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Student Rabbi

Congregation B'nai Israel is an active member of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Our services are conducted by Seth Oppenheimer— ALEPH (Alliance for Jewish Renewal) Rabbinical Student

MSU and MUW Students

All university students are welcome and are not subject to any charges.

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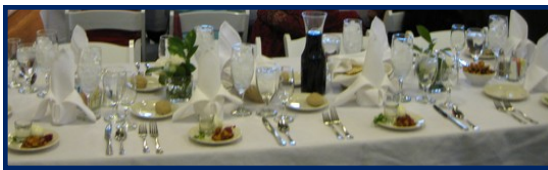
Temple Services and Special Events

Our Temple year begins with the observance of the High Holy Days. No extra fees are charged for regular members. Visitors are welcome and are not subject to charges. However, donations to our Temple are always appreciated.

Shabbat Services are scheduled two times per month on alternating weeks. Children of all ages are welcome and once a month are given a “small Torah” to carry around during the Torah part of the service. All Shabbat Services begin at 7:30 p.m.

Following each service, all members and guests are invited and encouraged to share in the Oneg Shabbat hosted by members of our Temple Sisterhood. On several Jewish holidays a Congregational dinner is part of the service.

Special temple events held during the year include a Welcome Back Lunch, a Community Chanukah Potluck Dinner/ Auction Fundraiser, a catered Passover Seder, a Purim Party, and a Congregational Meeting/Luncheon.



Temple B'nai Israel



**717 2nd Ave. North
Columbus, MS 39701**

Welcome

On behalf of Congregation B'nai Israel, welcome to our community and to our services. Our Synagogue has been infused with energy and enthusiasm this fall, with great attendance, great food from the Sisterhood, new memberships, and a dedication to outreach to the needy and the sick. I look forward to hearing from you and hope you will decide to affiliate and become an active member of our congregation.

Paul Lasky
President

History

Congregation B'nai Israel was organized in 1879 for the purpose of the worship of God in the Reform Jewish Tradition. Services were held in the Odd Fellows Hall until 1906 when the congregation accepted an invitation to meet in the Christian Church of Columbus.

The first Temple in Columbus was built for the Methodist Church in 1844. The building later served as a private military school, a city gymnasium, and a community concert hall until it was bought by the Congregation in 1907. In 1960, the old building was torn down and the present structure was erected using the old bricks. During the period of construction, the Congregation held services in the Episcopal Church.

Membership

Any person sixteen years of age or over may join the temple membership. Annual dues are set by the Congregation and are \$350 for one person, single or widowed, and \$500 for couples and families. If hardships exist and potential members seek reductions in dues, a letter to the Board to this effect is in order. Action will be taken on the request.

The privileges of membership are extended to all members in good standing and include, but are not limited to the following:

1. To vote at all meetings of the Congregation.
2. To have seats in the House of Worship for all services.
3. To participate in all activities held under the auspices of the Congregation and its affiliated bodies.
4. To be eligible for election as an officer or a trustee of the Congregation.
5. To have children receive their religious education in the Religious School of the Congregation.
6. To be entitled to the House of Worship and all its facilities for weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and funerals.

Temple Sisterhood

The women of the Sisterhood of B'nai Israel enhance the religious and social activities of temple members and participate in helpful projects for the community.



Columbus Air Force Base

Air Force personnel and their children are always welcome at all events and on all occasions. Dues are encouraged but not mandatory.

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