



National Association of Temple Educators

AN AFFILIATE OF THE UNION FOR REFORM JUDAISM

אגודת המהנכים ליהדות רפורמית

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DEFINITION OF MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Membership in NATE shall be open to persons engaged in a leadership capacity (i.e., with responsibility for supervising other adult staff) in the field of Jewish Education. In addition, membership is also available to persons engaged in related Jewish educational activities. Such individuals might be rabbis, cantors, departmental supervisors in religious schools, professors, authors, publishers, bureau/board of Jewish education personnel, pre-school directors, and day school supervisory staff.

As stipulated in the NATE Constitution, there are six (06) categories of membership. These are:

- 1) **MEMBER**
- 2) **ASSOCIATE**
- 3) **SUSTAINING**
- 4) **STUDENT**
- 5) **LIFE**
- 6) **HONORARY**

Each is defined as follows:

- 1) A **MEMBER** is one who is:
 - A) Holds a BA/BS from a recognized college or university
 - B) Demonstrates knowledge of educational practice
 - C) Demonstrates Jewish knowledge
 - D) Demonstrates knowledge of Reform Jewish ideology and practice
 - E) Served or presently serves in an educational leadership (i.e., with responsibility for supervising other adult staff) position for three years in a Reform Jewish Setting

- 2) An **ASSOCIATE MEMBER** is one whose principal activity is as an educational leader in the field of Jewish education but does not meet all of the requirements of a **Member**.

Following three years of serving "in an educational leadership capacity in a Reform Jewish setting" (criterion "E" as stated above), an **Associate Member** may become a **Member** if s/he fulfills criteria "A" through "D" as stated above.

- 3) A **SUSTAINING MEMBER** is one who is either a **Member** or **Associate Member** of NATE and has retired from the field of Jewish Education, per se. This person continues an interest in Jewish Education and in NATE and wishes to maintain an affiliation with NATE.
- 4) A **STUDENT MEMBER** is one who is pursuing a graduate degree in Jewish and/or educational studies, and does not meet the requirements of **Member**, **Associate Member**, or **Sustaining Member**.

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- 5) A **LIFE MEMBER** is one who has retired from active participation in Reform Jewish Education, having been either a **Member, Associate Member** or **Sustaining Member** in good standing in NATE for at least 18 years.
- 6) An **HONORARY MEMBER** is one who, because of a distinguished contribution to Jewish life, is elected to such status by the membership-at-large at the Annual Conference Plenum upon recommendation of the NATE Executive Committee. One need not be a member of NATE in any of the above-mentioned categories prior to election as an **Honorary Member**.

In each instance except **Honorary Member**, election to one of the other five (05) categories of membership (**Member, Associate Member, Sustaining, Student, Life**) must be approved by the NATE Board of Directors on recommendation of the Membership Committee.

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERSHIP

Each and all categories of membership are entitled to:

- 1) participate in all deliberations of NATE;
- 2) may be appointed as voting participants of any and all committees of NATE within the guidelines of the NATE Constitution;
- 3) receive all publications and mailings of NATE;
- 4) participate in the benefit programs of the Reform Pension Board (RPB) as approved by Federal law;
- 5) attend the annual Conference, regional meetings, and other gatherings;
- 6) participate in the Placement Service.

Only those who are in the category of **Member** may be nominated and elected or appointed to positions of office and/or member of the Board of Directors.