



Congregation Ner Tamid: Are You Ready to Share the Responsibility?

Take a moment to think about all of the things you invest your time and money in on a regular basis. Now ask yourself: Which of those enrich your soul and better the lives of you and your loved ones?

The decision to join a synagogue should not be taken lightly. Doing so means choosing to live your best life, bringing Judaism to the forefront of your priorities. It is an investment of self and of resources, yielding unparalleled returns in forms such as lifelong friendships, personal growth, and continuance of our faith l'dor va dor (from generation to generation.)

Becoming a member of Ner Tamid is not purchasing a membership to belong to an organization or corporation. We are a community of individuals and families bound by a shared commitment to serve our congregation. As such, after joining Ner Tamid, we ask that you and your family take part in a special ceremony where you pledge our Covenant of Membership:

Covenant of Membership

Bra'sheet "In the beginning..." I share the responsibility of creating a community of holiness at Valley Beth Shalom, a community that embraces and embodies the ideals, ethics, faith and culture of the Jewish people.

Sh'mot "These are the names..." I will deepen my own Jewish identity and nurture my Jewish soul through Torah/ Learning, Avodah/Worship, Gemilut Hesed/Action, and Hevrah/Fellowship.

Va'yikra "And God called..." I will answer the call to become God's partner in bringing wholeness and holiness to the world. I will answer the call to repair the world's brokenness and heal its suffering.

Bamidbar "In the wilderness..." I will seek shalom, the blessings of wholeness, peace, and solidarity in my family, my circle of relations, my community, in my city and in the world.

Devarim "These are the words..." I share the responsibility of transmitting Judaism to a new generation.

Taking the Next Step

If your family is ready to make a commitment to Congregation Ner Tamid, the next step is to fill out the membership application that follows. You will then receive a personal call from a member of our board of directors, welcoming you to the Ner Tamid family and inviting you to the next event where the Covenant of Membership Ceremony will occur.

Congregation Ner Tamid Membership Application

Adult Member 1

NAME: _____ Prefix: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

PHYSICAL MAIL ADDRESS: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

HOME PHONE: (____) _____ CELL PHONE: (____) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Occupation: _____ Previous Synagogue Affiliation: _____

Jewish? Yes No Hebrew Name: _____ Kohaine or Levi?

ANNIVERSARY: _____

Adult Member 2

NAME: _____ Prefix: _____ BIRTHDATE: _____

CELL PHONE: (____) _____ Occupation: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Jewish? Yes No Hebrew Name: _____ Kohaine or Levi?

Children

Name	Sex	Birth Date	Hebrew Name	Grade
_____	M F	_____	_____	_____
_____	M F	_____	_____	_____
_____	M F	_____	_____	_____
_____	M F	_____	_____	_____

Do we have your permission to use photos of your family in our publications and Web site? Yes No
Do we have your permission to list your contact information in our member director? Yes No

L'hitnadeiv : Synagogue Involvement

Volunteering is a central tenet of Judaism, and at the very heart of the synagogue. When you volunteer, you raise yourself to a higher level, and raise all of those around you. The word *N'davah* in the Torah is a freewill offering, a gift of the heart, and the word for volunteer is *mitnadeiv*, literally, one who offers a freewill gift of him or herself. *L'hitnadeiv*, to offer yourself freely. One of the greatest gifts you can give is the gift of yourself, your dedication, talent, and commitment to this congregation. To serve our congregation. To serve our God.

Which type of volunteer activities would you be interested in being involved with? (check all that apply)

One of our volunteer coordinators will contact you to explain specific roles we need volunteers for.

