



UNITED SYNAGOGUE OF HOBOKEN

Membership Application for the year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

Who We Are

We are an informal and welcoming community committed to renewing vibrant, inclusive, and egalitarian Jewish life in the riverfront towns of Hudson County.

Many of us have recently arrived, drawn by the waterfront revitalization and the proximity to Manhattan. Some of us were born here and sustained the congregation after the commercial piers closed and the local economy declined.

All of us participate in the life of the community. We operate as a member cooperative, sharing our creative ideas and donating our time and energy.

Requirements and Responsibilities of Membership

The cooperative nature of the community means that synagogue operations and programs depend on member volunteers.

This approach strengthens communal bonds, enables us to provide a vigorous range of programs, and helps to keep dues at a moderate level.

Benefits of Membership

The most important membership benefit is being part of a genuine community where our presence makes a difference and where, as each of us discovers or rediscovers Judaism, synagogue life becomes richer and more vital.

Members also receive admission to High Holy Days services, discounts at various programs, discounted use of the social hall, preschool admission preference, learning center admission eligibility, our monthly newsletter, *The Shofar*, cemetery rights, and a voice in synagogue issues.

Family members who are not Jewish are warmly invited and encouraged to participate in the life of the community, including attending all synagogue events and services and serving on committees.

Payment Plans and Special Arrangements

Dues may be paid in one single payment or in installments. Please see full details on page 4 of this membership application.

Special arrangements are made confidentially when financial circumstances make it impossible to meet the full dues commitment.

General Information

Please provide the requested information for each adult individual in the household.

	Individual A	Individual B
Name	_____	_____
Street Address	_____	_____
City, State, Zip	_____	_____
Home Phone	_____	_____
Work Phone	_____	_____
Email	_____	_____
Date of Birth	_____	_____
Marital Status	_____	_____
Anniversary Date	_____	_____
Occupation	_____	_____
Jewish (Yes / No)	_____	_____
If Jew by choice, name of rabbi who officiated at conversion and date	_____	_____
Hebrew name (Please write clearly in English or Hebrew)	_____	_____
Mother's Hebrew name	_____	_____
Father's Hebrew name	_____	_____
Kohen / Levi / Yisrael	_____	_____
I can read Torah (Yes/No/Want to learn)	_____	_____
I can read haftarah (Yes/No/Want to learn)	_____	_____
I can lead services (Yes/No/Want to learn)	_____	_____
You may call me to help make a minyan (prayer quorum) in someone's home when they are sitting shiva (Yes/No)	_____	_____

Please provide the requested information for your children. Add additional page if necessary.

	Hebrew Name	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy)
1	_____	_____
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____

So that we may remind congregants of the Yahrzeits (anniversaries of the death) of your loved ones, please indicate the names of those whose memory you wish to recall.

	Hebrew Name	Relationship	Date of Death (mm/dd/yy)
1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____

Individual A _____
phone / email: _____

Individual B _____
phone / email: _____

The USH Service Requirement

We are a cooperative community where members are expected to help with synagogue programs and operations. This service requirement can be satisfied in three ways: by volunteering for USH activities at least twice during the year; by chairing a committee; or by serving on the board. If you choose not to participate in the co-op/volunteer

nature of the synagogue, you can buy out of the service requirement for \$350. USH reserves the right to assess the \$350 buy-out when the service requirement is not satisfied by the end of the membership year. We welcome your involvement in community life. Please indicate the areas in which you want to become involved.

