



JEWISH CENTER OF NORTHWEST JERSEY

P.O. Box 2 • Washington, New Jersey 07882 • 908/689-0762

Thank you for interest in membership at the Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey. Established in 1945 in Washington, our small congregation, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, is comprised of families living in the surrounding counties of Warren, Morris, Hunterdon, and Sussex. Below are a few more facts that we hope will help you in your decision-making process.

- Our congregation is composed of members from a wide variety of backgrounds: from non-observant to very traditional practicing Jews, from non-Jewish spouses to Jews by Choice, etc. *All* are welcome and encouraged to be active participants.
- Religious School meets once a week on Sunday mornings, functions as a co-op run by parents, and is offered at no charge to members in good standing (a portion of the dues from all members goes toward support of the School). Studies include Jewish history, customs, traditions, Torah, music and Hebrew language. The school provides an excellent foundation for those who wish to prepare for bar/bat mitzvah.
- Confirmation Class is offered for students in grades 8-10.
- Educational enrichment programs and a Torah study group are held for adult learning.
- Shabbat Services are bi-monthly on Friday evenings according to a calendar set yearly. We enjoy each other's company at an *Oneg Shabbat* that follows! Every family serves as an *Oneg* host.
- Saturday morning services are scheduled when there is a Bar or Bat Mitzvah, and at other designated times during the year. The entire congregation is invited to attend these services.
- An active Parent Teachers Organization plans special activities and programs for the children.
- The Men's Club holds monthly breakfasts, provides community service and ushers for the high holidays, and offers support to the congregation as needed.
- The Board of Directors meets monthly to ensure that religious, educational, and social needs continue to be met. Board meetings are open to the congregation.
- Our synagogue functions because of our members who volunteer their time and talents. Staff is limited to our rabbi, student cantor, and teachers (parents).

We are happy to answer any questions you may have and can be reached by leaving a message at the Jewish Center (908-689-0762). We look forward to having you join our congregation.

B'Shalom,

Gwen Nagorsky and Jennifer Rosenblum
Membership Committee Co-Chairs

RABBI ELLEN JAY LEWIS
Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey
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To the Friends of the Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey:

Thank you for expressing an interest in our congregation. Our name describes well who we are: a Jewish Center. We are truly the geographic center of Judaism in Warren County and within easy reach of near-by Hunterdon, Morris, Sussex and Somerset Counties, as well as eastern Pennsylvania. More than that, we are also a religious center, providing our members with a spiritual home.

As traditional Reform Jews, we at the Jewish Center are committed to maintaining our ancient heritage while living in a modern world. We continue to dedicate ourselves to those fundamental principles of our tradition: living and studying Torah, worshipping God, and performing deeds of loving-kindness.

If you share these goals, come join us. Each one of you matters to us, both for what we can offer you and what you can offer us. The Torah teaches that we all stood at Sinai, not only those who were physically present, but also those future members of the covenant who were not yet born. As we stood together then, so we stand together now, learning and teaching and passing on our heritage to our children and to our children's children.

Welcome to our Center family. Come worship with us, meet us at our *Oneg Shabbat* after services, and share with us your vision of the Jewish future.

Shalom,

Rabbi Ellen Jay Lewis



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please send completed application and check for dues & capital improvement fund to:
Paul May, Treasurer / 57 Philhower Road / Lebanon, NJ 08833

Date of application _____

Name of applicant(s) _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Marital status _____ If married, date of marriage _____

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS (include yourself)

	Name	Hebrew name (includes names of parents, e.g., Sara bat Yosef v'Jehudit)	Date of birth	Occupation/ Grade in School
Adult				
Adult				
Child				
Child				
Child				
Other				
Other				

In which religious tradition were you raised? _____ Are there any religious traditions, other than Jewish ones, that your family currently observes in your home? _____

PAST SYNAGOGUE AFFILIATION

What was the name and location of the last Jewish congregation of which you were a member? _____

How many years did you belong to that congregation? _____ Why did you leave? _____

On what committees did you serve at your last synagogue? _____

What office(s), if any, did you hold? _____

As a URJ congregation, we need your confirmation that all financial obligations in your prior congregation have been met. Please confirm by initialing here: _____

OUR CONGREGATION

The Jewish Center of Northwest Jersey is a participatory congregation. On what committee(s) would you like to serve? __Education __House __Ritual __Sunshine __Publicity __Special Events __Adult Education
Special skills, talents, hobbies (e.g., photography, teaching music, crafts, writing) that you could bring to our congregation: _____

Yahrzeit Records

English and Hebrew name of deceased	Relationship	Date of death

For questions, please e-mail membershipjcnwj@comcast.net or call the JCNWJ at 908-689-0762 and leave a message for Membership. One of our Membership Co-Chairs will contact you.



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FEE SCHEDULE 2008–2009 / 5769

MEMBERSHIP

Family	(1 or 2 adults and dependent children sharing a common household)	\$1045
<i>Supermarket scrip may be purchased between 5/1/08 and 4/31/09, 5% of which may be applied to the next year's dues, up to a maximum of \$100 credit.</i>		
Single	(1 adult living in a household that does not meet the description of family membership)	\$525

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (CIF) (Payable over 2 years)

For new members:	Family	\$800
	Single	\$400

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The entire Congregation takes responsibility for our children's education. Therefore, Sunday School (kindergarten through confirmation) is free for any child of a member in good standing. Books, supplies, activities, and Confirmation retreat costs are billed separately.

	Late registration	\$25
	Activity fee	\$36
	Confirmation	\$200

USE OF SANCTUARY FOR LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

Baby naming, member at a scheduled service	Donation
Baby naming, member at other than scheduled service	\$150
Baby naming, non-member, at a scheduled service	\$250
Bar/bat mitzvah	\$350
B'nai mitzvah when CIF has not been paid in full	\$1150
<i>The additional \$800 may be applied to the CIF</i>	
Wedding	\$300
Funeral	\$150
Funeral, non-member	\$400

MEMORIAL/SIMCHA

Memorial plaque, member	\$250
Memorial plaque, non-member	\$500
Simcha Tree leaf	\$150
Pew plaque	\$200
Bookplate (in memory or in honor of an individual)	\$36
Donation card	\$10 and up
Library	\$10 and up
Use of the kitchen and simcha room	\$200
plus a refundable deposit	\$200
Cemetery plot	Market

All other burial charges are payable to Easton Cemetery