Society)
- ☐ Event Planning
- ☐ Graphic Design/Marketing
- ☐ Hebrew Skills
- ☐ Lectures
- ☐ Legal Expertise
- ☐ Musical Instrument
- ☐ Special Needs Assistance
- ☐ Teaching / Tutoring
- ☐ Web Design

SPECIAL TASKS: Administrative

- ☐ Facilities
- ☐ Office Volunteer

SPECIFIC TASKS: Community

- ☐ Calling/welcoming new members
- ☐ Inviting a new member to dinner
- ☐ Helping members who are ill
- ☐ Providing transportation to services
- ☐ Making meals

Volunteer Opportunities for Adult 2

If you are interested and able to volunteer, please review and select. The committee chairperson will be in touch with more information.

COMMITTEES

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Opportunities for Involvement, continued...

Volunteer Opportunities for Adult 1

SPECIFIC TASKS: Ritual

- ☐ Assist with Kiddish luncheon
- ☐ High Holidays assistance
- ☐ Host an Oneg
- ☐ Participating in services
- ☐ Participating in a shiva munyan
- ☐ Shabbat greeter
- ☐ Sound/tech support at services

SPECIFIC TASKS: Youth / Education

- ☐ Substitute teaching
- ☐ Assist with K-7 programs
- ☐ Other program assistance

SPECIFIC TASKS: Special Events

- ☐ Sukkah building & decorating
- ☐ Hanukkah celebration
- ☐ Annual Community Seder
- ☐ Purim
- ☐ Mitzvah Day
- ☐ Books & Bagels
- ☐ Music & More
- ☐ Shabbat Across America

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Membership Categories

Member
One or two adults and any children under 25 living at home.

Young Member
One or two adults and any children under18; oldest family member 32 years of age or younger.

Summer Member
One or two adults who have a permanent residence in another state and are in Connecticut for six months or less each year.

Second Synagogue Member
One or two adults and any children living at home who are full members in good standing at another synagogue. Letter of good standing from first synagogue membership required.

Membership Pledge

First year of membership will be discounted by 50%.

Basic Dues
Member

- Single/Single Parent: $1,926
- Family: $2,972

Young Member

- Single/Single Parent: $927
- Family: $1,486

Summer Member

- Single/Single Parent: $1,486
- Family: $1,486

Second Synagogue Member

- Single/Single Parent: $927
- Family: $1,486

Member Plus & Chai Dues Contributions

Congregation Beth Shalom Rodfe Zedek depends on additional dues contributions to assist those who are unable to meet minimum requirements, but would like to be a part of our congregation.

Any amount you are able to pledge in excess of basic membership dues will help us continue to provide a full spectrum of religious, cultural, educational, and related programs for all members of our sacred community.

Member Plus

- Single/Single Parent: amount greater than $1,926
- Family: amount greater than $2,972

Chai Member

- Single/Single Parent: amount greater than $3,150
- Family: amount greater than $6,190

Adjusted Pledge/Variance

We honor all of our members and those who wish to be members of CBSRZ. A core value of our community is that financial limitations will never be a barrier to membership. if you are experiencing financial hardship and must reduce your contribution this year, you can.

☐ I am unable to afford standard dues this year and request a variance. (Your request will be reviewed after you have completed the variance form)

Building Pledge

Building Assessment
In 1998, we undertook the raising of funds for a new synagogue building. The response was remarkable, as $5 million was given or pledged, enabling us to forgo a mortgage. New members are asked to pledge, for a defined period beginning in the second year of membership, funds for capital needs in the present day, as part of the community effort.

Single: $1,625 ($325 per year for 5 years)
Family: $2,500 ($500 per year for 5 years)
Summer Member: $1,250 ($250 per year for 5 years)

☐ Yes, I understand there is a building fund and I will be billed in my second year of membership.

2026 / 2027 Membership Commitment

We hope that your affiliation with CBSRZ brings you joy, meaning, and lasting friendships. May our years together fulfill your passions for prayer, learning, social justice, and community. Synagogue members make annual financial commitments that support CBSRZ as an active and vibrant religious, educational, and cultural institution. Membership pledges pay for the professional and support staff, subsidize our lifelong educational journey, and provide the funds needed to cover the expenses inherent in operating a Jewish community.

Our basic pledge level is the set amount required from each member unit for our operations to be successful. We each contribute a piece of the financial pie so that the whole is complete. And we are committed to welcoming all who wish to be a part of our sacred community regardless of ability to pay. So, if you are experiencing financial hardship and must reduce your contribution, you can.

That said, our congregation depends on additional dues contributions to assist those who are unable to meet minimum requirements but would like to be a part of our congregation. Any amount you are able to pledge in excess of basic membership dues will help us continue to provide a full spectrum of religious, cultural, educational, and related programs for all members of our sacred community.

To continue to have security personnel present at Shabbat Services, holidays, Kivvun and larger events, we are asking all members to pay a new Security Fee, in addition to membership dues. $200 (family/couple) or $120 (single).

Basic Dues

Member

- ☐ Single/Single Parent: $1,926
  50% discount: $963
- ☐ Family: $2,972
  50% discount: $1,486

Young Member (32 and under)

- ☐ Single/Single Parent: $927
  50% discount: $464
- ☐ Family: $1,486
  50% discount: $743

Summer Member

- ☐ Single/Single Parent: $1,486
  50% discount: $743
- ☐ Family: $1,486
  50% discount: $743

Second Synagogue Member

- ☐ Single/Single Parent: $927
  50% discount: $464
- ☐ Family: $1,486
  50% discount: $743

Member Plus

If you are able to contribute beyond the basic dues level, please do. You'll be making membership possible for another family with your contribution.

- ☐ Single/Single Parent: amount greater than $1,926
- ☐ Family: amount greater than $2,972
- ☐ Chai Single: $3,150 or more
- ☐ Chai Family: $6,190 or more

☐ I am unable to afford standard dues this year and request a variance. (Please contact the CBSRZ office for a variance form.)

I will make pledge payments according to the following schedule:

- ☐ Annually (due in full with pledge commitment)
- ☐ Semiannually (due July 31 and December 31)
- ☐ Quarterly (due July 31, October 31, December 31, and March 31)
- ☐ Monthly (due at the end of the month, July through June)

Basic Membership Dues

Member Plus or Chai Dues

Security Fee ($200, family/couple; $120, single)

Total

Payment Method

- ☐ PREFERRED METHOD: By personal check mailed to:
  CBSRZ, 55 East Kings Highway, Chester, CT 06412
- ☐ Through my on-line banking service
- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Credit Card: I/We will contact the CBSRZ office to provide credit card information.
- ☐ Other

Thank You

Please mail your completed form to the **CBSRZ office at 55 East Kings Highway, Chester, Connecticut, 06412.** If you have any questions regarding this form, please contact the **CBSRZ office at 860-526-8920.**