



# Membership Application

## Shir Chadash Conservative Congregation

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*We are pleased you have chosen to join Shir Chadash. To further your involvement in the life of the congregation, we ask you carefully to complete this Membership Application Packet.*

As a traditional egalitarian synagogue, we are committed to the idea that all Jews should be able to take full part in the beauty of Jewish life. We are a dynamic, inclusive, vibrant congregation, formed in 1999 by the union of Tikvat Shalom and Chevra Thilim. Our growing membership is infused with the *ruach* of young people, and we are excited about the continued growth in our synagogue and in the Jewish community of Greater New Orleans. Please feel free to ask any questions you might have, either about what to do or who we are. We are a community committed to learning, to supporting each other, and to being a warm and welcoming place for all who join us. Welcome to Shir Chadash, and we hope to have you as part of our family!

Please join us for family-friendly Shabbat services, every Friday night at 6:15pm and Saturday mornings at 9:30am.

For additional information on Shir Chadash visit [www.shirchadash.org](http://www.shirchadash.org) and [www.facebook.com/ShirChadash](https://www.facebook.com/ShirChadash)

Or email

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**Children:**

	First & Last Name	Hebrew Name	M/F	Birthday	Grade	School
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Other information:**

Previous Synagogue Affiliation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Shir Chadash Conservative Congregation? \_\_\_\_\_

Please share with us why you decided to join Shir Chadash Conservative Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you able to chant Torah or Haftarah? Can you lead a minyan or Shabbat/Festival service? Are there any other synagogue skills you possess \_\_\_\_\_

Please share something interesting about you (and your family). \_\_\_\_\_

If you are new to the area, where did you live previously? What brought you to the New Orleans area? \_\_\_\_\_

**Become involved!**

I/We am/are interested in becoming involved with the following committees/groups. (Please indicate **A** and/or **B** for Member A/Member B as appropriate):

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|--|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Havurah (Study/Social Groups) | <input type="checkbox"/> Programming Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Library          | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's Club      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> House/Building Committee      | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee  | <input type="checkbox"/> Sisterhood       | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising Committee         | <input type="checkbox"/> Caring Committee      | <input type="checkbox"/> Ritual Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Youth Committee     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____           |   |  |

As you get settled into our community, we would love to have you become involved in synagogue life. Whether you are interested in leading services, helping to create adult education or social programming or driving an elderly member to Shabbat services, there is a place for you at Shir Chadash. Please share any special skills or interests, whether covered by the above committees/groups or not, that you have that may help us to connect you with the right person to become more involved:

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**Yahrzeit information for loved ones:**

It is the custom at Shir Chadash to include, in our weekly Shabbat handout, the names of loved ones who are no longer with us on the anniversary of their passing. You will receive a letter before the Yahrzeit date of the appropriate date to light a Yahrzeit candle. Please contact the office if you wish to purchase a plaque on our Memorial Board.

Name of Deceased	Hebrew Name	Relationship and to Whom	English Date of Passing	Hebrew Date of Passing
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I/We are applying for \_\_\_\_\_ Full \_\_\_\_\_ Associate\*

\*If applying for Associate Membership, the applicant must be a Full Member of another New Orleans area synagogue.

I am also a full member of the following area synagogue: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Date received: \_\_\_\_\_ Rabbi meeting: \_\_\_\_\_ Date approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Notification: \_\_\_\_\_

## SHIR CHADASH CONSERVATIVE CONGREGATION MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT AND DUES STRUCTURE

We are so glad that you are on your way to becoming a member of Shir Chadash this coming year.

Our dues are based on annual gross family income – that means, the combined income for the whole family unit, not the number of members. So please select the appropriate number to calculate your payment.

You'll notice that there are some additional costs that go in to make up the total. We assess a little extra, based on your membership category, for United Synagogue membership, a pledge to the Jewish Theological Seminary and a security fee – unfortunately more important these days than ever. There is also a flat fee of \$180 per year for full members (\$54 for associate members) that we call the BIMA fee. It stands for Building Improvement Maintenance Assessment and it ensures that we have monies in place to keep the building safe and well cared for.

If your fees need adjusting, please don't hesitate to be in touch with Executive Director Bruce Yaillen or Finance Secretary Karen Sher. We will always try to help.

Please sign and return the form as indicated, and we welcome you to Shir Chadash!

<u>Category</u>	<u>Annual Gross Family Income</u>	<u>Dues</u>	<u>Total Dues Including Fees</u>
___ A	Under \$30,000	\$300.00	\$560.75
___ B	\$30,001 - \$50,000	\$600.00	\$899.00
___ C	\$50,001 - \$75,000	\$1,000.00	\$1299.00
___ D	\$75,001 - \$100,000	\$1,500.00	\$1799.00
___ E	\$100,001 - \$140,000	\$2,000.00	\$2299.00
___ F	\$140,001 - \$200,000	\$2,800.00	\$3099.00
___ G	Over \$200,000	\$3,800.00	\$4099.00
___ N	Jewish Federation Newcomers Program Participant	\$0	\$0
___ S	Associate Member (has full membership in another New Orleans area synagogue)	\$400.00	\$454.00

### Membership Agreement

I (we) hereby apply for membership in Shir Chadash, a Conservative Congregation affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. I (we) agree to comply with all of its rules and regulations including its Articles of Incorporation, By-laws and the financial obligations of membership, and understand that in so doing, I (we) will be entitled to all of the rights and privileges of a member in good standing for the membership level for which I (we) have applied.

### Member A

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Member B

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This Application should be sent to the synagogue office. Please include a check for your first installment of dues. All checks should be made payable to Shir Chadash Conservative Congregation. Thank you!

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