

**Newcastle Reform Synagogue (NRS)**

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**APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP IN NRS**

Please fill in this form if you wish to become a member of Newcastle Reform Synagogue (NRS). Please use one form per adult application and send the completed form(s) to the Secretary at [membership@newcastlereformsynagogue.co.uk](mailto:membership@newcastlereformsynagogue.co.uk) or at the postal address above. Information will be treated in confidence. Please see the attached notes for procedures, membership categories and fees.

<b>Given Name</b>	
<b>Surname</b>	
<b>Title</b> if used e.g. Mr, Mrs, Ms, Mx, Miss, Dr etc.	
<b>Preferred Pronoun</b> , how you wish to be addressed, e.g. he, she, they	
<b>Hebrew Name</b>	
<b>Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	
<b>Home Address, Street</b>	
<b>City, County</b>	
<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Home Phone</b>	
<b>Mobile Phone</b>	
<b>E-mail</b>	
<b>Do you have a connection to NRS?</b>	

Children who are minors may join the synagogue as part of a family group. Children who have reached the age of 18 may apply for membership in their own right.

<b>Do you wish to apply for membership on behalf of any children? (yes or no)</b>				
<b>If yes, how many children and please list names and details below</b>				
<b>Given Name(s)</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>Hebrew Name</b>	<b>Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>	

<b>The synagogue has its own burial grounds and operates a funeral expenses scheme supported by the Jewish Joint Burial Society (JJBS). Would you like further information about this? (yes or no)</b>	
<b>Might you be interested in helping out at the Synagogue as a volunteer from time to time? (yes or no) If you answer yes, a member of Council may contact you.</b>	

<b>In signing this form, you agree that NRS will keep a record of your name and contact details and any other information you provide to us (such as birthdate, yahrzeits observed, family relationships and Funeral Scheme membership) and will use this information for internal administration of your membership and may contact you in the future with information about the synagogue and related community events. We may also send you publications by post or e-mail.</b>	
<b>As a constituent member of the Movement for Reform Judaism (MRJ), NRS may make your relevant information available to MRJ for the purpose of supporting our Synagogue, enabling them to inform you of events and activities, particularly with regard to Youth, as well as statistical analysis. If you are or become a member the Funeral Scheme, we will share your relevant data with the JJBS in order to administer your membership in our Funeral Scheme. We will not share your data with any other third party and information no longer required is destroyed. If you required further details about use of data, please contact any member of the Synagogue Executive.</b>	
<b>Please tick here if you agree that the MRJ can use your information to send you fundraising material.</b>	

<b>Your Signature</b>		<b>Date (dd/mm/yyyy)</b>
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### **Membership Application Information**

Newcastle Reform Synagogue is a constituent member of the Movement for Reform Judaism. Membership of Newcastle Reform Synagogue is open to all Jewish people. For our purposes, this means anyone who was born to a Jewish mother or who has converted to Judaism under the auspices of any authority recognised by the Movement for Reform Judaism.

All applications for membership are referred to our Rabbi. The synagogue requires that the Rabbi be satisfied that the applicant is eligible for membership. In most cases, the Rabbi will ask to see documents which establish Jewish status. Examples would include a parents' *ketubah* (Synagogue marriage certificate), or a certificate of conversion. In the event of any doubt regarding Jewish status, an opinion may be sought from the Beit Din (Rabbinical Court) of the Movement for Reform Judaism, which the Synagogue recognises as the authority in such matters.

When the Rabbi is satisfied that an applicant is Jewish, the membership application is presented to the Synagogue Council for approval. Once approved, the Synagogue Treasurer will send the applicant information about membership, including the optional funeral expenses scheme, and a request for payment of subscriptions. In the event of financial hardship, applicants/members should consult the Treasurer. All information relating to membership, including financial information, is treated as strictly confidential.

The Synagogue Council, acting in consultation with its Rabbi and the Movement for Reform Judaism, reserves the right to refuse an application for membership or to terminate an existing membership. While always seeking to act in good faith and with due regard to natural justice, the Synagogue Council is not obliged to give reasons for its decisions.

### **Membership Categories**

There are several categories of membership for which individuals can apply. They are as follows:

- Full membership is open to adults (aged 18+);
- Country membership is open to adults who live 50 or more miles from NRS;
- Student membership is open to adults aged 18 to 24 inclusive as at 31 Dec of the year prior. A person who is over the age of 24 and is a full-time student is also eligible to apply for student membership, but must show proof of student status; and,
- Child membership is available for those aged 5 to 17 inclusive, as at 31 Dec of the year prior.

## Membership Categories and Annual Fees

(Valid from 2023)

Please check that you are referring to the fees valid for the current calendar year.

Please also note that fees may change and that they are payable on an annual basis for the duration of your membership.

<b>Membership</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>Annual Fee</b>
<b>Full Adult Member</b>	Full membership is open to adults, aged 18+, as at 31 Dec of the year prior.	<b>£284 for Standard Rate Tax Payers</b>  <b>£357 for Higher Rate Tax Payers</b>
<b>Country Member</b>	Country membership is open to adults, aged 18+, as at 31 Dec of the year prior, who live 50 or more miles from NRS	<b>£137</b>
<b>Student</b>	Student membership is open to adults aged 18 to 24 inclusive as at 31 Dec of the year prior. A person who is over the age of 24 and is a full-time student is also eligible to apply for student membership, but must show proof of student status;	<b>£50</b>
<b>Child</b>	Child membership is available for those aged up to including 17, as at 31 Dec of the year prior.	<b>No Charge</b>
<b>Conversion candidate</b>	Conversion candidate membership is open to people who have been accepted into the conversion programme	<b>£284 (Standard Rate Tax Payer)</b>  <b>£357 Higher Rate Tax Payer</b>
<b>Friend (single)</b>	“Friends” are aged 18+ and support the ideals and activities of NRS, but are not Jewish and, therefore, not eligible for full membership. The category of ‘Friends of NRS’ is available for (a) partners of Jewish members and (b) persons of goodwill who wish to support NRS.	<b>£168</b>

<b>Funeral Scheme membership (adult)</b>	<b>£70</b>
<b>Funeral Scheme membership (student)</b>	<b>£48</b>
<b>Funeral Scheme membership (child)</b>	<b>No charge</b>
<b>Voluntary contributions to the Board of Deputies are welcome</b>	
<b>Voluntary contributions to NRS are also welcome.</b>	

When your membership application is accepted, NRS will send you membership information along with an invoice for your membership fee.