



CONGREGATION
B'NAITIKVAH

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Rabbi Alex Felch

Dear Friend:

For about 2000 years, the synagogue has been the center of Jewish life. The synagogue has been the place where our people would gather for inspiration, for learning and for friendships. It has been the center of Jewish life at a time where there was no physical home for our people.

From Israel to Europe, from Africa to the Americas, from the Caribbean to Oceania, our people wandered, trying to establish roots, carrying a Torah scroll and a prayer book with them. Assembling a quorum of ten adults to form a minyan, they would pause from their journey. Putting down their few physical belongings, they would get together to pray, to study, and maybe just to schmooze as they enjoyed each other's company. They did not have much. But they had their synagogue, their most treasured possession, and they kept it against all odds, making it flourish.

We as a people are "alive and kicking" thanks to the synagogue. The synagogue as such has survived because it contains within itself several meanings and functions.

It is a *Beit Tefilah*, a House of Prayer, where we try to communicate with the Almighty in a participatory mood, open to all, in a creative and unpretentious atmosphere.

It is a *Beit Midrash*, a House of Study where we come to learn Torah, God's word, as we try to improve our beings. It is a place where teaching is both formal and informal, where everybody strives to be a teacher and nobody ever ceases to be a student.

It is a *Beit Knesset*, a House of Assembly, a *heimish* place where we try to reach out to one another, stressing our concern for *Kial Yisrael* with people, our people. It is a house that is inclusive, where there is a spirit of sharing and total openness, a place of warmth and caring, truly a "home away from home."

B'nai Tikvah expresses those ideals of Judaism. B'nai Tikvah is the paradigm of that ideal synagogue, where all venues, i.e., prayer, Torah and *Kial Yisrael*, are available to everyone.

B'nai Tikvah epitomizes a place where everybody is welcome; a place for the old and also for the young; a place for singles and also for couples; a place for those who want to pray and also a place for those who want to study; a place where people can talk to God and also a place where people can talk to each other; a place in which we can happily celebrate the pride of our Jewish lives and also a soothing place when we are in need of comfort and support; a place where we can be inspired and moved to action, as we strive to help the most needy; and a Jewish home in which we will keep aglow the eternal light that our people received at Sinai and that after 3200 years remains with us at B'nai Tikvah.

I hope this membership packet will serve as a key - the one that will allow us to open the doors of this beautiful and warm home known as B'nai Tikvah. May it be the beginning of an ongoing renewed and creative Jewish life.

I look forward to meeting you and, hopefully, welcoming you to B'nai Tikvah.

B'Shalom.

Rabbi Alex. Felch



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Dear Prospective Member:

Thank you for your interest in becoming a part of the Congregation B'nai Tikvah family.

We encourage you to join us for Shabbat services on Friday evenings or Saturday mornings, and to take the opportunity to meet Rabbi Alex Felch, Hazzan Hery Chulef, Felicia Lev, Executive Director, Matthew Travers Youth Director, our staff, and members of the Congregation.

In addition to our worship services and Festival celebrations, we sponsor a vital education program for children beginning at the primary level through post B'nai Mitzvah classes. We also have an active Youth Group and we offer Makor, Kadima, USY, and youth programs for our third grade through high school youth.

Additionally, we house the B'nai Tikvah Board of Jewish Education Early Childhood Center.

Many members participate in our Continuing Jewish Education programs ranging from Hebrew and Torah studies to contemporary issues in Jewish life. We also have an active Sisterhood, Men's Club, and Social Action Committee.

We know you will find that membership in Congregation B'nai Tikvah will enhance your Jewish identity and fulfill your spiritual, cultural and social needs. We welcome the opportunity to discuss any aspect of Synagogue life with you and your family. As you consider membership, please call the Synagogue office to make an appointment with Rabbi Alex, who looks forward to meeting you and welcoming you to our Synagogue.

Please feel free to call the Synagogue office if you have any questions. We look forward to meeting you soon.

