

Life Cycle Policy

TEE is proud of its tradition of caring for our Temple family in times of both joy and sadness through the work of our excellent clergy.

Among the benefits of membership are the services of full-time clergy at the events and occasions described in this brochure, *without additional fees*. As Rabbi Emeritus, Rabbi Roberts is entitled to charge for his services.

This life cycle policy is based on the principle that the clergy, whose work we support through membership at TEE, should dedicate their time and efforts primarily to the service of our congregants. This brochure defines the roles and functions of the clergy so you, our members, will understand the scope of their roles in serving you and your family. Because no written document can cover every eventuality, we encourage you to discuss any questions with the clergy or executive director.

Members in good standing of synagogues outside of the Greater Cleveland area with lifecycle needs in our community may receive our clergy's services as a reciprocal courtesy. The spiritual leader of the home congregation should contact our clergy to make a referral.

So that we can best serve you and avoid scheduling conflicts, it is advisable to contact the clergy as soon as possible to discuss upcoming events and needs.

For membership information please contact our membership director or executive director or visit our website at www.teecleve.org.

Our clergy looks forward to being part of your family's life cycle events and will help make these special events meaningful and spiritual experiences.

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Life has a path with a beginning, a middle and an end.

Temple Emanu El clergy will walk this path with you.

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WEDDINGS

TEE clergy are available at our Temple or within the Greater Cleveland area, to officiate at the weddings of members and member's children without a fee or at the wedding of a member's parent with a fee payable to the clergyperson's discretionary fund. Our clergy will gladly discuss their religious requirements with you. Please contact clergy directly.

CHANUKAT HA-BAYIT (Mezuzah)

TEE clergy will officiate at a mezuzah dedication at the home of TEE members.

BIRTH, BABY NAMING and BRIT MILAH

TEE clergy will officiate at the Baby Naming, Brit Milah or equivalent service for the children and grandchildren of TEE members at either a regular TEE worship service or in the member's or their child's home. (Naming at a worship service is preferred as this joyous celebration reflects the traditional welcoming of newborns by publicly announcing and recording their names in the annals of the community.) The children of unaffiliated families may be named and welcomed into the community at TEE during a regular worship service. Please call TEE for details.

PASTORAL COUNSELING and CLERGY VISITS

TEE clergy are available to counsel members seeking guidance rooted in Jewish tradition. They are available to visit members and family members who are ill. Please call TEE's office to advise us of any such need.

BAR & BAT MITZVAH

The clergy work with our students and their families to make the entire Bar/Bat Mitzvah experience both joyous and sacred. The qualifications for Bar/Bat Mitzvah at TEE are available from the education director or on our website. We welcome transfer students. Please contact us for details.

FUNERALS and UNVEILINGS

TEE clergy officiate without fee at the funeral or monument unveiling of a member or the child of a member.

TEE clergy will officiate at funeral services for a non-affiliated parent, grandparent, sibling, or in-law of a TEE member or when, in the judgment of TEE clergy, the responsibility for funeral arrangements has fallen upon a TEE member. An honorarium in the amount set by the Greater Cleveland Board of Rabbis will be payable to the discretionary fund of the clergyperson officiating at the funeral service. TEE clergy are not available for funerals in families without synagogue affiliation.

CONVERSION/GERUT

Membership is not required to begin the process of becoming Jewish. Upon the recommendation of TEE clergy, candidates for conversion must affiliate prior to their ceremony of gerut.

KADDISH LIST

The names of recently deceased members and recently deceased family of TEE members along with the names in our members' Yahrzeit records and those inscribed on our perpetual memorial plaques are printed in the service handout and read aloud at services. Members may request that other names be added to the Kaddish list and mentioned at services. Names submitted by non-members will be read aloud at services.

GUEST CLERGY

Guest clergy may officiate at life cycle events for members or participate in services at the invitation of our clergy.

BUILDING USAGE

We encourage you to use the TEE as a venue for celebrations. The Board of Trustees sets the fees and conditions for the use of TEE facilities. Please discuss the details with our executive director.

A WORD ABOUT DONATIONS

Since the dawn of our traditions, at life's significant moments, it has been customary to express our thanks to God through the giving of Tzedakah. Your support for the institutions that bring us closer to the Divine and the individuals whose lives are dedicated to this service is greatly appreciated. Please call TEE for details.