Synagogue Leadership

- A B
- Board Membership**
Help set synagogue policies and address our operational issues
- Committee Chair**
Organize and lead an aspect of synagogue life

Activities and Programs

- Events**
Staff events such as lectures, concerts, films, fundraisers, barbecue, Hoboken Art & Music Festival, providing shopping, set-up, and clean-up help
- Shabbat and Holidays**
Staff holiday and Shabbat programs and dinners, providing shopping, set-up, and clean-up help; erect and take down the sukkah; deliver mishloach manot on Purim
- High Holy Days**
Work with a group of people on the tasks required for synagogue services and hospitality during the High Holy Days, including: organizing hand-out materials, shopping, set-up, clean-up, ushering, and security
- United Jewish Appeal**
Help organize the annual appeal, including phone calls
- Other** _____

Ongoing Committees

- Administration**
Help with the efficient running of synagogue operations
- Ritual**
Facilitate services and other religious observances

- Co-Op/Volunteer**
Contact volunteers, maintain the records, organize and participate in phone tree
- Programming**
Plan and produce speaker series, films, Shabbat programs, and other special events
- Tikkun Olam/Community Service**
Develop programs that serve Hoboken and Hudson County and respond to the needs of the Jewish people and other communities worldwide
- Membership**
Plan and participate in programs to reach new members and to serve current members
- Building**
Help with the repair and maintenance of the Star of Israel and Kaplan buildings
- Media/Communications**
Develop the USH website, and create advertising, marketing, and publicity to promote programs, and raise our profile
- Newsletter**
Write, edit, proofread, and sell ads for *The Shofar*
- Finance**
Advise about investment and other financial matters
- Fundraising/Operational**
Produce programs to raise money for emergency repairs and other operating needs of the synagogue
- Fundraising/Capital**
Solicit money for the restoration of the historic Star of Israel building
- Grant Writing**
Identify foundations, write proposals, and conduct follow-up to obtain funds for the synagogue and schools
- Israel**
Strengthen our community's connection to Israel

Synagogue Activities and Programs

Please check off the areas that interest you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kaplan Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewish Young Adults | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kaplan Learning Center | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs for Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs for Seniors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cub Scouts | <input type="checkbox"/> Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Dues Computation Worksheet

Please select all that apply.
(Children under the age of 21 are included at no charge.)

	Dues	Number of Adults (when applicable)	Total
Household	\$1,490	=	
Household with early bird discount*	\$1,470	=	
Individual aged 30–69 years old	\$745	=	
Individual aged 30–69 with early bird discount*	\$735	=	
Individual aged 21–26 years old	\$145	x	=
Individual aged 27–29 years old	\$390	x	=
Individual aged 70 and over	\$200	x	=
Full-time college or graduate student	\$145	x	=
Alumni	\$50	x	=
Buy-out**	\$350	x	=

***Early bird discount:** Those in the Household or Individual aged 30 to 69 age category may pay reduced dues if full payment is received before August 1, 2011.

TOTAL \$ _____

****Buy-out:** Add \$350 per person if you are electing to buy out of the service requirement (see page two). Everyone will be reminded periodically to satisfy the volunteer requirement or pay this buy-out fee.

Payment Options

Please select one of the three payment plans:

- Full Payment**
Remit your full dues (and buy-out if applicable) with this application. Those age 30–69 who pay before August 1, 2011, qualify for the early bird discount.
- Installment Plan**
Pay in _____ equal, monthly installments (max 10). Membership dues must be paid in full by May 31, 2012. You will be invoiced every month after your first payment.
- Automatically Charge Credit Card**
I/We request USH automatically charge my card \$_____ every month for a total of _____ months. (Entire dues amount must be paid by May 31, 2012.)

Payment Methods

Please select one of the three payment methods:

- Check**
Make your check out to United Synagogue of Hoboken and note that the payment is for membership dues.
- Online**
Pay via PayPal on the USH website, www.hobokensynagogue.org.
- Credit Card**
Provide the following credit card details.
Name _____
Number _____ - _____ - _____ - _____
Expiration date ____/____ Verification Number _____
() Mastercard () Visa () Discover

Special Arrangements

Membership is never denied for financial reasons. Special arrangements can be made confidentially by contacting membership volunteer Monique Haas at membership@hobokensynagogue.org or home phone: 201-792-4360.

Please sign and date this application and return it to United Synagogue of Hoboken, 115 Park Ave., Hoboken, NJ 07030.

Signature A _____ Date _____

Signature B _____ Date _____

I / We want to receive synagogue email updates about USH news and activities. Please send to these email addresses (print clearly):

A _____ B _____