	Name _____	Name _____
Helping at Shabbat Services (set up, clean up, usher)	_____	_____
Helping Plan Our High Holy Services (ticketing, set up, etc.)	_____	_____
Membership & Hospitality (calls, creating events, mailers)	_____	_____
Social Event Support (planning, set up, break down)	_____	_____
Sunday School (teaching, subbing, ed committee)	_____	_____
Adult Education (creating and marketing events)	_____	_____
Communications (newsletter, Web site, collateral)	_____	_____

Yahrzeits You Wish to Have Acknowledged

Every year, on the anniversary of the death, family members observe the deceased's Yahrzeit. On the Yahrzeit, the Kaddish is recited and all mourners light a candle in honor of the decedent that burns for 24 hours. In addition, during services on Yom Kippur, Shemini Atzeret, the last day of Passover, and Shavu'ot, after the haftarah reading, close relatives recite the mourner's prayer Yizkor ("May He remember...") in synagogue. Yahrzeit candles are also lit on those days.

Please list the names, relationships, and Gregorian date of Yahrzeits that your family would like acknowledged.

Name	Relationship	Date of Yahrzeit
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Supporting Your Heritage

Membership in Ner Tamid is much more than a “fee for service” arrangement. Fundamental to who we are as a Jewish *kehilla*, is that membership is a means of supporting a community, where we each undertake an obligation to the whole. We contribute to our community even if we do not choose to use its programs. By ensuring the future of our congregation through adequate financial support, we are doing our utmost to protect our Jewish future as well as the future of generations to come. Those who came before us preserved our Jewish heritage for us. Our obligation is to do the same.

Name: _____

Please put a check next to the type of Ner Tamid membership you are seeking:

PAYMENT TYPES

_____ Individual membership \$450 Annually /\$225.00 Semi-Annually/\$112.50 Quarterly
_____ Family/Couple Membership \$725 Annually/\$362.50 Semi-Annually/\$181.25 Quarterly
_____ Associate Membership* \$180 Annually

Note that memberships are based on our Fiscal Year from April 1st to March 31st. Our membership is prorated to half dues after October 1st.

*Associate Memberships are for those who are full dues paying members at another Jewish Congregation. Associate Memberships do not include High Holiday Tickets, voting rights or B’nai Mitzvah Privileges. School priority registration will be granted but non-member school fees will apply.

Dues Assistance

Congregation Ner Tamid will not turn anyone away for the lack of ability to pay membership support amounts. If you feel you need financial assistance, please contact Ernie Zied, Director of Finance, at 770-345-8687 or via email at ezied@windstream.net to discuss your personal situation confidentially.

Payment Schedule

Please put a check mark next to the payment schedule you prefer. If you are joining Ner Tamid’s Covenant Circle, it will be up to you to calculate your contribution based on income, submitted on the same schedule as your dues payment.

_____ Annual Payment
_____ Semi-Annual Payment (Invoices will be mailed; Not available for associate membership)
_____ Quarterly Installments (Invoices will be mailed; Not available for associate membership)

Membership Referral Program

How did you hear about Congregation Ner Tamid? If you were referred by a Current Member please include in this application so that the family can benefit from the Membership Referral Program. Members that refer new families who join our Congregation will receive a \$50 reduction of dues membership off of the following fiscal year dues. After October 1st when dues are prorated, there will be a \$25 reduction of dues membership off of the following fiscal year dues.

Referred by: _____

My family and I agree to abide by Ner Tamid's by-laws and policies. (Our bylaws may be found in the "Governance" section of our Website. If you need us to mail you a copy, please contact 678-264-8575.)

Adult Member Signature: _____

Adult Member Signature: _____

Date: _____

PLEASE MAIL ALL 5 PAGES OF THIS APPLICATION AND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ADDRESS BELOW. Your first dues contribution, under the schedule you selected above, must be mailed in with your application. Covenant Circle contributions may be made at the time your application is submitted, or beginning with your first scheduled payment.

Congregation Ner Tamid
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Marietta, GA 30061-0795

Congratulations on taking the next step towards becoming a member of Congregation Ner Tamid. We thank you for taking the time to fill out this paperwork. A member of our board will be in touch soon.