We welcome you to B'nai Tikvah!



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CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH

OUR HISTORY - OUR HOPE

In the summer of 1976 twenty young Deerfield families, seeking to form a close-knit Jewish community, to find spiritual expression for themselves and a Jewish education for their children, founded Congregation B'nai Tikvah, *Children of Hope*.

This tri-part aspiration reflected our people's ancient understanding of such an institution: namely, a *bet tefillah*, a house of prayer; a *bet midrash*, a house of study; and a *bet kneset*, a house of assembly.

OUR GROWTH

Over the years, our Congregation has gained an enviable reputation for excellence in each of these sacred strivings. Our Shabbat, Festival and weekday family services are characterized by a warm spirituality and an informal dignity, celebrated by exuberant congregational participation.

EDUCATION: OUR YOUTH

Our Religious School, offering programs from kindergarten through high school, has been acknowledged as among the most progressive and effective in the Chicago metropolitan community. The B'nai Tikvah/Board of Jewish Education Early Childhood Center program has earned universal acclaim, and our innovative Bar/Bat Mitzvah program has earned a nationwide reputation for its excellence.

Our youth enjoy exciting activities and fellowship within our USY, Kadima and Makor programs. Our post B'nai Mitzvah students serve as Junior Tutors in our Bar/Bat Mitzvah programs and participate fully in our religious services.

ADULTS: EDUCATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Congregation B'nai Tikvah's award-winning Continuing Jewish Education Program offers a wide range of courses for individual or group learning as well as a number of guest speakers through a series of scholar-in-residence programs.

Reflecting the diversity of our activities, Congregation B'nai Tikvah prides itself in the exciting programming of our Sisterhood as well as the Chavurah programs of our young families, single adults, empty nesters and seniors.

OUR B'NAI TIKVAH FAMILY

Whether for religious services, study or fellowship, our gatherings reflect the warmth and joy of a true congregational family. This welcoming spirit is palpable from-the moment one enters our administrative offices and our beautiful Synagogue lobby. We welcome you.



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SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR 2016-2017
(July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017)

MEMBERSHIP FEES:

FULL FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$2512.00

Includes 2 High Holy Days Tickets

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP/SINGLE PARENT MEMBERSHIP \$1507.00

Includes 1 High Holy Days Ticket

JUNIOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$1507.00

- a) Principal wage earner under 35 on July 1, 2015
- b) No children in the B'nai Tikvah Hebrew School (3rd – 7th Grade)
- c) Includes 2 High Holy Days Tickets

DISCOUNTED DUES FOR NEW YOUNG FAMILIES W/CHILDREN \$620.00

- a) New Full and Single Parent members with at least one child in 4th grade or younger will pay discounted dues for one year. Building fund will be deferred for same 1 year.
- b) Not valid for current members or families that have resigned during 2014/15 or 2015/16.
- c) Includes 2 High Holy Days Tickets
- d) Young families in 2nd year of introductory program

\$1240.00

JUNIOR SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$756.00

- a) Single; no children
- b) Under 30 on July 1, 2015
- c) Includes 1 High Holy Days Ticket

SENIOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$1761.00

- a) Husband or wife at least 65 years old by July 1, 2015
- b) No children in B'nai Tikvah Religious School
- c) Includes 2 High Holy Days Tickets

SENIOR SINGLE MEMBERSHIP \$1005.00

- a) Not married and at least 65 years old by July 1, 2015
- b) No children in B'nai Tikvah Religious School
- c) Includes 1 High Holy Days Ticket

CHAVERIM Minimum contribution \$502.00

- a) Must provide proof of full family membership in another Congregation
- b) No children in B'nai Tikvah Religious School
- c) No Bar/Bat Mitzvah at B'nai Tikvah
- d) No High Holy Days Tickets

UNITED SYNAGOGUE DUES

All Memberships (Excluding Chaverim)

\$74.50

MACHZOR LEV SHALEM

Cost of High Holiday Machzor \$43.00

BUILDING FUND:

Effective July 1, 1991, each member has been assessed with a Building Fund of \$3000 payable as follows:

Full Family Membership	\$500.00 per year
Single Family and Junior Members	\$250.00 per year
Senior Members and Chaverim have no Building Fund obligations.	

