

Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah

Greengate Jewish Center

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June 2026

Dear MMAE Community,

Today, Brenda asked me for the letter I write each year that goes out with the dues mailing. I'm a procrastinator since my youth (though it has gotten somewhat better), yet those holiday letters are things that I always put off until the last possible time. So I'm proud of myself that as soon as Brenda told me my message would be due two weeks from today, I sat down immediately, didn't even check my email (my normal go-to distraction) and started writing. Mah Nishtana? What changed?

This year has been a year of internal growth for me. You could say I took a big jump in my process of maturing. I finally wrapped my head around being an adult. Not that I changed who I am, but rather, I became more of who I am. More authentic. Truer to myself. Yes...more boring. It's been years since I've felt the need to be cool in other's eyes. This year, I no longer feel the need to be cool in my own eyes.

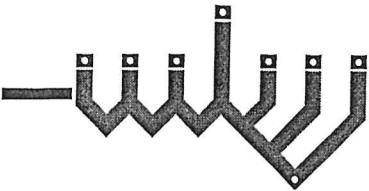
I'm a work in progress, as we all are, but to have a year where you experience an evolution in the way you see and accept yourself is a blessing and I'm grateful to Hakadosh Baruch Hu for giving me such a year. Part of being authentic, for me, is to say what you are really feeling, and I will attempt to do so in this letter.

I am so very grateful to all of you for being members of MMAE. On the most basic level, our membership numbers and their trajectory are, for me, a major indicator of the health and relevancy of our shul. (The others are High Holiday seat sales and most importantly Shabbat morning attendance.) Obviously the value we provide through our davening, my rabbinic care, adult education, youth education, culture and music through The Katz Jewish Music Center, friendship and community, the Open Door to Judaism conversion program, the Rabbinic Residency Program, and perhaps most of all, the people practicing daily love and kindness to one another are the true value we provide. But at the end of the day, if our numbers are falling, something ain't right.

And so I write with a bit of honest trepidation and hope that I've been a good enough rabbi and that the community I and we helped to create is meaningful and valuable enough to you to continue (or begin) your commitment as members. I don't take any of you for granted and it is my sincerest desire to serve you loyally, wisely, and lovingly as your rabbi. Please always know that I am just a phone call away, and you can call me for anything...literally...I'll bail you out. Just kidding....but not.

With respect and gratitude,

Rabbi Yerachmiel Shapiro



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Dear MMAE Members,

MMAE is very excited to welcome our family back for the High Holidays this year.

Enclosed please find your invoice for membership dues. Please complete the worksheet on the reverse side of this letter and return with your payment.

Also enclosed is a Book of Life form showing your prior listing; a copy of it is pasted to the back of that letter. If you have not previously had a listing in the Book of Life, you will find a blank form for your consideration in remembering your dearly departed loved ones.

MMAE members only seat sales will be available from Monday, June 29 – Friday, July 31, 2026, and will be processed in the order in which they are received.

There will be no in person seat sales, however, you may request “aisle seat”, “window side”, “back of sanctuary”, “front of social hall”, etcetera, and the committee will make every effort to assign you the best seat available.

If you need additional non-member seats, please contact the shul office at 410-653-7485 and we will be happy to assist you.

Recommended: Return the worksheet with your payment in the enclosed envelope.

Payment may be made in person by cash, check, or credit card (Visa, Mastercard, or Discover).

Payment plans are available for your convenience. Call the office for the details.

HIGH HOLIDAY MEMBERSHIP, SEATING, & BOOK OF LIFE PRICES
WORKSHEET

Name _____ Phone _____

DUES

Dues ONLY as shown on the enclosed statement \$ _____
Security Fee as shown on statement \$ 50.00

SEATS

Sanctuary Member \$190 x _____ \$ _____

*Permanent Seat Member \$115 x _____ \$ _____

*Permanent Seat Non-member \$190 x _____ \$ _____

Social Hall Member \$140 x _____ \$ _____

Additional seating prices if needed: \$ _____

Children (under 25) \$155 sanctuary
\$120 social hall

Non-member \$325 sanctuary
\$275 social hall

* Permanent Seat holders have paid a fee for the guarantee of using the same seat annually.

