

OPERATING POLICY Number 1

Membership

WHEREAS Paragraph 4.01 of By-law No.1 of Kehillat Beth Israel Congregation (the Corporation) provides for an Operating Policy respecting membership;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the Board) wishes to establish such a policy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ESTABLISHED as an Operating Policy of the Corporation as follows:

1. There shall be three categories of membership:
 - i) Individual,
 - ii) Family, and
 - iii) Associate;
2. For purposes of this Operating Policy, a “Family” membership is available to a family unit comprised of two adults at least one of whom is Jewish as defined in By-law No. 1, and their Dependent Children;
3. A person who wishes to become a member shall complete the Corporation’s Application for Membership and submit it to the Synagogue Office;
4. The form of Application for Membership shall be available on the Corporation’s website;
5. Associate Memberships are only available to persons who are members in good standing of another synagogue or who have purchased and paid for interment rights through *Jewish Memorial Gardens*. Applicants for Associate Membership shall provide proof of membership in good standing in another synagogue if and as often as requested or proof of purchase of interment rights through *Jewish Memorial Gardens*;
6. There may be reduced donation requirements for young families as determined by the Board;
7. Any requests for financial assistance must be made to the Executive Director;
8. The Synagogue Office shall deliver any Application for Membership to the Senior Rabbi, the Executive Director, and the Chair of the Membership Committee;

9. The Senior Rabbi and the Executive Director may individually or together interview the applicant or ask any supplementary questions of the applicant;
10. The Senior Rabbi shall determine whether the applicant meets the religious qualifications where required for membership set out in By-law No. 1 and this Operating Policy;
11. The Executive Director shall determine whether the applicant has met and meets their past and present financial obligations to religious institutions;
12. The Senior Rabbi and the Executive Director shall, within 60 days of the date an application has been received by the Synagogue Office, report to the Chair of the Membership Committee the name of the applicant and whether they meet the qualifications for membership set out in By-law No. 1 and this Operating Policy;
13. The Membership Committee shall, at each meeting, consider all applications for membership reported on by the Senior Rabbi and the Executive Director since the last meeting and, taking into consideration the reports of the Senior Rabbi and the Executive Director, determine whether or not to recommend the applicant for membership;
14. The Chair of the Membership Committee shall, at the first opportunity, report to the Board the names of all new applicants for membership and the Committee's recommendation to accept or not to accept the applicant into membership;
15. The Board shall, taking into consideration the recommendation of the Membership Committee, make the determination to accept or not to accept the applicant into membership and issue memberships to those applicants who are accepted;
16. The Executive Director shall notify the applicant of the acceptance or rejection of their application for membership;
17. Individual members in good standing shall have one vote and Family members in good standing shall have two votes at meetings of members. Associate Members shall not have the right to vote;
18. Subject to Section 20 below, Individual Members in good standing and Family Members in good standing shall have the right to High Holy Day seats as determined by the Board. Associate Members shall not have the right to High Holy Day seats but may purchase seats on an annual basis at non-member prices;

19. No member shall have the right to High Holy Day seats unless their financial obligation to the Corporation for the calendar year in which the High Holy Day occurs has been paid in full or they have made arrangements with the Executive Director;
20. Individual Members and Family Members in good standing shall receive member rates for all programs, shall receive all synagogue communication, and are entitled to have life-cycle events take place at the synagogue;
21. Associate Members in good standing shall receive all synagogue communication and may participate in programs at non-member rates. Associate Members in good standing may have life-cycle events take place at the synagogue to the extent available to non-members and at non-member rates;
22. Members who have purchased and paid for interment rights through *Jewish Memorial Gardens* have, subject to the requirements established by the Board, the right to a funeral in the synagogue, and have the right, subject to any requirements of the Corporation and *Jewish Memorial Gardens*, to be interred in the plot they acquired at the Bank Street Cemetery or the Osgoode Cemetery; and
23. In this Operating Policy, any action that is required to be taken by the Executive Director, may, in the absence of the Executive Director, be taken by the person designated by the Board from time to time to administer the functions of an executive director on behalf of the Corporation.

This Operating Policy shall take effect when enacted by Resolution of the Board. This Operating Policy may be amended by Resolution of the Board and shall remain in effect until repealed by Resolution of the Board.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of Operating Policy Number 1 passed by Resolution of the Board of Directors of Kehillat Beth Israel Congregation at a meeting of the Board held on the 30th day of August 2018.

Secretary