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Shalom,

Thank you for selecting Bet Shira Congregation as your Jewish home. Religious services, programs, classes and events are engaging on a wide variety of topics and interests. Our schools are filled with happy children who are taking their first steps in a lifetime of Jewish learning. Friends, old and new, are here meeting, celebrating, worshipping, learning and living and our community is actively involved in *tikkun olam*/social justice efforts. Our dedicated team of clergy and professional staff continue to work with our members enriching all of Bet Shira Congregation.

Our active and engaged members truly make Bet Shira a wonderful place. We thank you for your dedication and commitment to Bet Shira Congregation, and we invite you to engage in your community in many ways in the coming year.

Enclosed is your membership application form for 2010-11/5770-71. Please take a moment to complete the form and return it to the office. We are also enclosing information that explains our Fair Share program. We encourage you to participate in the Fair Share program in line with your means. Bet Shira Congregation has a longstanding tradition of welcoming all regardless of their ability to pay, and the Fair Share program supports that tradition.

We are all looking forward to a wonderful year engaging in Jewish life and to count you among our membership.



Bet Shira Congregation

APPLICATION

If you would like assistance filling in this form, please contact the Synagogue Office at 238-2601.

Member 1	Member 2
Title: <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss	Title: <input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms. <input type="checkbox"/> Miss
First Name	
Middle Name	
Last Name	
Informal Name	
Marital Status <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Life Partners	
Birth Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	(MM/DD/YY)
Wedding Anniversary (MM/DD/YY)	
Address	
City/State/Zip Code	
Home Phone	
Cell Phone	
E-Mail	
Office Address	
City/State/Zip Code	
Office Phone	
Occupation	
Special Skills or Hobbies	
Do you read Hebrew: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
14. Hebrew Name _____ ben/bat _____ (son/daughter of) Fathers/Mothers Name	_____ ben/bat _____ (son/daughter of) Fathers/Mothers Name
15. Would you like to participate in services? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Chant Haftarah <input type="checkbox"/> Chant Torah <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Prayers	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Chant Haftarah <input type="checkbox"/> Chant Torah <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Prayers
16. Tribe: <input type="checkbox"/> Kohen <input type="checkbox"/> Levi <input type="checkbox"/> Israelite	<input type="checkbox"/> Kohen <input type="checkbox"/> Levi <input type="checkbox"/> Israelite
17. Prior Synagogue Affiliation? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N If yes, Synagogue _____ City _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N If yes, Synagogue _____ City _____
18. Jewish <input type="checkbox"/> birth <input type="checkbox"/> by choice	<input type="checkbox"/> birth <input type="checkbox"/> by choice

APPLICATION

Please fill in the following information as it applies to each of your dependent children, those children who live at home and are still enrolled in a full time education program.

Member Name _____

Child # 1: Gender: M F Last Name (if different): _____ Birth Date: _____ (MM/DD/YY)

First, Middle & Last Name _____ Nickname _____ Hebrew Name _____

Pre-School _____ Day School _____ Hebrew School _____

Public/Private School _____ Current Grade _____ Bar/Bat Mitzvah Y N _____ (MM/DD/YY)

Youth Group Involvement: Yachad 3-5th Grade Kadima 6-8th Grade USY 9-12th Grade



Child # 2: Gender: M F Last Name (if different): _____ Birth Date: _____ (MM/DD/YY)

First, Middle & Last Name _____ Nickname _____ Hebrew Name _____

Pre-School _____ Day School _____ Hebrew School _____

Public/Private School _____ Current Grade _____ Bar/Bat Mitzvah Y N _____ (MM/DD/YY)

Youth Group Involvement: Yachad 3-5th Grade Kadima 6-8th Grade USY 9-12th Grade



Child # 3: Gender: M F Last Name (if different): _____ Birth Date: _____ (MM/DD/YY)

First, Middle & Last Name _____ Nickname _____ Hebrew Name _____

Pre-School _____ Day School _____ Hebrew School _____

Public/Private School _____ Current Grade _____ Bar/Bat Mitzvah Y N _____ (MM/DD/YY)

Youth Group Involvement: Yachad 3-5th Grade Kadima 6-8th Grade USY 9-12th Grade



Child # 4: Gender: M F Last Name (if different): _____ Birth Date: _____ (MM/DD/YY)

First, Middle & Last Name _____ Nickname _____ Hebrew Name _____

Pre-School _____ Day School _____ Hebrew School _____

Public/Private School _____ Current Grade _____ Bar/Bat Mitzvah Y N _____ (MM/DD/YY)

Youth Group Involvement: Yachad 3-5th Grade Kadima 6-8th Grade USY 9-12th Grade

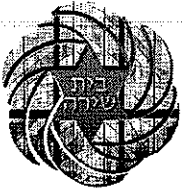
**Bet Shira Congregation Activities
in which you are interested**

Please check appropriate Box/boxes

MEMBER NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____

CATEGORY	Member 1	Member 2
Adult Bar/Bat Mitzvah		
Adult Opportunities for Learning		
Choir and Music		
Early Childhood PTA		
Finance Committee		
Financial Resource Development		
Fundraising Committee		
Golf Tournament		
House & Building Committee		
Israel		
Jewish Education Center/Parent Committee		
Keruv (Outreach)		
Legal Committee By-Laws		
Membership Committee		
Programming		
Publicity and Marketing		
Ritual Committee		
Shabbat Greeters		
Sisterhood		
Special Events (Gala)		
Tikkun Olam and Social Action		
Ushering		
Youth Commission		



