



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Unified Jewish Congregation of Baton Rouge (UJCBR)
3354 Kleinert Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70806
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Thank you for your interest in becoming a member. Membership in our congregation is open to anyone over the age of 18 and Jewish by birth (matrilineal or patrilineal descent), adoption, or conversion. Membership is also open to those who are not Jewish and support the beliefs and practices of their Jewish spouse, committed partner, or children. We are a Reform congregation affiliated with and supporting the principles and values of the Union for Reform Judaism.

Part of our mission states that, *“We are a friendly and inclusive congregation, valuing diversity, where all can seek God and strengthen spiritual, social, educational and cultural aspects of Jewish life.”*

Please complete the following application that will confidentially be reviewed by our board. Return the completed application to the office by mail, email (Heather@UJCBR.org), or in person.

MEMBER 1’s NAME _____

MEMBER 2’s NAME _____

CONTACT PERSON _____ PHONE _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

How long have you lived in Baton Rouge? _____

	1 st Adult	2 nd Adult
NAME		
OCCUPATION (previous if retired)		
EMPLOYER		
WORK ADDRESS		
WORK PHONE		
CELL PHONE		
EMAIL ADDRESS		
BIRTH DATE		
JEWISH NAME (if known)		
RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND		
ANNIVERSARY DATE (if married)		
PREFERED PRONOUNS		



List all members of UJCBR to whom you are related:

Have you previously been affiliated with a Temple/Synagogue? YES ___ NO ___
 If YES, please state name of congregation, location, and dates of affiliation: _____

Please share any further information that you would like for us to know about you and/or your family, including any special needs?

UJCBR welcomes interfaith families. Are you interested in attending programs for interfaith families (educational, social, etc.)? YES NO

Children living with you:

FULL NAME	SCHOOL GRADE	DATE OF BIRTH	SEX (M/F/NB)	DATE OF BAR/BAT MITZVAH	DATE OF CONFIRMATION

Children not living with you (for the directory):

FULL NAME	CITY, STATE OF RESIDENCE	DATE OF BIRTH



PLEASE SEND INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Religious School**
 B’nai Mitzvah Program
 Confirmation
 Youth Group

VOLUNTEERISM

UJCBR encourages involvement of its members at many levels. Please review the lists of committees and activities and mark those of most interest to you. Your interest will be shared with the appropriate staff and/or Committee Chairs. Please feel free to share any interests or ideas.

- Brotherhood** - Men’s social/service auxiliary group.
- Sisterhood**- Women’s social/service auxiliary group. Affiliated with Women of Reform Judaism.
- Finance Committee** – Makes recommendations to ensure the financial viability of the Temple
- Programming Committee** – Provides ideas and support for new and existing programs and activities.
- Religious School Committee** – Provides vision and support for the Religious School.
- Membership Committee** – Guides our efforts to recruit new members and retain current members.
- Building Committee** – Helps maintain and improve our Temple facility and grounds.
- Tikkun Olam Committee** – Developing social justice programming and activities
- Cemetery Committee** – Manages the upkeep of our historic burial grounds and rituals surrounding a death.

Do you have any special skills, talents or interests that you can share with the Congregation (e.g. Hebrew teaching or tutoring, musical, artistic, office support, marketing, accounting, graphic design, other?)

Yahrzeits

As courtesy to our membership, we acknowledge the Yahrzeits of loved ones. A reminder is sent to the member in addition to being acknowledged in the bulletin. The name of the loved one is also read during Shabbat services on the appropriate week.

Please list the name of your loved ones and the appropriate information below.

English Name	Relationship	To Whom	Date of Death (M/D/Y)*

*The office will contact you regarding your preference for observing Yahrzeits according to the Hebrew or secular calendar.



REGARDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE CONGREGATION

This is an exciting and defining moment as we build on the rich legacies of our Congregations and join together to create a strong unified Jewish future for our community.

Wherever Jewish people have lived, we have built synagogues, established communal organizations and came together to support each other in time of need. We hope this Unified Congregation will be a peaceful and spiritual space for you; providing comfort and compassion, and a place where you can celebrate, learn, and enjoy friendships old and new.

Although we do understand that membership and financial support are voluntary, each Congregate should determine what this kehillah k'dosha - this holy community - means to you, and what you are able to contribute. The financial support you provide ensures we will maintain a culture of excellence, attract outstanding clergy and staff, provide programming and educational opportunities, and sustain a beautiful and inviting Congregational home.

We are strengthened by what we can do together and thank you in advance for your generous support and help in making this dream a reality.

If you have any questions regarding financial support, contact Mitch Rayner, Treasurer at 225-229-8517, email: mar21@cox.net or Cathy Duplechin at 225-924-6773, email: office@ujcbr.org.



The following guidelines may further assist in determining your level of membership support. Membership support is voluntary and no one is denied membership based on their ability to contribute. Please understand, that annual membership support does not include other donations you may choose to make to various programs and events during the year.

Members/families with income to \$75,000	\$1,020/year	(\$85/month)
Meeting the annual cost of membership	\$3,060/year	(\$255/month)
Providing additional support to our community	\$6,640/year	(\$554/month)
Supporting our congregation at a level that is consistent with my income and ability	2% to 3% of Gross Income	
Students (Full-time)	\$180/year	(\$15/month)
Out-of-town members (Primary residence is more than 100 miles from Baton Rouge)	\$540/year	(\$45/month)

I (we) affirm our affiliation to the Congregation and pledge to fulfill the mitzvah of tzedakah through our annual Membership Support of:

\$ _____ per year

To be paid _____ annually _____ quarterly _____ monthly

Print/Signature

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Date

Please send the 2023 UJCBR Membership Pledge and payments to 3354 Kleinert Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70806. Payments may also be remitted through ShulCloud. Methods of payment are credit card or check.