BOOK OF LIFE

Listing \$36 minimum
includes up to 3 names and 1 signature line \$ _____

\$10 per each additional name x _____ + \$ _____

\$3 for each additional signature line x _____ + \$ _____

TOTAL LISTING \$ _____

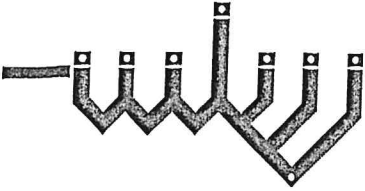
Half page \$125 \$ _____

Full page \$175 \$ _____

TOTAL DUES – SEATS – BOOK OF LIFE \$ _____

If you have any questions, please call the office at 410-653-7485.

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BOOK OF LIFE

Dear Friends,

In keeping with the dignity and solemnity of our Memorial Service (Yizkor) on Yom Kippur and the other appropriate Yizkor recitations, our Congregation will continue to publish our “**Book of Life**”. Yizkor prayers are said four times in the calendar year – on Yom Kippur, the eighth day of Sukkot, Passover, and Shavuot. The “**Book of Life**” is used by all worshippers in the synagogue for these prayers.

To honor your beloved departed, place their names in our “**Book of Life**” for eternal memory. The minimum donation is \$36 and includes up to 3 names and one signature line. Additional lines are \$10 per name of your beloved departed. An additional \$3 is charged for each additional signature line (ie: and family). You may wish to select a “Memorial Family” listing of a ½ page at \$125 or a full page at \$175. These “Memorial Family” listings allow you to list as many names and signatures as space allows.

The High Holy Days begin on Friday evening, September 11, 2026, and we would sincerely appreciate an early response. **We must have your listing in our office no later than Wednesday, August 26, 2026** (NO EXCEPTIONS). Please complete the form on the back of this letter. Only forms accompanied by a check are guaranteed to appear.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call the shul office at 410-653-7485.

NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

HOME PHONE

WORK PHONE

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

AMOUNT \$

DATE PAID

"BOOK OF LIFE"
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

BY

MOSES MONTEFIORE ANSHE EMUNAH

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Yerachmiel Shapiro, *Rabbi*

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Member #1

(Mr, Ms, Mrs, Dr.) Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle _____

Home Address: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Hebrew Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Father's Hebrew Name: _____ Mother's Hebrew Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Title: _____

Employer/Company Name: _____

Marital Status: _____ Anniversary Date: _____

Member #2

(Mr, Ms, Mrs, Dr.) Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle _____

Home Address: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Hebrew Name: _____ Date of Birth _____

Father's Hebrew Name: _____ Mother's Hebrew Name: _____

Occupation: _____ Title: _____

Employer/Company Name: _____

Children (if living at home or in college)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ School: _____
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Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ School: _____

Yahrzeits

Relationship: _____ Hebrew Yahrzeit Date: _____ English Date: _____
Hebrew Name: _____ English Name: _____
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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**Membership Year: July 1 - June 30****** All Membership Categories add \$50 Annual Security Fee ****

Family Membership (30+)	\$695 + \$50	Single Membership	\$375 + \$50
Family Membership (Under 30)	\$300 + \$50	Associate Membership*	\$300 + \$50
		Friends of MMAE**	\$300 + \$50

* Associate Membership is for those individuals or families that attend High Holiday services elsewhere, but wish to maintain a relationship with MMAE and it's Rabbis, and receive all mailings, discounts on rentals, cemetery plots, etc.

** Friends of MMAE is for those individuals or families that are not Jewish, but wish to support MMAE and our programs.

Being of the Jewish faith, the undersigned apply for Membership in the Moses Montefiore Anshe Emunah Hebrew Congregation.

Signed _____ Signed _____

NOW'S THE TIME TO JOIN MMAE!



Amazing New Member Incentives!

- ✓ Discount on annual dues for your first year!
 - **\$625** (usually \$695) for married couples and families
 - **\$325** (usually \$375) for single membership
 - **\$300** (usually \$350) for a family under 30 years of age
- ✓ Pay member prices for High Holiday seats!
- ✓ FREE Brotherhood and Sisterhood membership for the first year
- ✓ 4 FREE tickets (\$80 value) to a Katz Jewish Music Center event
- ✓ 50% OFF tuition (over \$300 value) Sylvia Rosenblatt Hebrew School for the first year
- ✓ Discounted hall rentals
- ✓ Shabbos welcome bag
- ✓ All the benefits of being an MMAE member!

To join or for any questions at all,
please call us in the shul office:

410-653-7485

or email bburgan@mmae.org.

**We would love to welcome you
into the MMAE Family!**