Yahrzeit Data

MEMBER NAME: _____

#1

Deceased's First & Last Name: _____

Hebrew Name: _____ Father's Hebrew Name: _____

English Date of Death _____ Hebrew Date of Death _____
MM/DD/YYYY

Before Sundown: Yes No

Name of Observer: _____ Relationship to Observer: _____

#2

Deceased's First & Last Name: _____

Hebrew Name: _____ Father's Hebrew Name: _____

English Date of Death _____ Hebrew Date of Death _____
MM/DD/YYYY

Before Sundown: Yes No

Name of Observer: _____ Relationship to Observer: _____

#3

Deceased's First & Last Name: _____

Hebrew Name: _____ Father's Hebrew Name: _____

English Date of Death _____ Hebrew Date of Death _____
MM/DD/YYYY

Before Sundown: Yes No

Name of Observer: _____ Relationship to Observer: _____

#4

Deceased's First & Last Name: _____

Hebrew Name: _____ Father's Hebrew Name: _____

English Date of Death _____ Hebrew Date of Death _____
MM/DD/YYYY

Before Sundown: Yes No

Name of Observer: _____ Relationship to Observer: _____

FAIR SHARE AT BET SHIRA

You, the members of the Bet Shira community, make a difference. Bet Shira provides year-round religious, educational and cultural programs that are important pillars of Jewish continuity. We share our traditions, people and blessings together as a community. Bet Shira Congregation touches the lives of young and old from generation to generation. Together, we create a vibrant Jewish environment in which all can find a Jewish communal home.

Regular annual commitments allow us to meet many of our congregation's basic operating needs. Additional support helps to cover remaining operating costs as well as bring more programming, educational and social opportunities to the community, and open our doors to all regardless of ability to pay. Based on the longstanding Jewish tradition of supporting religious institutions according to one's individual ability, our Board of Directors has created a Fair Share Program.

Fair Share is a program that encourages individual families who have the means to make an Annual Commitment that is higher than the standard level. Additional membership benefits that are available at each level of Fair Share Commitments are outlined on the reverse side of this letter. However, the primary benefit of Fair Share is that our congregation will have increased programming, educational and social opportunities and can open the doors to people who do not have the financial means to make full standard annual commitments.

When filling out your membership form, please consider which level of Fair Share support you can provide to your congregation. It is through your support that all members of the Bet Shira family enjoy the continued success of our community.

As always, we are available to talk and answer any questions about your Bet Shira membership, including making arrangements for installment payments. Our new Executive Director, Melinda Wisner, looks forward to speaking with you. She can be reached at 305.238.2601 or MWisner@BetShira.org.

FAIR SHARE LEVELS

<i>Koach/ Strength</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Option to reserve High Holy Days seats at \$118 each for immediate family ** • Two tickets for the Annual Concert
<i>Mechubad/Honored</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the benefits of Koach • Two reserved seats for High Holy Days ** • Shabbat dinner for two
<i>Elyon/Esteemed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the benefits of Mechubad • Guest invitations for two to a fund-raising event
<i>Amud/Pillar</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the benefits of Elyon • Two additional reserved High Holy Days seats ** • Reserved parking space for current year • Complimentary admission to all synagogue functions and events
<i>Chazak Chazak/ Strong Strength</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the benefits of Amud • Leaf on Simcha Tree

** High Holy Days seats are reserved on a first come/first served basis and must be selected/re-selected every year.

BET SHIRA CONGREGATION
ANNUAL COMMITMENT
PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BY AUGUST 1, 2010

Adult in Household

2nd Adult in Household

Member Name _____

Please see reverse side to update other information for our records, including information for children.

	Regular	New Member	
Household member age 35+	\$2,050	\$1,025.00	
Household member 30-34 years	\$1,625	\$812.50	
Household member under 30 years	\$ 625	\$312.50	
Household member age 70+	\$ 675	\$337.50	
Head of Household ⁽¹⁾	\$1,225	\$612.50	
Individual	½ of applicable category	½ of applicable category	
Fair Share Levels⁽²⁾			
<i>Koach/Strength</i>	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,600	
<i>Mechubad/Honor</i>	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,500	
<i>Elyon/Esteem</i>	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	
<i>Amud/Pillar</i>	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	
<i>Chazak Chazak/Strong Strength</i>	\$10,000	\$10,000	
<i>Chaver Tov/Good Friend⁽³⁾</i>	\$ 360	\$ 360	
Other Fair Share Level			
Security			\$ 216
United Synagogue Dues			\$ 70
Insurance and Utilities			\$ 180
3% bank fee donation ⁽⁴⁾			
Total Annual Commitment and Fees			

_____ My check is enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

_____ I have paid online at www.BetShira.org

_____ I would like to arrange for installment payments. Please contact me.

_____ Please charge my ___ Visa ___ Mastercard Number _____

_____ Expiration Date

_____ Security Code

_____ Signature

1. Head of Household is a membership for a one-adult household with children living at home.
2. Fair Share levels other than Chaver Tov include Annual Commitment. Please see attached additional information or speak with Melinda Wiser regarding Fair Share.
3. *Chaver Tov/Good Friend* is a contribution in addition to an annual commitment that helps support the work of Bet Shira Congregation.
4. Bet Shira Congregation is assessed a 3% fee for all credit card charges. We are glad to accept your Visa or Mastercard for payment, and invite you to make an additional donation to offset the credit card processing fees.