



## Membership Information and Application

### Welcome

Temple House of Israel (THOI) is a friendly, caring, and inclusive community. We welcome Jews of all backgrounds along with interfaith couples and families.<sup>1</sup> Our congregation follows the principles of Reform Judaism, with its ever-evolving Torah and traditions, engages in study and worship while embracing *tikkun olam*. Becoming a member allows you to enjoy the full range of THOI programs, services, and activities, including Rabbinic Spiritual Counseling, Adult Education, Book Club, Women’s Group, Holiday Celebrations, Congregational Dinners, Lending Library, Judaica Shop, Weekly Email Newsletters, and THOI Cares.

### Annual Dues

We keep our dues affordable by relying on member volunteers instead of paid administrative staff. For all new Individual and Family Memberships, regardless of age, we offer first year dues reductions. Those dues reductions continue for Individuals age 35 and under, and for Families age 35 and under (until one adult turns 36).

<u>1<sup>st</sup> Year Reduced Dues for all New Members</u>	<u>Annual Dues after 1<sup>st</sup> Year (unless eligible for Age 35 &amp; Under Dues Reduction)</u>	<u>Reduced Annual Dues for Members Age 35 &amp; Under</u>
<b>Family</b> \$600	\$1200	\$600 (until 1 Adult turns 36)
<b>Individual</b> \$450	\$900	\$450 (until Age 36)

Special Membership Types: We offer non-voting **Affiliate** Memberships (\$100 annual dues) for those who have begun the conversion process to Judaism or whose primary residence is over one hundred miles from THOI. **College Student** Memberships (\$54 annual dues) are also available. There are no discounts associated with these membership categories.

### Application Process

To get started, please fill out the two-page application and email a scanned, signed pdf copy to: THOIMembershipQ@gmail.com, **OR** send it via regular mail marked attention Membership to: THOI, P.O. Box 1412, Staunton, VA 24402-1412. Once the THOI Board receives your application, they will review it at their next scheduled meeting and promptly inform you. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Membership Chair at: THOIMembershipQ@gmail.com

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<sup>1</sup> Per THOI By-laws, any person or family with at least one adult who is a member of the Jewish religion is eligible for membership.



## Membership Application

THOI Website: <https://thoi.org/>

Date of Application Submission: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Category: **Family**  **Individual**  **Student**  **Affiliate**

Adult 1: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone #s \_\_\_\_\_

Jewish? Yes  No  Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult 2: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone #s \_\_\_\_\_

Jewish? Yes  No  Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have children, please list their name(s), age/DOB, and interest in Religious School

Child 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Jewish Yes  No  Religious School Interest? Y / N

Child 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Jewish Yes  No  Religious School Interest? Y / N

Child 3: \_\_\_\_\_ Jewish Yes  No  Religious School Interest? Y / N

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Affirmation

The undersigned is applying for membership in the Temple House of Israel congregation and attest that they are not a practicing member of any other religious faith. The undersigned further agrees to abide by the Temple By-laws and pay annual dues.

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

*If you feel comfortable in sharing with the Board a little more information about yourself and/or family in the questions below, please do so. There is no obligation.*

What prompted you to seek membership in the Temple House of Israel, and what are you hoping for in becoming part of our community. What can we do to fulfill your needs?

Do you have any unique skills or talents that you would like to share with our community?

Are you willing to strengthen our congregation by volunteering?

Please let us know if you or any members of your family have special needs (physical, medical, allergies, etc.)?

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