NEW MEMBERS ONLY: A \$500 discount will be given on the building fund assessment if it is paid in full within 30 days after becoming a member.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FEES: Please note that membership is required for families of those children entering the Hebrew Department (Gimel/3rd grade).

FOR MEMBERS

Hebrew Department (per child)	\$1040.00
Primary Department (per child)	
Kindergarten	\$520.00
1 st /Aleph and 2 nd /Bet Grade	\$802.00

FOR NON-MEMBERS

Kindergarten (per child)	\$520.00
Primary Department (1 st /Aleph through 2 nd /Bet Grades)	\$1071.00

Three (3) or more children in religious school

Fee for 3rd child (youngest): 25% discount
Fee for each additional child (starting with youngest): 50% discount

TEXTBOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Fee for each child in religious school, Primary Dept.	\$20.00
Fee for each child in religious school, Grades 3 rd thru 7 th	\$50.00

ETZ CHAIM

8 th Grade	\$350.00
9 th to 12 th Grade	No Charge

GRADUATION FEE:

For each child enrolled in the 7 th Grade/Zayin year	\$200.00
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YOUTH PROGRAM FEES:

MAKOR – Grades 3-5	No Charge
KADIMA – Grades 6-8	\$35.00
USY – Grades 9-12	\$50.00

FEE PAYMENT SCHEDULE (if not paid by credit card):

1. By July 31, 2016 - \$500 payable
2. By August 31, 2016 - 75% of School Fees, 50% of Dues, And Annual Building Fund,
3. By December 31, 2016 - Balance due



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please check one:
(see Fee Schedule for definition)
 Full Family Membership
 Single Family Membership
 Junior Family Membership
 Single Membership
 Junior Single Membership
 Senior Family Membership
 Senior Single Membership
 Chaverim

FAMILY NAME _____
 DATE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ ZIP _____ PHONE _____

MARITAL STATUS: Single _____ Married _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____ Date Married _____

MEMBER

FULL NAME (Mr., Dr., Ms., etc.) _____

BIRTHDATE _____

JEWISH BY Birth Traditional Not Jewish
 Conversion

CELL _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL PERSONAL _____

HEBREW NAME _____

(Transliterate; include father's & mother's Hebrew name)

INDICATE IF: Kohane _____ Levite _____ Israelite _____

BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

OCCUPATION _____

NAME OF BUSINESS _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS _____

BUSINESS PHONE _____

E-MAIL BUSINESS _____

_____ Please include business info in Professional Directory

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CHILDREN

Please indicate whether children are Jewish by birth (mother is Jewish) or traditional conversion.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>SEX</u>	<u>HEBREW NAME</u>	<u>BIRTHDATE</u>	<u>BAR/BAT MITZVAH DATE</u>	<u>SCHOOL & GRADE</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

COLLEGE AGE CHILDREN'S INFORMATION

NAME

COLLEGE

ADDRESS

PHONE

YEAR IN SCHOOL

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES and return this form to: Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1558 Wilmot Rd., Deerfield, IL 60015

Name/Relationship to B'nai Tikvah Members _____

Previous Synagogue Affiliation _____

Who referred you to Congregation B'nai Tikvah _____

Yahrzeit Information

Do you wish to be notified of Yahrzeit dates? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please provide the following information:

<u>FULL NAME</u>	<u>HEBREW NAME</u> (include father's Hebrew name)	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u> <u>OF PASSING</u> (English Calendar; before/after sundown?)	<u>RELATIONSHIP</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Educational Background

Please indicate if any members of your family have expertise in any particular field of Judaism which may be helpful to us and which they would be willing to share, i.e., Torah reading, etc. _____

