

**MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT
Or “Brit” (Covenantal Relationship)
LITTLE MINYAN**



The Little Minyan provides a spiritual home for individuals and families seeking active participation in Jewish community. We see the need and the opportunity to build a vibrant 21st century Jewish community through innovative and interactive approaches to prayers, learning, and social action.

We assume a collective responsibility to ensure that every person is valued and treated with respect. We are inclusive, welcoming people with diverse life experiences and backgrounds. Our commitment is further reflected in our use of gender-neutral prayer language, egalitarian decision-making processes, and recognition for members' participation without regard to their ability to contribute financially.

The emphasis is on participation. It is expected that every member will participate in opportunities such as our committees, the mini-havurot, and services.

Join us as we share our individual and collective spiritual journeys.

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Steps to join the Little Minyan:

<input type="checkbox"/>	1	<p>Review the Guiding Principles (next page)</p> <p>Please verify that you understand and are comfortable with the basic tenets of the Little Minyan. These are the principles that guide our decisions and policies. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about the Guiding Principles.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<p>Complete the Basic Information Form and complete the Participation Checklist.</p> <p>This provides information for our membership lists.</p> <p>Our members contribute by participation and involvement, and reflect a wide variety of Jewish experiences. We welcome those who are starting their spiritual journey and consider themselves “beginners”, those who are devoted and regular attendees at worship and study programs, and everyone in between. Please decide which activities of the Little Minyan appeal to you. If you have an area you do not see but would like to suggest, please let us know.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<p>Determine the membership fee you can contribute for your household and complete the Pledge Form</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	<p>Mail your completed Membership (“Brit”) and pledge contribution to: Gil Nestel 245 Arden Rd. Columbus, OH 43214 614-262-4426</p>
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	<p>Make plans to attend the next Shabbat Service or event.</p> <p>See the calendar on our Yahoo website for dates, times, and locations.</p>

The Guiding Principles of The Little Minyan

- The Minyan provides a spiritual home for individuals and families seeking active participation in Jewish community.
- We seek to create meaningful experiences that connect us with the divine sparks in our daily lives and the life of our community. We see the need and the opportunity to build a vibrant 21st century Jewish community through innovative and interactive approaches to prayer, learning, and social action.
- Understanding that our children learn from the example of our lives, we foster our children’s involvement in Jewish life through intergenerational ritual, educational, and community activities that are both enjoyable and dynamic.
- In recognition that sacred time enriches our lives, we share celebrations of Shabbat, Jewish holidays, and life cycle events in our homes and as a community.
- We engage in lifelong learning of Torah, commentaries, and Jewish history because they empower us to participate fully in the life of this Jewish community and offer a spiritual and intellectual foundation for responding to the challenges of our time.
- The Minyan strives to make a difference in the world through *tikkun olam* (repairing the world), a concept that integrates personal growth with an active commitment to social justice and environmental responsibility.
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BASIC HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION

Your name		Date	
Address		City	
State	ZIP	Home Phone	

ADULTS (13 and older)

The Little Minyan encourages the participation of young people who reached B’nai Mitzvah. They are welcome to join the Little Minyan as young adults and participate as adult members in our Jewish community.

Adult 1	First Name	Last Name	If age 18 or over, please check box. <input type="checkbox"/> Over 18	If Age 13-17, please enter date of birth
	Occupation		Email Address	

Adult 2	First Name	Last Name	If age 18 or over, please check box. <input type="checkbox"/> Over 18	If age 13-17, please enter date of birth
	Occupation		Email Address	

Adult 3	First Name	Last Name	If age 18 or over, please check box. <input type="checkbox"/> Over 18	If age 3-17, please enter date of birth
	Occupation		Email Address	

Adult 4	First Name	Last Name	If age 18 or over, please check box. <input type="checkbox"/> Over 18	If age 3-17, please enter date of birth
	Occupation		Email Address	

CHILDREN (ages 0 – 12)

Child	First Name	Last Name	Date of Birth
1			
2			
3			

ANY OTHER INFORMATION TO SHARE ABOUT YOUR FAMILY ?

Examples: food allergies, transportation needs, etc.

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Yahrzeit – In Loving Memory

It is customary to acknowledge loved ones on the anniversary of their death (yahrzeit). Please share with us the names of loved ones you will be remembering .

Your name	Name of deceased	Relationship	Date of Death

COMMUNICATIONS

How should we communicate with you?	Email <input type="checkbox"/>	Regular mail <input type="checkbox"/>
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PARTICIPATION

The foundation of the Little Minyan is participation and involvement. Please check the committees, study groups, or activities each of you would like to join.

	Adult 1	Adult 2	Adult 3	Adult 4
First Name of Adult				
Committees				
Worship Design Team	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Learning (Adult & Intergenerational)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tikkun Olam (Social Action)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Membership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Administration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social Activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Groups				
Torah Study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Reading and Study Group	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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WHAT PASSIONS, SKILLS, INTERESTS, OR KNOWLEDGE CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE? (The following list is only a starting point).

Area	Adult 1	Adult 2	Adult 3	Adult 4
First Name of Adult				
Website design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Torah reading	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jewish history and culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religious teaching or education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Administration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Finance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ecology and the Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hebrew training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preparing young people for Bar/Bat Mitzvah	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Voice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Artistic talents	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any other interests?				

Little Minyan Pledge Form: Fiscal Year 2009-2010

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All adult (age 13 and older) members of the Little Minyan are encouraged to make an annual contribution to the Little Minyan.

The Little Minyan is dedicated to the principle that no one will ever be excluded from membership for financial reason. Since we have no building fund or staff, all income collected through pledges is used for the daily expenses of the organization, such as facility rental, copying, supplies, rabbinic support, education program, affiliation dues, and holiday celebrations.

The recommended annual pledge for FY 2009-2010 (ending 6/30/10) is \$250 per adult.

Name	Pledged Amount
Adult 1 _____	\$ _____
Adult 2 _____	\$ _____
Adult 3 _____	\$ _____
Adult 4 _____	\$ _____
Total Pledged Amount	\$ _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please make your check out to The Little Minyan.

Thank you for submitting your membership Brit. Welcome to our family.