

THE CONGREGATION OF THE TEMPLE EMANUEL

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APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION

Shalom, Welcome.

In the course of the next few months, you will be introduced to a four thousand year old tradition - a way of life, a faith, and a people. We hope that you will come to share with us our enthusiasm for what choosing Judaism represents.

Abraham and Sarah were not born as Jews - they were the first to "Choose Judaism". Ruth, a convert to Judaism, was the great-grandmother of King David. We recognise the tremendous contributions converts have made to Judaism. We also recognise the difficulties in the choice: with personal feelings, families of origin and certain members of the Jewish community. We are here to help you along your path.

The information you provide remains completely confidential, to be used only by the Congregation of the Temple Emanuel, building your own development in choosing Judaism.

**PLACE
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Please fill out this application completely, and return along with your personal statement for reasons of conversion and two (2) character references from members of the local Jewish community. Thank you.

Date:.....

Name:			
Address:			
Phones:			
Email:		Fax:	

IF YOU ARE TAKING THE COURSE TOGETHER WITH A PARTNER

Name:			
Address:			
Phones:			
Email:		Fax:	



פתחו לי שערי צדק

Open for me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

1. Date of Birth
2. Place of Birth.....
3. Religion in which you were raised.....
4. Did you have any formal religious education as a child? Yes / No.
If 'yes' how many years of Sunday School..... Private School..... Other religious education.....
5. Were you baptised?..... Date..... Place.....
6. Were you confirmed DatePlace
7. Your parents' religion: Mother Father
8. Are your parents living?
Yes, both Father only..... Mother only Neither.....
9. Are/were your parents born in Australia? Father: Yes No Country of origin.....
Mother: Yes No Country of origin.....
10. What is your parents' ethnic ancestry? Father:..... Mother:.....
11. Are/were your parents active members of any church? Yes / No. If yes, which. Mother.....Father.....
12. If you have any brothers or sisters, please list their ages: Brothers Sisters No Siblings
13. Level of education you've completed: High school..... University..... Postgraduate Other.....
14. Professional degree(s)
15. Current occupation/profession
16. Current marital status: Engaged..... Married..... Single Widowed
17. If you are married: Date of marriage
- Christian, with clergy..... Christian, without clergy..... Civil Other (please specify).....
18. Have you ever been divorced? Yes / No
19. If married before, what was your former spouse's religion?
20. Have you any children? Yes / No How many? Ages
- are your children from your current marriage? Yes / No
- are your children being raised as: Jewish..... Christian No religion Other
21. Have you taken any courses on religion? Yes / No
- If yes, which
22. During the past year have you attended services in a Synagogue (apart from ceremonial occasions)? Yes / No
23. Current religious status

If you are married or planning marriage, please complete the following for your spouse or fiancé/e

24. Date of Birth
25. Place of Birth.....
26. Branch of Judaism in which he/she was raised: Reform Orthodox Chassidic..... Secular.....
27. Did he/she have any formal religious education as a child? Yes / No
- If yes, how many years of Sunday Hebrew School
- Day School (name of school) Other religious education
28. Did he/she become Bar/Bat Mitzvah? When Where
29. Parents' religion/denomination Father Mother
30. Are his/her parents living?
- Yes, both Father only..... Mother only Neither.....
31. Are/were your parents born in Australia? Father: Yes No Country of origin.....
- Mother: Yes No Country of origin.....
32. Are/were his/her parents active synagogue members? Yes / No
- If yes, which type: Reform Orthodox Chassidic Other
33. Are/were his/her parents active in any Jewish organisation?
- Yes. Which..... No.....
34. If he/she has any brothers or sisters. Please list their ages: Brothers Sisters..... No siblings
35. Level of secular education he/she completed: High school University Postgraduate Other.....
36. Professional degree(s)
37. Current occupation/profession
38. Has he/she ever been divorced? Yes / No
- If yes, what was religion of his/her former spouse?
- If yes are there any children from previous marriage? Yes / No
- how many? ages.....
- are children being raised as: Jewish..... Christian..... No religion.....
39. Is he/she currently a member of a temple or synagogue? Yes / No
- If yes, which
40. Did he/she encourage you convert? Yes, a lot..... Yes, a little..... No.....

DECLARATION

I, , declare the above to be true and correct.

Your Signature.....

Witness' Signature.....

Witness' Name

Witness' Address.....

Date

And Ruth said: Entreat me not to leave you, to turn away from joining you. For wherever you go will I go and wherever you lodge will I lodge Your people shall be my people and your God my God. Where you die will I die and there will I be buried. I vow before God that nothing but death could part me from you.

(FOR OFFICE USE)

Appearance before P.R.C.....

Written examination

Fees

Examination by Bet Din

Conversion Ceremony

Hebrew Name

Remarks

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