MEMBER _____

SPOUSE _____

SECULAR EDUCATION – College(s) attended/degree(s)

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JEWISH EDUCATION

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Hebrew _____ Day _____ School _____

Hebrew _____ Day _____ School _____

Hebrew School _____

Hebrew School _____

Hebrew High School _____

Hebrew High School _____

Bar Mitzvah _____

Bar Mitzvah _____

(date and Parsha if known)

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Hebrew Reading Skills

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(scale of 1-5, 5 being excellent)

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Torah _____ Reading _____

Torah _____ Reading _____

Haftarah _____

Haftarah _____

Hazzan skills _____

Hazzan skills _____

Judaic Skills _____

Judaic Skills _____

OTHER SKILLS AND INTERESTS:

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SPECIAL AREAS OF INTEREST IN SYNAGOGUE LIFE:

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(For Internal use only: EL____AL____PK____)



Please mail or fax to:
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FAX: 847-945-0706
 Attention: Lisa Aragon: laragon@bnaitikvah.net

FROM: _____

Sender's Fax Number: _____

Sender's Phone Number: _____

Number of pages transmitted including the Fax Cover Sheet: _____

Additional Message: _____

Visa / MasterCard / Discover Usage Authorization

Please print your billing information as appears in your card

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Unless otherwise stated, I hereby authorize Congregation B'nai Tikvah to use my credit card for payment of all Dues and School Fees billed on my membership account as follows:

_____ Use my credit card, dividing my charges over 9 months

_____ Use my credit card, dividing my charges over 4 payments, July 2018, October 2018, January 2019, April 2019.

_____ Use my credit card to pay my account in full at this time. Total charge \$ _____

I would like the following to be charged on my credit card (please initial each one that applies)

Building Fund _____ High Holiday Pledge _____ Yizkor Book _____

Kiddush _____ Bar/Bat Mizvah Fee _____ Previous Years Balance _____

The Synagogue incurs a 2.5% processing fee for all credit card charges, amounting to approximately \$20,000 this fiscal year. A fee of \$75.00 will be charged to each family that uses a credit card plan to pay the dues and fees. For one time charges, please consider a donation to cover this expense.

Circle one: Visa Mastercard Discover Last 4 Digits Of The Card: _____

Signature _____ Date _____ / _____ / _____

 Credit card information below must be shredded after entered in the system

Credit Card # _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date _____ / _____ Security Code _____



CONGREGATION B'NAI TIKVAH Financial Assistance Application

Name of Primary Wage Earner _____
Last Name (Please Print) First Name Middle I.

Home Address _____
(No. and Street) (City) (Zip)

Home Phone (Include Area Code) _____ Email Address _____

Name and Address of Business _____
(Name) (No. and Street) (City) (Zip)

Business Phone (Area Code) _____ Business FAX _____

Occupation/Position _____ Years with Firm _____ Salary _____

Spouse's Name _____
Last Name First Name Middle I.

Home Address _____
No. and Street City Zip

Home Phone (Include Area Code) _____ Email Address _____

Name and Address of Business _____
Name No. and Street City Zip

Business Phone (Include Area Code) _____ Business FAX _____

Occupation/Position _____ Years with Firm _____ Salary _____

Adjusted Gross Income reported on last year's Federal Income Tax Return _____

Child/ren's Name(s)	Age	Religious School Grade in September
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Synagogue Dues & Fees _____ Membership Year _____

Dues/Building Fund/Pledge _____ Tuition/School Fees

Bar/Bat Mitzvah Fees

_____ Graduation Fees

_____ United Synagogue Dues _____

Total Annual Dues and Fees: _____

What can you afford to pay the Synagogue towards the cost of your total dues and fees? \$ _____

Please summarize your need for financial assistance on the reverse side and return to Congregation B'nai Tikvah, 1558 Wilmot Road, Deerfield, IL 60015 or via email to flev@bnaitikvah.net

Date _____ Signature _____ Signature _____
Primary Wage Earner Spouse